FASD – A SUNSHINE COAST CONVERSATION

Monday 3 September, 2018  |  8am–2.30pm
Venue 114 (formerly known as Lake Kawana Community Centre)
114 Sportsmans Parade, Bokarina  |  Morning tea and lunch provided.

A free one-day community forum exploring the impacts of and responses to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)

Experts in the FASD field will present about the impacts of living with FASD and the latest local and national development in prevention, diagnosis and supports. Participants will contribute ideas for community action to raise awareness and reduce the hardship associated with FASD on the Sunshine Coast.

This forum invites people who are:
• living with FASD
• interested in health and wellbeing
• working in education or childcare
• health professionals or community support workers
• involved in health or social research

How to register
Online registrations now open at Eventbrite
Visit eventbrite.com.au and search: 48634906314

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Louise Gray
FASD in Australia: Where have we been and where are we going?
Louise has supported increased understanding and action on FASD for more than 20 years. She holds education and humanities degrees, and a master’s research degree in community knowledge and awareness of FASD, alcohol and pregnancy from Murdoch University. Her career has been built on a background of education, career counselling, not-for-profit management and offender program development and implementation. Louise has serviced national and state-level boards in the non-for-profit sector. She is currently Executive Officer of NOFASD Australia, the oldest and largest organisation in Australia focused on all aspects of FASD. Louise has been with NOFASD Australian since 2014.

Heather Jones
Researching FASD: What Australian community prioritise
Heather previously worked in education, event and grant management, and the regulation of prescription medicine activities and advertising. She commenced as the Program Manager with the Alcohol Pregnancy and FASD Research Team at Telethon Kids Institute in 2010. Heather has been involved in the development of a diagnostic instrument, a guide for justice professionals, the FASD Hub Australia website, other research projects, and building relationships with a range of stakeholders including health professionals and parents and carers.

Michelle Walker
Facilitating a community conversation
Michelle is the Director of Curious Minds Co. and has more than 20 years’ experience working in planning and policy roles in the public and community sectors as well as providing training, facilitation and program evaluation services for government, community and corporate agencies. Michelle will facilitate a whole of forum conversation suggesting strategies for community action to raise awareness and reduce the hardship associated with FASD on the Sunshine Coast.

Dr Heidi Webster
FASD: The hidden epidemic
Dr Heidi Webster is a consultant paediatrician specialising in developmental and behavioural disorders. She is the Clinical Services Director at the Sunshine Coast Child Development Service (CDS) and established the Sunshine Coast FASD Clinic within the CDS in 2015. Heidi is passionate about improving child development services using a child-centred focus, which takes into account the influence of family and broader environments. Her current clinical interest includes assessment, diagnosis, support and research in Fetal Alcohol Spectrum disorder. She is a member of the Australian FASD Clinical Network, and assisted in forming a research and clinical consortium between Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast Child Development Services, and Griffith and Sunshine Coast universities to expand Queensland’s clinical FASD diagnostic services and enable Sunshine Coast CDS to engage in research into the impact of FASD on children and families.

Aunty Judy Shea
Be Still; Listen Deep
Aunty Judy Shea is a Nyangumarta woman from the Pilbara in Western Australia who was born on the Kulin Nation (Victoria) and now lives and works on Kabi Kabi - Gubi Gubi the land where we meet today. She is an Elder in this community, the Sunshine Coast University Hospital, Refocus and sits on the Murri Court. She has worked in the vocational education system for nearly 20 years and has extensive experience across the health, justice, and government and community agencies. Aunty Judy began her FASD journey when she fought for kinship custody of her grandson Rielly Mylangka. She took him home with her when he was 15 days old and they continue their journey together, collecting strategic partners, champions and advocates into the future.

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