

NON-FATAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STRANGULATION – LEARNINGS FOR PRACTICE SYMPOSIUM  
2 DAY PROGRAM

THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024

- 9am**      **Coffee and Registration**
- 930am**    **Welcome and Introduction to Symposium**
- 940am**    **WELCOME TO COUNTRY**
- 950am**    **Non-Fatal Strangulation Why It Matters**  
*Betty Taylor – Founding Director - Red Rose Foundation & Brian Sullivan – CEO, Red Rose Foundation*
- The Red Rose Foundation has led the way on putting NFS on the national agenda. Betty and Brian will speak to strangulation as a high risk and possibly lethal form of violence and stimulate discussion on creating real change in how we respond to NFS.
- 1030am**   **Cutting Through the Noise – Acts of Resistance**  
*Jennifer Jackson and Geraldine Bilston - Lived Experience Advocates*
- A conversation for learnings on survivor-centred practice.
- 11am – 1130am - MORNING TEA**
- 1130am**   **Non-Fatal Strangulation in the Context of Sexual Violence**  
*Dr. Monica Campo, Senior Officer – Research and Knowledge Translation, SASVIC*  
*Jacqui Bell, Legal Policy Manager SASVIC*
- Monica and Jacqui will focus on the context of NFS for victim survivors of sexual violence including the legislative context in Victoria, and the impact of pornography.
- 12pm**    **Intimate Partner Sexual Violence Practitioner Panel – Learnings in Practice**  
*Details about panelists will be updated on our website*
- In this panel, practitioners will delve into the practice complexities of addressing and responding to sexual violence, and NFS, within the context of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). Panelists will share their learnings, insights and best practices, highlighting the importance of collaborative efforts in providing effective and compassionate support.
- 1220pm**   **Driving Practice Change to Better Address Strangulation and Sexual Choking**  
*Jackie McMillan – Senior Project Officer, Women’s Health NSW*
- Around half of the women who experience NFS, also known as choking, will have no external signs that the strangulation occurred. Without systemic change to ensure we’re asking the right questions, both NFS and sexual choking are easy to miss. This talk will showcase the ongoing work of a 2-year project currently rolling out in NSW - “Local pathways for victim survivors of sexual assault related NFS and acquired brain injury.
- 1 – 145pm – LUNCH**
- 145pm**    **Interlocking Systems of Power - Panel Conversation**  
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- An exploration of how systemic discrimination impacts practice responses to NFS and practice possibilities to alleviate entrapments and disrupt system’s abuse. The panel will explore how to shift the burden of responsibility from victims-survivors to systems responsible for intervening with care and accountability, applying a critical gaze on systems and what this can look like in practice.
- 230-3pm - AFTERNOON TEA**
- 3pm**      **NFS Risk Assessment in Integrated Practice**  
Collaborative risk assessment and intervention planning
- 4–430pm**   **Day 1 Closing Reflections**

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9am **Coffee and Registration**

930am **Welcome and Introduction to Day 2**

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940am **Legal Responses and Strangulation – Emerging Issues**

*Professor Heather Douglas – Melbourne Law School, The University of Melbourne, Deputy Director Interdisciplinary and Translation, ARC Centre of Excellence for Elimination of Violence Against Women*

This presentation draws on focus groups with domestic violence workers to consider the use of consent narratives regarding the use of NFS in violent relationships and on the results of an Australian study exploring attitudes and understandings of strangulation and consent in the context of sex. It then reviews the legal response to strangulation.

1010am **Domestic Violence Perpetration and Risk Management**

*Rosemary O'Malley - Domestic Violence Advocacy Specialist*

In relationships shaped and impacted by domestic violence, NFS is often used by males as a tactic to instill fear and coerce their partners to comply with their expectations. This presentation will discuss: the difference between a man choosing to use strangulation rather than other forms of violence, his intent when using strangulation and the impact of this on his partner, questions for practitioners to consider when assessing risk when strangulation is identified, and how men who use this tactic quickly adapt to changes in legislation relating to NFS, and the new risks this poses for their partners.

**11am – 1130am - MORNING TEA**

1130am **Duty to Warn, Duty to Track – Panel Conversation**

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By working from a 'duty to warn, duty to track' framework, the panel will explore how family violence partnerships can collaborate to enhance the safety of strangulation survivors while holding accountability for perpetrators. The discussion will focus on ways of using and strengthening interagency collaboration to holistically prioritise the well-being and safety of families.

**1245 – 130pm – LUNCH**

130pm **Using the Social Entrapment Framework to Strengthen MARAM**

*Lani Pereira, Maya Serelis & Rebecca Prowse – Berry St Northern Specialist Family Violence Service's Child Protection Partnership*

The team will share how they have embedded the social entrapment framework to increase Child Protection's capacity to increase the safety of adult and child victim survivors and keep the perpetrators in view and accountable, specifically when a person using violence against their loved ones, chooses to use strangulation.

**215 – 230 - AFTERNOON TEA**

230pm **Practice Focused Workshops**

*These workshops will run concurrently – participants will have the opportunity to attend both*

**Workshop 1 – Documenting the Evidence**

*Lisa French – ShantiWorks*

*Steve Montgomery – The Orange Door Ovens Murray, Practice Lead*

**Workshop 2 – Practice with Men**

*Rosemary O'Malley*

*Domestic Violence Advocacy Specialist*

4-430pm **Closing Reflections**