



"...A Culturally Appropriate and Holistic Approach to Healing Grief..."

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BIOGRAPHY

Rosemary Kudnarto Wanganeen is a well known and respected educator, presenter, facilitator and counsellor. She is a published author in academic and non-academic journals and has addressed numerous conferences, seminars and community meetings nationally and internationally.



Rosemary also provides a free and confidential counselling service for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal employees and their families for two South Australian government agencies - the Department of Health and the Department of Families and Communities - under the Employees Assistance Program (EAP).

A proud Aboriginal woman, Rosemary was born in Wallaroo on the Yorke Peninsula in South Australia and raised for the first five years of her life on a 'mission' (as it was then called) at Point Pearce. Rosemary's traditional clans are Kaurna (Adelaide Plains) on her father's side and Koogatha and Wirrungu (on the west coast of South Australia) on her mother's side. She is a mother of 3 and grandmother of 5.

At a young age she endured her own childhood loss and grief experiences involving her own family's experiences of violence and alcohol and then the death of her mother. This was compounded by her experience of the Stolen Generation. These experiences helped shape her future career, dedicated to tackling many of the social, health and mental well-being issues that Aboriginal people face in our community today.

Rosemary spent a year as a Research Officer with the Committee to Defend Black Rights in Sydney. That organisation was instrumental in forcing the government to call for the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

She spent a further two and a half years working on the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. Rosemary explains that this enabled her to "see, feel and hear" death and dying and loss and grief constantly. That led her to recognise a major gap in services for Aboriginal people - the lack of any form of counselling for Aboriginal people. More specifically, there was no culturally appropriate counselling. Perhaps more alarming was the lack of even a culturally appropriate loss and grief counselling model.

Rosemary's past experiences and accumulated knowledge from her years of work on these issues helped her to formulate her theories of "Loss and grief", a complex set of issues that impact on the social and emotional well-being of Aboriginal people in contemporary society. Her knowledge and experience were also instrumental in helping Rosemary develop her innovative and unique Seven Phases Model© as a multi-purpose tool that she uses in a range of educational, presentation and counselling programs.

Rosemary created the Sacred Site Within Healing Centre in 1993 and became the founding Director of the Australian Institute for Healing Loss and Grief in 2006 based at Ethelton SA (temporary home based office).

In recognition of her work, Rosemary has won a number of awards (p6).

CURRICULUM VITAE

2004	Adjunct Research fellow, School of Psychology, University of South Australia
2005 to Current	Counsellor/Educator/Sole Proprietor – Australian Institute for Loss and Grief Pty Ltd (est. 2005) (formerly Sacred Site Within Healing Centre)
1993 – 2005	Counsellor/Educator/Sole Proprietor – Sacred Site Within Healing Centre (est. 1993)
1991 - 1993	Administrator - Department of Premier & Cabinet, Adelaide
1998 - 1991	Research Officer – Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody
1987 – 1988	Research Officer, Committee to Defend Aboriginal Rights
1985 – 1987	Trainee Manager - Tranby Aboriginal College, Sydney
1982 - 1983	Education Worker – Department of Education, Adelaide
1978 – 1982	Private - Department of Defence (Army Reserve)
1978 – 1979	Trainee Admin Officer – Department of Social Security

Accredited Training – Using Loss & Grief to ‘Work With’ Social, Emotional & Health Challenges in Aboriginal Communities. (Auspice by Relationship Australia (SA))

1. Adelaide: February/March 2010
2. Adelaide: April/May 2010
3. Perth: November 2010 - Yorgum Aboriginal Corporation
4. Lismore: October 2010 – Rekindling the Spirit
5. Brisbane: October 2010
6. Perth: March 2011
7. Adelaide: April 2011
8. Broome: May 2nd – 16th 2011 – Kimberly Aboriginal Medical Service
9. Broome: May 9th/13th 2011 – Kimberly Aboriginal Medical Service
10. Fitzroy Crossing Region: 8th August / 2nd September – Anglicare – Kinway Broome
11. Melbourne: 26th – 30th September 2011
12. Sydney: October 2011 (Proposed)
13. Darwin: October 2011 (Proposed)

Bi-Cultural Aboriginal Awareness Training Programs Provided (shortlisted)

- Murray Mallee Community Health Service (2009)
- StateWide Women’s Health. 2008
- University of South Australia: School of Psychology (Masters). 2008
- Aboriginal Family Support Services: Foster Care Training. 2008
- Anglican Community Care (Berri). 2007

- Oodnadatta Health Services. 2007
- Aboriginal Family Support Services: Staff Training. 2007
- Yarra Place-Sexual Assault Unit. 2007
- Yarra Place-Sexual Assault Unit. 2006
- University of South Australia – School of Sciences. 2006
- Uniting Care Wesley – Port Adelaide. 2006
- Western Palliative Care. 2005
- Hills & Mallee Services Regional Health Services. 2004
- Flinders University & International Institute of Palliative & Supportive Studies. 2004
- Department of Children & Families Services: Woodville District Office. 2004
- The Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists: 35th Congress. 2000
- Yalata Aboriginal Community via Ceduna SA. 2003.
- Meningie/Rakkun Aboriginal Community SA. 2001.
- SA Government - Dept. Information & Admin. Services Adelaide. 2001
- Anglicare – Toowoomba QLD. 2001
- Rome ITALY – March 2001.
- National Association for Loss and Grief (NSW) Inc. 2001
- Family and Youth Services – Ceduna Office SA. 2001.
- Family and Youth Services: Aboriginal Staff, State-wide, SA. 2001
- Drug and Alcohol Services Council Adelaide. 2001
- Drug and Alcohol Services, Mt Gambier. 2001
- Centre for Personal Education Adelaide. 2000
- Dept. of Correctional Services, Adelaide. 1999
- Family and Youth Services – Magill Youth Detention Centres SA. 1999
- Australian Psychological Society – Adelaide University SA. 1999
- Barmera Women’s Health Centre, SA. 1999

Seminars/Presentations

- Department for Justice – Victoria 2009
- Zonta Club – Fleurieu Peninsula 2009
- Department for Families and Communities – College for Learning & Development 2008
- St Dominic Priory College 2008
- Palliative Care 2008
- University of South Australia: Australian Centre for Child Protection 2008
- Education Department (SA) 2008

- Australian Association of Social Workers 2007
- Murray Bridge-D&FV Action Group 2007
- Queen Elizabeth Hospital 2006
- Psychiatric Unit (C3) - The Royal Adelaide Hospital 2004
- Mental Health ReEducation Network Inc (SA). 2004
- SA General Practitioners (SA). 2004
- Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture (Vic). 2004
- Keynote: International Trans cultural Mental Health Sydney June, 2001
- Milan, Venus, Lecco - ITALY – March, 2001
- The Mental Health Conference Inc. of Aust. & N.Z. 2000
- Keynote: University of Western Sydney: Spirituality, Leadership & Management Conference 1999
- Australian Family Therapy Association. 2000
- Aboriginal Women's Health and Well-Being Forum. Camp Coorong, 2001
- South Australian Health Commission – Aboriginal Services Division. 2000
- Family and Youth Services – Magill Youth Detention Centre. 2000
- SA College of Natural Therapies & Traditional Chinese Medicine. 1999
- Child Adolescent and Family Health Services – Adelaide. 1998
- International Council of Psychologists: 56th Annual Convention –Vic. 1998
- Nurse Healers – Professional Associates International, Inc 1999
- Australian Psychological Society – Adelaide University. 1999
- National Women's Health Conference – Canberra. 1997
- Psychosynthesis International Conference: Mumbai – India 1997
- Jungian Society – Adelaide. 1997
- Human Rights Commission – National Inquiry into the removal of Aboriginal Children. 1995

Speeches

- World AIDS Day, Adelaide 1996
- World Youth Services Enterprise – Adelaide 1997
- Women's Suffrage – Women Trek Grand Finale – Adelaide 1997
- Women's Liberation Conference, Adelaide 1996
- Reclaim the Night – Adelaide 1996

Acting

- Is This Seat Taken, Ann Dunn/Eva Johnson – Adelaide (Live Theatre) 1989

- Shadow Panic, Margo Nash – Sydney (Television) 1988
- Aids Awareness. Tracy Moffat – Sydney (Television) 1987
- Nice Colored Girls. Tracy Moffat – Sydney (Television) 1987:

Accolades

- Australian Ethnic Award Nomination 2011
- Gladys Elphick Award 2011
- Winner: South Australian of the Year 2009 – Community Award
- Telstra Business Women of the Year Nomination 2000
- Zonta Club of Adelaide – Women of Achievement Award South Australia 2000
- ICAM – Living Black. SBS Documentary – Indigenous Unit 1999

Collaborative Projects

- University of South Australia – School of Psychology: The Experience And Expression Of Anger By Male Indigenous People In Prison. 2004 -2007
- University of South Australia - School of Psychology: FAYS – Drug and Alcohol Program Evaluation. 2004
- University of South Australia – School of Psychology: The Needs of Young Indigenous People in Secure Care in South Australia Final Report. 2003
- Department of Human Services – “Out of Sight - Not Out of Mind” Final Report. 2002
- Paul Laris & Associates – “Evaluation of the South Australian Aboriginal Health Partnership” Final Report. 2002
- Success works – Good Beginnings: Prisoners & Their Families. 2002

Qualifications and Experience

- 2003 Dept. Education, Training & Employment Certificate 4: Work Place Training & Assessment. South Australia
- 1999 Centre for Complementary Healing Studies, Therapeutic Touch South Australia
- 1994 Grief Management Services: Managing Loss & Grief #1 Course, South Australia
- 1994 Bereavement Educational Services, Grief Management Training #1 Course South Australia
- 1994 Usui Systems of Natural Healing Certified Reiki Therapist 1 & 2, South Australia
- 1993 TAFE Statement of Attainment: Small Business Planning
- 1993 TAFE Statement of Attainment: Basic Enterprise Management
- 1993 Centre of Personal Education (COPE), Counselling Basics & Strategies, South Australia

- 1991 The Massage Study Centre, Diploma in Swedish & Soft Tissue Massage South Australia

Publications / Articles (more recent)

1. Wanganeen, R. (2011) There's Nothing Wrong With Us We're Only Greiving: Grief Matters: The Australian Journal of Grief and Bereavement (in progress)
2. Wanganeen, R. (2009) Chapter 19: **Dealing with Loss, Grief and Trauma: Seven Phases to Healing** - Part 4: Working with Specific Groups – Models, Programs & Services. Improving the Capacity of Workers in Indigenous Communities; Indigenous Mental Health Textbook. Australian Council for Educational Research Limited.
3. Day, A., Nakata, M. & Howells, K. (2008). **Anger and Indigenous Men**. Annandale: Federation Press: Rosemary Wanganeen's chapter is Chapter 7 - A Loss and Grief Model in Practice (p73).
4. Day, A., Davey, L., Wanganeen, R., Casey, S., Howells, K., & Nakata, M. **Symptoms of Trauma, Perceptions of Discrimination and Anger: A Comparison Between Australian Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Prisoners**. Journal of Interpersonal Violence, 23(4).
5. Day, A., Howells, K., Nakata, M., Davey, L., Wanganeen, R., & deSantolo, J. (2006). **The Development of Culturally Appropriate Anger Management Programs for Indigenous People in Australian prison settings**. International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology, vol 50 (No5), 520-539.
6. Davey, L., Day, A., Wanganeen, R., Howells, K., DeSantolo, J., Nakata, M. (2006). **Effective Anger Intervention for Indigenous Prisoners: Research and Development in a South Australian study**. Aboriginal and Islander Health Worker Journal, 30, 4-6.
7. Day, A.; Nakata, M; Howells, K; Wanganeen, R; **Indigenous Men and Anger: Understanding And Responding To Violence**. Aboriginal Studies Press.
8. **Psychology & Indigenous Australians: Effective Teaching & Practice** (2005) Report on the Proceedings of a Workshop on Developing Curriculum Guidelines p27-49. School of Psychology and the Unaipon School University of South Australia.
9. **Psychology & Indigenous Australians: Effective Teaching & Practice** (2006) Report on the Proceedings of a Workshop on Developing Curriculum Guidelines p84-91. School of Psychology and the Unaipon School University of South Australia.
10. **Senate inquiry into suicide in Australia** - www.aph.gov.au/senate:

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*First heading is Parliament of Australia: Dept of the Senate.

*Current inquiries

*Community Affairs References Committee

*Suicide in Australian

*Submissions received

*No 143 - Australian Institute for Loss & Grief P/L's submission number.

Publications / Articles/ other (less recent)

1. Scholastics Education – Health = Life Indigenous Health in Australia, 2004:
2. National Link-Up News, Nunkuwarrin Yunti SA Inc, SA LinkUp Program ATSIC 2003;
3. Consultant on The Changing Face of Australia Hodder Children’s Books London 2003;
4. Wanganeen, R., (2001). **Spiritual Healing – Using Loss & Grief**. Aboriginal and Islander Health Worker Journal, Vol 25, p12-14.
5. Australian Traumatic Stress Points Newsletter – Focus on Indigenous Issues, September 1999;
6. Grief Link – Web-site Titled: Indigenous Grief, Dept. of General Practice, University of Adelaide, 1999; The Australian and New Zealand Journal of Family Therapy – Vol.19 No 1: March 1998: (Editorial Letter);
7. Liquid Space – Statement of Faith July 1997;
8. New Age Guardian Vol. 1 Issue 1 March/April 1997;
9. Changing Society for Women’s Health, Proceedings of the Third National Women’s Health Conference. Titled: Our New Dreaming. 1995;
10. The Adelaide Ray November/December 1994;
11. Wanganeen, R., (1994). Self Healing and Spiritual Reconnection. Aboriginal and Islander Health Worker Journal, Vol 18, p9-15.
12. Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander, Health Worker Journal Vol 18: Self Healing and Spiritual Reconnection;
13. Scarlet Women, Social Feminist Magazine.;
14. The Lost Generation. 1987.