

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Aboriginal Griefology

Presented by Rosemary Wanganeen &
The Healing Centre for Griefology

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A model for all humanity.



Niina Marni? (How are you?) and ngaityalya (thank you) for taking the time to read our brochure, presenting the 2026 Keynote Address offerings by **Rosemary Wanganeen**, esteemed Griefologist, Founder and CEO of **The Healing Centre for Griefology**.

Griefology: A Decolonising Approach to Healing Aboriginal Disadvantage

Aboriginal disadvantage is a direct consequence of intergenerational suppressed unresolved grief, which has compounded and complicated contemporary unresolved grief across Aboriginal communities. Griefology is a grief-informed, decolonising methodology that offers a profound and meaningful understanding of the historical layers of grief that continue to impact Aboriginal lives today. By addressing the root causes of Aboriginal disadvantage, Griefology provides a pathway towards Aboriginal prosperity: healing, empowerment, and sustainable change.

Similarly, Griefology is a model for all humanity because it recognises that loss and grief are human experiences that do not discriminate. Griefology also recognises that prevention is better than a cure and that breaking the cycle of intergenerational disadvantage is the foundation for restoring prosperity for all humanity.



Aboriginal Griefology is a groundbreaking, evidence-based model that decolonises Aboriginal disadvantage to restore Aboriginal prosperity

The Seven Phases to Integrating Griefology is the foundation of a newfound therapy called **Griefology** as experienced, researched and published by **Rosemary Wanganeen**. Through the merging loss and grief, 'Griefology' offers a profound and meaningful understanding that Aboriginal disadvantage is a Western construct – one shaped by historical and intergenerational suppressed unresolved grief. This model reveals the underlying factors driving 'Aboriginal disadvantage' and how they serve as barriers to Aboriginal prosperity and well-being.

**Closing the gap to
Aboriginal disadvantage**

Seven Phases to Integrating Griefology ©

Keynote Presentation

This keynote, delivered by highly-sought after Aboriginal Griefologist, Rosemary Wanganeen, will introduce her Seven Phases to Integrating Griefology and her ground-breaking 'Griefology' model. Griefology doesn't seek 'closure' but the 'integration' of the loss experience through the process of a supported grieving process.

This model explains how intergenerational suppression of unresolved grief profoundly influences how Aboriginal people experience contemporary losses and unresolved grief, and teaches cultural and mainstream strategies to help move from Aboriginal disadvantage to Aboriginal prosperity.

Griefology has broad applications across multiple sectors and industries, particularly where loss, grief, trauma, and well-being intersect: Health & Well-being, Community & Social Services, Justice & Law Enforcement, Education & Training, Workplace & Corporate, Government & Policy, Arts & Media, Disaster & Crisis Response.

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The Seven Phases to Integrating Loss & Grief ©

Outlines the following three sessions:



Ancient to modern history: dismantling modern day racism



Loss & Grief theory; reflective & creative grief activities



Strategies: how to create cultural safety in the workplace



Rosemary Wanganeen

Australia's Leading Griefologist and Keynote Speaker

Rosemary Wanganeen is Australia's leading and only **Griefologist**, pioneering the revolutionary field of **Griefology**®. She is the **founder and CEO of The Healing Centre for Griefology**, established in 1993 in response to her personal experiences as part of the Stolen Generation.

With over 30 years of experience in health, welfare, and social justice for Aboriginal people, Rosemary has dedicated her career to transforming how individuals, communities, and organisations understand and integrate loss and grief. As a **keynote speaker, educator, trainer, program designer, and peer-reviewed author**, she has delivered **Griefology**® bi-culturally, recognising that loss and grief are universal human experiences. Her work extends across multiple sectors, demonstrating the far-reaching consequences of unaddressed grief in everyday life, including death and dying. She believes it's time to bring loss and grief into the 21st century.

A former **research officer for the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody**, Rosemary sought deeper understanding of personal and collective loss through what she calls **intuitive research** from 1987 to 1992. This research led to the development of **The Seven Phases to Integrating Griefology**®, a groundbreaking model that redefines grief—not as something to be "closed" but as a natural, ongoing process to be integrated into life.

Her work provides an **evidence-based approach to transforming Aboriginal disadvantage into Aboriginal prosperity**, shifting the conversation toward healing, sustainability, and self-determination. Her contributions have led to her recognition in academia, and she is currently a **Master of Philosophy candidate at the University of Adelaide**.

A proud South Australian Aboriginal woman of the **Kurna, Wirungu, and Koogatha nations**, Rosemary's work is deeply rooted in her **lived experiences, cultural heritage, and academic research** - making her an **analytical storyteller**. She continues to champion **grief literacy as a transformative tool**, pioneering a new paradigm for healing and prosperity—particularly for Aboriginal communities.

"Aboriginal prosperity is defined by the path the individual creates."



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Rosemary has captivated audiences at major conferences, corporate events, government panels, and cultural forums with her Keynote Addresses. Her work has influenced mental health policies, leadership training, and community well-being programs, positioning her as a thought-provoking leader in holistic grief education.

Rosemary's point of difference lies in her integration of her personal lived experiences into every aspect of her work. Grounded in a grief (trauma)-informed model, the Seven Phases to Integrating Griefology, her approach and delivery are deeply rooted in our shared humanity. Rosemary's model creates a safe space built on compassion and transformation and free from pity, paternalism, condescending beliefs, shame, blame, or demonising. Truth-telling remains at the forefront of instilling deep and meaningful allyship.

Why book Rosemary Wanganeen?

- Australia's ONLY Griefologist offering keynote addresses, training, and workshops.
- Trailblazer in Griefology®, a unique, research-backed framework for understanding grief and loss.
- Dynamic, engaging, and thought-provoking speaker who challenges perceptions on grief and its impact on wellbeing.
- 30+ years of expertise in grief, trauma, resilience, and cultural healing.
- Transformative insights applicable to corporate, healthcare, education, and community sectors.



Keynote Topics & Areas of Expertise

- Griefology®: Rethinking Grief as a Pathway to Growth
- The Hidden Impact of Unresolved Grief in Workplaces & Leadership
- Indigenous Perspectives on Grief, Healing, and Cultural and sustainable wellbeing
- Mental Health & Wellbeing: Building Intuitive Intelligence Through Grief Literacy
- Reframing Trauma Informed, to a Grief Informed Model, Lending itself to Holistic Approaches to Healing & Empowerment

Please note that Rosemary's Keynote Address is only available to major events such as conferences, panels, forums and the like.





Keynote Pricing

Location	Keynote Cost (per hour, exc. GST)	Travel Costs (per hour, exc. GST)
Adelaide Metro	N/A	N/A
Intrastate SA	1-Hour Signature Keynote Presentation: \$2,550 2-Hour Extended Signature Keynote Presentation: \$4,250	For training delivered outside metropolitan Adelaide, travel time is charged at \$150 per hour. Organisations are responsible for all reasonable travel-related expenses, including return airfares, accommodation, ground transportation, meals, and associated incidentals.
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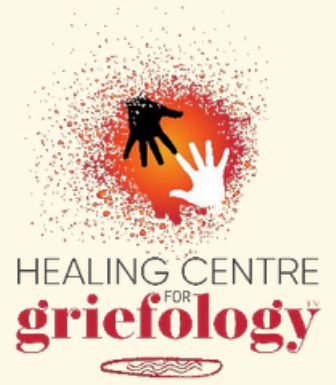
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Keynote Presentation Booking Form

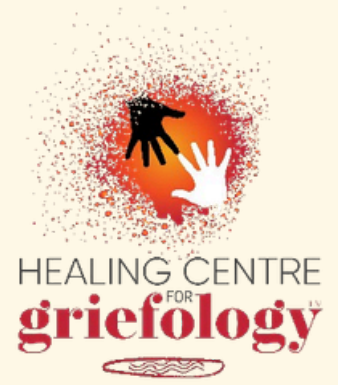
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Organisation Name:	
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Event Details	
Date of Event	
Arrival Time	
Time of Presentation	
How long am I presenting for?	
Expected audience number?	
If the venue is a University, please list building and room number	
Theme of your event (please describe the message you would like me to talk about)	

Keynote Presentation Booking Form



Venue Location	
Is the venue indoors or outdoors?	
Venue Address	
Additional information	

Equipment	<i>Please respond Yes or No</i>
At your gathering will you have a projector for a PowerPoint presentation?	
Is there a TV screen in front to avoid presenter turning away from the audience to check or talk to current slide?	
Do you have a wireless presentation clicker that will allow for Rosemary to click through the PowerPoint slides?	
Do you require the PowerPoint to be forwarded at least 24 hours beforehand?	
Are you able to take some photos of Rosemary for her business website?	

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Keynote Presentation: Key Information



Introducing Rosemary

Keynote Details	
Introduction (who will introduce me?)	
Thank you (who am I thanking for the overall invitation?)	
Rosemary's bio (when introducing her to the stage)	<p style="text-align: center;">HOW TO INTRODUCE ROSEMARY</p> <p>With the utmost respect to the non-Aboriginal community, when introducing Rosemary, please refer to her as Rosemary Wanganeen, and not 'aunty Rosemary'.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BIOGRAPHY</p> <p>Rosemary Wanganeen is a proud South Australian Aboriginal woman with cultural ties to the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains and the Koogatha and Wirangu peoples of the West Coast of South Australia. She is an Adjunct Associate Lecturer in the School of Social Sciences at Adelaide University and is currently pursuing a Master of Philosophy there. A survivor of the Stolen Generations, Rosemary transformed her personal loss and unresolved grief into her life's work, dedicated to improving health and wellbeing within Aboriginal communities. In 1993, she founded the Healing Centre for Griefology, which specialises in a culturally appropriate and sensitive counselling model known as Griefology. This unique, evidence-based approach integrates Aboriginal and Western worldviews of loss and grief. Renowned nationally and internationally, Rosemary is a sought-after keynote speaker, Griefologist, counsellor, educator, program designer, and peer-reviewed and published author. Her Seven Phases to Integrating Loss and Grief model is grounded in lived experience and cultural wisdom, supporting others through culturally safe, grief-informed practices, and has been peer-reviewed and published. Through her research, teaching, and professional practice, Rosemary continues to advance Griefology as an emerging discipline while inspiring individuals and communities to transform intergenerational grief into pathways for personal and collective well-being.</p>



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Healing Centre for Griefology and founder, Rosemary Wanganeen, acknowledge that the Kurna people are the Traditional Owners of Country of the land on which we are privileged to live, work, and play, and pay respects to Elders of the Kurna nation, past, present and future.

Rosemary acknowledges her gratitude for the sharing of modern Australia, and at the same time, expresses her deep sadness for the cost of this sharing particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We all have a right, a role, and responsibility to support the Reconciliation process and forge a path to a place of equity, justice, and partnership for all Australians.

The Healing Centre for Griefology further acknowledges all Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and Torres Strait Islands and pays respect to their continuing connection to the land, waters and community we are privileged to visit. We pay our respects to the people, the cultures and the Elders past, present and emerging.



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