

LUCY'S PROJECT CONFERENCE 2024

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16-17th October 2024



Lucy's Project

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DAY 1

Wednesday, 16 October 2024

10.00AM

WELCOME

Monique Dam - Lucy's Project

10.05AM

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10.10AM

HOW IS THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF PEOPLE AND ANIMALS INTERCONNECTED?

Talie Star - Consultant in Trauma, Recovery, Domestic and Family Violence, Homelessness and Disability

10.30AM

WHAT IS THE RESEARCH TELLING US ABOUT VIOLENCE AGAINST FAMILY ANIMALS IN THE CONTEXT OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE?

*Kylie Butler - Australian Institute of Family Studies
Jasmine MacDonald - Australian Institute of Family Studies*

11.00AM

HOW CAN DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE SERVICES SUPPORT PEOPLE AND ANIMALS TO BE SAFE TOGETHER?

*Jess Wilson - Safe and Equal VIC
Angie Piubello - Beryl Women's Refuge ACT
Julie Chapman - Pet Refuge NZ
Shelley Booth - Domestic Violence NSW*

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WHAT ARE THE LINKAGES BETWEEN ANIMAL ABUSE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL OFFENDING?

Kristin Diemer - Melbourne University

12.30PM

LUNCH BREAK

1.00PM

HOW CAN DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE SERVICES BECOME ANIMAL INCLUSIVE AND WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND ANIMALS?

*Billie-Jo Williams - Ngarrunga Refuge and Link
Wentworth*

Maria Losurdo - The Women's Cottage

1.30PM

HOW CAN WE SUPPORT LGBTQ PEOPLE AND ANIMALS EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE?

Damien Riggs - Flinders University

Nik Taylor - University of Canterbury

Heather Fraser - Queensland University of Technology

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SCREENING OF THE DOCUMENTARY 'REFUGE: A DUTY TO CARE'

*Annie Goldson ONZM - University of Auckland
Alex Reed - Bloom Pictures
Erin Roberts - Pet Refuge NZ*

3.00PM

WHAT CAN GOVERNMENTS DO TO ENHANCE THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF PEOPLE AND ANIMALS EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE?

*The Hon. Jodie Harrison MP - Minister for the Prevention
of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Member of the
Australian Labor Party
The Hon. Leslie Williams MP - Shadow Minister for the
Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault,
Member of the Liberal Party
The Hon. Emma Hurst MLC - Member of the Animal
Justice Party
Ms Abigail Boyd MLC - Member of the Greens
Senator Mehreen Faruqi - Senator for NSW, Deputy
Leader of the Australian Greens
The Hon. Ron Hoenig MP, Minister for Local Government,
Member of the Australian Labor Party
Dr Hannah Tonkin - NSW Women's Safety Commissioner*

3.30PM

WRAP UP

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"PROTECTING WOMAN'S BEST FRIEND" - THE IMPACT OF PET PROTECTION ORDERS IN THE USA

Phil Arkow - National Link Coalition USA

10.40AM

WHAT CAN GOVERNMENTS DO TO ENHANCE THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF PEOPLE AND ANIMALS EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE?

*The Hon. Justine Elliot MP - Assistant Minister for the
Prevention of Family Violence, Member of the Australian
Labor Party*

*Senator Kerryne Liddle - Senator for South Australia,
Shadow Minister for Child Protection and the Prevention
of Family Violence, Member of the Liberal Party of
Australia*

*Senator Larissa Waters - Senator for Queensland, Leader
of the Australian Greens in the Senate, Member of the
Australian Greens*

*The Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie - Minister for Women and the
Prevention of Family Violence, Member of the Tasmanian
Liberals*

*Micaela Cronin - Australian Domestic, Family and Sexual
Violence Commissioner*

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HOW CAN ANIMAL WELFARE AND VETERINARY SERVICES SUPPORT ANIMALS AND PEOPLE EXPERIENCING VIOLENCE?

Jacki Largo - Paws and Recover

Jayla Sainty - RSPCA Tasmania

Alicia Kennedy - Cherished Pets

Rochelle Paterson - University of Guelph

12.00PM

HOW CAN WE RECOGNISE ANIMALS AS VICTIM-SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE IN THEIR OWN RIGHT?

Jane Kotzmann - Deakin University

Morgan Stonebridge - Deakin University

12.30PM

LUNCH BREAK

1.00PM

HOW CAN LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPOND TO DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE PERPETRATED AGAINST PEOPLE AND ANIMALS CONCURRENTLY?

Kathryn Jurd - RSPCA NSW

Ingrid Reilly - NSW Police Force

*Demi Kuiters - Crime & Intelligence Command,
Queensland Police Service*

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RURALITY, DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE, AND ANIMAL CRUELTY: A STUDY OF PRACTITIONER PERSPECTIVES.

Bridget Harris - Monash University

Chloe Keel - Griffith University

Anna Eriksson - Monash University

2.30PM

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF ENABLING PEOPLE AND ANIMALS TO HEAL AND RECOVER FROM DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE TOGETHER?

Jasmine Montgomery - James Cook University

Talie Star - Consultant in Trauma, Recovery, Domestic and Family Violence, Homelessness and Disability

Felicity White - Illawarra Women's Trauma Recovery Centre

Megan Nutbean - Lort Smith Animal Hospital

3.30PM

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SPEAKERS



TALIE STAR

Consultant in Trauma, Recovery, Domestic and Family Violence, Homelessness and Disability

Talie Star started her career as a Singer/Songwriter. She utilises these skills in her business where she works as a Systems Change Advisor and Trauma Informed Trainer. Talie specialises in the area of Trauma, Domestic Family and Sexual Violence, Homelessness and Disability. She is much sought after for consultations and speaking engagements. Her scope of work is with Peak Bodies, Health, Governments, Universities and NGO's both state-based, nationally and broader. She is on many advisory committees and uses both her professional and personal expertise, as well her counselling and creative arts background, to empower and challenge systems in a way that inspires collaboration and collective healing.



KYLIE BUTLER

Australian Institute of Family Studies

Kylie Butler (MSP, MPhil, MEnvSc) is a Senior Research Officer at the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS). Kylie's work at AIFS explores issues affecting child and family mental health and wellbeing, including intimate partner violence and violence against family animals. Kylie produces resources which synthesise evidence-based information for practitioners working in child and family welfare. Prior to joining AIFS, Kylie's research focused on relationships and interactions between people, animals and nature, specifically human-elephant co-existence. Kylie has also been involved with greyhound rescue in Victoria and programs supporting village dogs in Sri Lanka.

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JASMINE MACDONALD

Australian Institute of Family Studies

Dr Jasmine B. MacDonald (BA/BSW(Hons), Ph.D.) is a Research Fellow at the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS). Jasmine has published research focused on mental health, trauma exposure and trauma reactions. Jasmine's work with AIFS has focused on intimate partner violence, including violence against family animals, technology-facilitated coercive control and reproductive coercion and abuse. Jasmine has extensive experience turning evidence-based insights into practical learnings for practitioners supporting children and families, through workshop, written resource, webinar, and podcast formats. Jasmine is the creator and host of the Psych Attack podcast.



JESS WILSON

Safe and Equal VIC

Jessica works at Safe and Equal, the peak body for specialist family violence services that provide support to victim survivors in Victoria. In her current role she supports the statewide program that promotes a coordinated and integrated response to serious-risk perpetrators. Jessica has worked in the family violence sector for 12 years in various roles, including working directly with victim survivors, program coordination, training, and various project roles that support sector and practice development including building the capacity of refuges to accommodate and care for family animals.

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ANGIE PIUBELLO

Beryl Women's Refuge ACT

As a dedicated Child and Youth Domestic Violence Specialist based on Ngunnawal Land, Angie Piubello brings over 17 years of experience in the not-for-profit sector, with a deep focus on domestic violence. Angie employs a Therapeutic Trauma-Informed approach, passionately advocating for and supporting children, youth, and women who are survivors of domestic violence. With extensive expertise in working within culturally diverse and Aboriginal communities, Angie is committed to providing culturally sensitive and effective support tailored to the unique needs of these communities. Angie's career is marked by a steadfast dedication to enhancing the lives of survivors and ensuring the voice of children and young people experiencing violence is respected and valued.



JULIE CHAPMAN

Pet Refuge NZ

Julie is the founder of the Pet Refuge Trust and the CEO and founder of New Zealand's largest children's charity, KidsCan. Julie has more than fifteen years' experience in not-for-profit management. She regularly speaks about leadership and innovation in the not-for-profit sector at business and community forums. She is a tireless advocate for children living in hardship. She also has a passion for helping animals, especially those who are abused or neglected. She started Pet Refuge using money left to her by her late parents, aiming to remove one of the barriers people face when deciding to leave abusive homes. The shelter is the first of its kind in New Zealand. In 2008 Julie was recognised with a Sir Peter Blake Leadership Award, and in 2013 was named Next magazine's Woman of the Year. In 2015 she was named as a finalist for Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year – the second time her contribution has been recognised by the national award.

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SHELLEY BOOTH

Domestic Violence NSW

Shelley is a political sociologist with 20 years experience as a social policy and gender analyst. Shelley has an extensive background in policy development, analysis and advocacy across the government and non-government sectors. In her current role at Domestic Violence NSW, she represents the views of over 180 specialist domestic and family violence services across the state. This year, Shelley's policy and advocacy work contributed to the NSW Government announcing over \$245 million to address domestic and family violence, and to the release of NSW's first primary prevention strategy.



KRISTIN DIEMER

Melbourne University

Associate Professor Kristin Diemer is a sociologist at the University of Melbourne. She specialises in measuring violence against women and family violence. She has also researched extensively on the barriers to women leaving violence, the role animals play in the lives of victim /survivors, and tactics of control by men who use violence in the home. Kristin is the co-author of several major Australian studies, including Australians' Attitudes to Violence Against Women and The Victorian Family Violence Database. Recent projects include measuring prevalence, attitudes toward violence and reporting rates. Kristin holds a Bachelor of Arts and a PhD in sociology.

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BILLIE-JO WILLIAMS

Ngarrunga Refuge and Link Wentworth

With over 10 years' of experience in the community services sector. Billie-Jo is a Wiradjuri woman who has held a series of roles in tenancy operations and casework advocating for the community, women and children, and culture. Having spent time living in community housing with her children, and being a survivor of Domestic and Family Violence she has been instrumental in strengthening relationships between Community Housing and its stakeholders. One of the key goals as the Team Leader for Nurreen Services and Ngarrunga Women and Children's Safety Service. Ngarrunga is a modern, well-designed refuge that was funded by the Department of Social Services' Safe Places Emergency Accommodation Program and has been staffed and expanded through the NSW Core and Cluster program. Billie-Jo's focus is to deliver a culturally appropriate trauma-informed service to women, children and their pets escaping domestic and family violence.

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MARIA LOSURDO

The Women's Cottage

Maria has worked for over 40 years, as counsellor, advocate, mentor and team leader in family crisis work, child protection, domestic violence, social justice, and community development. Maria's work has focused on supporting safety, respect and celebrating diversity, with experience working within the Aboriginal, non-English speaking, LGBTQI+ and deaf communities. Maria's practice is based on recognising the goodness in all people, being trauma informed and applying strength-based approaches to support people move closer to others by moving closer to themselves. Maria is currently the Manager of The Women's Cottage, a feminist women's crisis and domestic and family violence centre run for women and children of the Hawkesbury district. Maria also runs her own private practice that has included therapeutic group work services for Cara House, running training for the community sector and providing clinical supervision and counselling services to homelessness and domestic violence workers across NSW. In all areas of work Maria has a special focus and interest supporting cross cultural understanding and the recognition and healing from intergenerational trauma for Aboriginal families and community. In this work Maria collaborated with Ancestors Singing co-authored Victor's Story, a paper and training program that followed the impacts of colonisation and generational trauma across 6 generations of one Aboriginal family.

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DAMIEN RIGGS

Flinders University

Damien Riggs is a professor in the College of Education, Psychology, and Social Work at Flinders University. His most recent research focuses on trans young people's relationships with animal companions. He lives with two human children and two dogs.



NIK TAYLOR

University of Canterbury

(Dr.) Nik Taylor is a critical and public sociologist who has published many articles, books and book chapters. Her research focusses on mechanisms of power and marginalisation expressed in/through human relations with other species and is informed by critical/intersectional feminism. Nik is currently the co-director of the New Zealand Centre for Human-Animal Studies at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand, where she also teaches topics in the Human Services program that focus on human-animal violence links; scholar-advocacy; social change, and crime and deviance, particularly domestic violence and animal abuse. Nik's latest books include *Queer Entanglements* (Cambridge University Press, with Damien Riggs, Heather Fraser and Shoshana Rosenberg) and *Rescuing Me, Rescuing You: Companion Animals and Domestic Violence* (Palgrave, 2019, with Heather Fraser).

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HEATHER FRASER

Queensland University of Technology

Heather Fraser is Associate Professor of Social Work, School of Public Health & Social Work, Faculty of Health, QUT. Associate Professor Fraser is an internationally recognised critical social work scholar who started her career three decades ago in shelters for women, young people and children trying to escape domestic violence and/or child abuse. She has been a social work educator at several Australian universities, over the last 25 years, teaching subjects such as Human Rights Based Social Work Practice, Understanding Addictions, and Working with Diversity. While domestic violence is a key area of expertise, Associate Professor Fraser's research interests are varied, crossing disciplinary boundaries and inclusive of human-animal studies. All projects are undertaken from a critical perspective. Associate Professor Fraser has published three books: *Neoliberalization, Universities and the Public Intellectual: Species, Gender and Class and the Production of Knowledge* (London: Palgrave), *Understanding Violence and Abuse, An Anti-Oppressive Practice Perspective* (Winnipeg: Fernwood Press) and *In the Name of Love, Women's Narratives of Love and Abuse* (Toronto: Women's Press/Canadian Scholars Press). Her latest book, *Rescuing You, Rescuing Me: Companion Animals and Domestic Violence* (Palgrave: London) was published in 2018.

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ANNIE GOLDSON

University of Auckland

Annie Goldson is a documentary filmmaker whose films have won over 60 awards at international film festivals, have opened theatrically in the US, Australia and Aotearoa NZ and sold to major broadcasters and streamers worldwide. Her best-known feature titles include *Punitive Damage*, *Georgie Girl*, *An Island Calling*, *Brother Number One* and *Kim Dotcom: Caught in the Web* (Special Mention, Best Documentary APSA 2018). Her most recent films include the features, *A Mild Touch of Cancer* (2021) *Red Mole: A Romance* (2023) and the 40-minute short *Refuge: A Duty to Care* (2024). Annie also regularly publishes articles and chapters in scholarly collections and journals. She holds an ONZM for Services to Film and is a Fellow of the Te Apārangi | Royal Society, which recently awarded her the Aronui Medal for Excellence in the Humanities. In 2023, she became an Arts Laureate and was also a 'DocEdge Superhero'. She is a Professor at the University of Auckland, where she has taught for over two decades.

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ALEX REED

Bloom Pictures

Alex Reed is a producer of high quality documentary and drama content. She started her career working with Ken Loach on films including *Land and Freedom*, *My Name is Joe* and *Bread & Roses*. Since then she has written, researched or produced over twenty factual and drama projects commissioned in New Zealand.

Alex's major credits include Leanne Pooley's critically acclaimed intimate documentary *The Girl on the Bridge*, and genre-bending feature, *There's No "I" in Threesome* (HBO Max). In 2022 she released David Farrier's box office hit, *Mister Organ*, as well as prime-time television series, *Unbreakable*. In 2023 she released hard-hitting feature documentary, *Ms. Information* and the social impact film *Pacific Mother*, followed by adventure documentary, *Te Ara - The Path* (People's choice award - NZ Mountain Film Festival, Finalist Banff Mountain Festival) and most recently Annie Goldson's *Refuge: a Duty to Care*.



ERIN ROBERTS

Pet Refuge NZ

Erin Ellis-Roberts is the General Manager, Marketing and Business of Pet Refuge. Having been with the charity since September 2021, just three months after the shelter opened its doors, Erin has been part of Pet Refuge's journey over the past three years. Erin works on the organisational side of the charity, managing finance, supporter services, marketing, and fundraising.

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PHIL ARKOW

National Coalition USA

Internationally acclaimed lecturer, author and educator Phil Arkow is President & Secretary of the National LINK Coalition – the Global Resource Center on The LINK between Animal Abuse and Human Violence – and edits the monthly LINK-Letter, with over 5,500 subscribers. He chairs the Latham Foundation's Animal Abuse and Family Violence Prevention Project. He teaches at the University of Florida and Harcum College. He has presented over 400 times in 17 countries, 38 states and 9 Canadian provinces, and has authored over 100 key reference works on human-animal interactions and violence prevention.

He co-founded the National Link Coalition, the National Animal Control Association, and the Colorado and New Jersey humane federations. He has served with the American Veterinary Medical Association, the ASPCA, American Humane, the Delta Society, the Animals & Society Institute, the National Sheriffs Association's National Coalition on Violence Against Animals, the National District Attorneys Association, the Academy on Violence & Abuse, and the American Association of Human-Animal Bond Veterinarians. He received a Lifetime Achievement Award from New Jersey Child Assault Prevention.

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JACKI LARGO

Paws and Recover

Jacki Largo, a Senior Constable in NSW Police, began Paws and Recover in 2011. Jacki had witnessed animals being left alone, or at risk of harm, due to instances of domestic violence, mental illness or ill health. She also noted that a lot of people were prevented from getting help due to concern about having no one to care for their pets. She wanted to keep pets and people together, and to assist those going through times of adversity. Her mission was to help people, and help animals. Jacki won the Pride of Australia medal in 2018, and has continued to lead the way with Paws and Recover filling gaps in our society and spreading awareness of the importance of animals, people, and how society can assist those in need.

Jacki's favourite saying is:

If you want to be happy, practice compassion;

If you want others to be happy, practice compassion - The 14th Dalai Lama

Which exemplifies her nature.

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JAYLA SAINTY

Paws and Recover

Jayla is an emerging social worker, with a passion for working with owners and their animals once a qualified social worker. In her current role with RSPCA Tasmania, Jayla supports victim-survivors of family and domestic violence to have their companion animals cared for by the RSCPA Tasmania, through the Safe Beds Program. The program also focuses on key advocacy areas, such as the need for improved housing options (short and long-term) for people and companion animals, legislation reform, and for improved support for organisations to adopt a Companion-animal-inclusive domestic violence practice across not just family violence services, but also housing and community health services. In essence, Jayla is passionate about giving a voice to the voiceless, not just for victim-survivors, but also their companion animals."



ROCHELLE PATTERSON

University of Guelph

Rochelle completed her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Melbourne in 2019 and has since worked in both general and referral practices in Australia, USA and Canada. She is currently completing her specialist training in Ontario, Canada. Rochelle has a strong non-clinical interest in the role of veterinary hospitals as potential intervention points for humans and animals experiencing DV. This has included research on the impact of a training program on the veterinary professionals ability to recognise, respond and refer human victims of DV.

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ALICIA KENNEDY

Cherished Pets

Dr. Alicia (Lissi) Kennedy is a Social Hearted Vet. A trailblazing veterinarian with over 35 years of experience, dedicated to preserving the powerful bond between humans and animals. As the founder of Cherished Pets, a holistic veterinary service in regional Victoria, Dr. Kennedy leads a pioneering social enterprise that provides interconnected veterinary and social services to support vulnerable community members with pets, including the elderly, individuals with disabilities, and those impacted by family domestic violence, homelessness, mental health challenges, and unexpected crises.

At the heart of Cherished Pets is a deep commitment to the human-animal bond, a relationship Dr. Kennedy passionately advocates as essential to both animal and human health and well-being. Under her leadership, Cherished Pets has become a certified B Corp, exemplifying the organisation's dedication to using business as a force for good.

Dr. Kennedy has been instrumental in integrating social work into veterinary practice, recognising the critical role that veterinary social workers play in addressing the complex human elements that often accompany animal care. This innovative approach not only enhances the quality of care provided to pets but also supports people and the veterinary teams.

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JANE KOTZMANN

Deakin University

Jane Kotzmann's research focuses on both animal rights and human rights. This includes the potential extension of international human rights to non-human animals, and what this tells us about the theoretical underpinnings of human rights law. Jane's article titled 'Recognising the Sentience of Animals in Law: A Justification and Framework for Australian States and Territories' (2020) (42(3) Sydney Law Review 281) was given an Australian Legal Research Award in 2022 for Best Early Career Research Article. Jane is a Senior Lecturer in Deakin Law School and was previously an Alfred Deakin Postdoctoral Research Fellow. She obtained degrees in Commerce, Law (with Honours), and a PhD in human rights law from Deakin University, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching (Teach for Australia) from the University of Melbourne.



MORGAN STONEBRIDGE

Deakin University

Morgan Stonebridge is a PhD candidate at Deakin University where she researches in animal law. Her doctoral research concerns the use of empathy in generating stable support for the principles of animal law reform. Morgan has an undergraduate degree in Law (with Honours) from Deakin University and has published in leading journals such as the University of New South Wales Law Journal, Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy and the Columbia Journal of Environmental Law.

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KATHRYN JURD

RSPCA NSW

Kathryn Jurd holds degrees in Social Science and Criminology and Law from UNSW, a Masters in Law from Macquarie University and is undertaking a PhD Law at UNSW on the Judicial Treatment of Animal Cruelty offending, and Animal Cruelty in the context of Domestic Violence. She was employed for ten years at the NSW ODPP and has been the General Counsel at RSPCA NSW for seven years. She is an acknowledged expert in animal welfare prosecutions and is regularly consulted on statutory and regulatory reform by the NSW Government and stakeholder groups, appearing at, giving evidence, and preparing witnesses to give evidence in multiple NSW Parliamentary Inquiries. Kathryn regularly conducts animal law training for various entities including most NSW universities teaching animal law, NSW Police, and other research and training bodies.



INGRID REILLY

NSW Police Force

Ingrid has been with the NSW Police force for 25 years and 9 of these years were spent as a domestic violence officer. Ingrid has assisted many people and their animals to find safety. She has used her love of animals and knowledge about the link between animal abuse and domestic violence to educate other police and the community about this important topic.

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DEMI KUITERS

Crime & Intelligence Command, Queensland Police Service

Demi has been an intelligence analyst for over 7 years working in the criminal justice and policing fields. Demi has provided actionable insights on topics including domestic and family violence that have led to initiatives such as the current partnership between the Queensland Police Service and the RSPCA Qld. This initiative is vital to help both the people and animals involved in these difficult situations.



BRIDGET HARRIS

Monash University

Dr Bridget Harris is an Australian Research Council 'Discovery Early Career Research Award' Fellow, Director of the Monash Gender and Family Violence Prevention Centre and A/Prof in Criminology at Monash University. Bridget's work is interdisciplinary – incorporating criminology, socio-legal studies and cultural geography – and explores domestic violence, access to justice and spaces to justice. Her areas of research include: domestic/family violence (including in RRR locations); technology-facilitated domestic violence; technology-facilitated advocacy and justice administration in the context of domestic violence; legal advocacy and postcode (in)justice.

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CHLOE KEEL

Griffith University

Chloe Keel, PhD (Monash), is a Lecturer in Criminology at Griffith University. Chloe is the Early Career Research Representative on the Australian Community Capacity Study, a longitudinal study of community processes, crime and disorder in neighbourhoods. Chloe's research has examined migrant and refugee women's experiences of domestic and family violence, regional experiences of safety and domestic and family violence in regional areas.



ANNA ERIKSSON

Monash University

Dr Anna Eriksson is an Associate Professor in Criminology at Monash University. Her research is broadly focused on criminal justice reform, including practices of imprisonment, treatment of disadvantaged populations within the criminal justice system, and alternative responses to crime. She is also a long-time volunteer at RSPCA in Victoria, focused on horses and livestock.

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JASMINE MONTGOMERY

James Cook University

I am a mother of four beautiful children and live with five dogs, one cat, six chickens, many fish and a turtle. I have a Bachelor of Social Work and Master of Counselling Advanced Practice. Advocating for social justice on behalf of humans and other species are highly important to me, in particular, keeping people and pets together at times of crisis. I am currently completing a PhD on forced separation from pets in domestic violence situations that aims to develop a national framework with a focus on keeping women and their pets together. I enjoy spending leisure time with my family, especially the four legged furry kind.



FELICITY WHITE

Illawarra Women's Trauma Recovery Centre

Felicity is a Trauma Informed Body worker currently working at the Women's Trauma Recovery Centre in the Illawarra region of NSW. She has many years experience working and teaching Bodywork in the Health and Wellbeing Sector. Felicity also spent many years working as a Veterinary Assistant in several busy practices and has an interest in the intersection between human and animal wellbeing and how these precious relationships have the power to heal and nourish both humans and animals. She has a special interest in treating Women and Children recovering from FDVSA with Somatic Body based therapies and Equine Assisted Therapy. This interest stemmed from her own lived experience as a victim survivor of FDV. She continues to build her skills and knowledge in this dynamic and developing field of study which she finds so relevant and essential to trauma recovery.

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MEGAN NUTBEAN

Lort Smith Animal Hospital

Megan Nutbean is the Community Programs Manager at Lort Smith, where she has spent over a decade developing and leading impactful programs that support vulnerable communities. Lort Smith, a not-for-profit organization in Melbourne, is dedicated to the health and wellbeing of animals and people, providing veterinary care, shelter, and community outreach. Megan oversees Lort Smith's Pet Therapy program and other services that support both people and animals, fostering healing through the incredible power of the human-animal bond. Megan feels privileged to work with an incredible team of people (and dogs!) who are passionate about the transformative connections Animal-Assisted programs have the power to create.
