An Introduction to Gender-based Violence

**Wendy Watson** _Human Rights Campaigner_
Wendy is currently working for Amnesty International (WA) as a community organiser. Wendy has previously worked at the Family and Domestic Violence Unit and the Office for Women’s Policy. She has also been a coordinator of a women’s refuge. Wendy is a passionate and dedicated advocate for social justice and women’s rights in particular.

Working with CaLD clients affected by Domestic & Family Violence

**Yolanda Strauss** _Manager, Domestic Violence Services, Womens Health & Family Services_
With a Master’s in Counselling and Psychotherapy, Yolanda is the Manager of Domestic Violence Services and specialises in DV and trauma counselling for CaLD and non-CaLD clients. Yolanda is a Dutch national born in Venezuela, is fluent in four languages and has developed and taught a unit on domestic violence at Edith Cowan University. Yolanda’s experience in the DV field extends to both the practical and the academic.

Family Violence from an Indigenous Perspective

**Dorinda Cox** _National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women’s Alliance_
Dorinda Cox is a young Aboriginal (Noongar) woman from Western Australia with expertise in developing and delivering Aboriginal specific sexual assault education. Dorinda is the Chair of the National Association of Services Against Sexual Violence (NASAV). She is a member of Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault (ACSSA)’s Reference Group for the Australian Institute of Family Studies, and the National Plan Implementation Panel on Violence against Women and their Children as the Non-Government Representative.
Dorinda also works as a consultant to a range of programs and projects including the Primary Prevention program in Perth, WA, national front line workers project and development of cultural appropriate standards of practice in sexual assault service delivery to children and families.

Issues affecting members of the Ageing LGBTI community

**June Lowe** _Chair, GRAI (GLBTI Rights in Ageing Inc)_
June Lowe is the Chair of GRAI (GLBTI Rights in Ageing Inc), a community based NGO based in Perth. Since joining the GRAI Board in 2009, she has contributed research and submissions on LGBTI ageing to governments and agencies.

In concert with other LGBTI groups around the country, June and GRAI advocated for LGBTI rights in ageing, which culminated in important law reforms in 2013 and the establishment of the National LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care Strategy, is currently a member of a DSS Working Group responsible for overseeing the implementation of this Strategy. Another key aspect of the law reforms was the establishment of a national training initiative for the Aged Care sector. June is now involved in the WA roll out of this LGBTI awareness training for Aged Care providers.

June is also keen to strengthen social connectivity within the older LGBTI community, and organises community building events with a particular focus on LGBTI elders.

**Venue:** City West Lotteries House, 2 Delhi St, West Perth
**Time:** 0930—1530
**Cost:**
- $148.50 (Organisational Members)
- $165.00 (Associate Members)
- $181.50 (Non Members)  $75.00 (Students)
**Register:** by Wednesday, 13 May
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