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Australian Evaluation Society International Evaluation Conference (aes22)

CERG attended the Australian Evaluation Society International Evaluation Conference (aes22), which was held in Adelaide from 30th August until the 1st of September.

Val Prokopiv, CERG Deputy Director and Research Fellow, was a speaker at the event and presented on the CERG evaluation of the Gippsland Aboriginal Advocacy Support Service (GAASS). GAASS is a service provided by the

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People with a disability, their families, and carers to understand the NDIS and access services within the Gippsland region. GAASS is working towards increasing workforce capacity in disability services.

You can read more about her presentation on the aes22 website: [Evaluation of the Gippsland Aboriginal Advocacy Support Service \(GAASS\)](#)



National Pelvic Pain Conference 2022

Latrobe Valley has been selected as the location for the 2022 Pelvic Pain Conference thanks to a successful pilot program implemented in 2020 as an initiative of the Latrobe Health Innovation Zone. The pilot program reached a large number of students and teachers, including participation from principals, school counsellors, nurses and parents.

Current evidence and research highlight the opportunity for health practitioners to update their knowledge and practice in pelvic pain management. For this reason, the Latrobe Health Assembly and the Pelvic Pain Foundation of Australia have partnered to deliver the National Pelvic Pain Conference 2022. The Conference is a health practitioner-training conference, developed by leading experts in the field to provide practical management for a wide range of pelvic pain conditions. The conference is exclusive to AHPRA-Registered Health Professionals and students in an associated field.

The 2022 Pelvic Pain Conference will be held at the state-of-the-art Gippsland Performing Arts Centre in Traralgon — just a 2-hour drive East of Melbourne, Victoria.

Please visit <http://www.healthassembly.org.au/ppc22> for ticket purchases and more information on current speakers.



pp National PELVIC PAIN Conference 2022

Gippsland Performing Arts Centre
Traralgon, Victoria

30 Sep - 1 Oct

Keynote speakers include...

<p>Assoc. Prof. Susan Evans</p> <p>The Neuroscience of Pelvic Pain</p>	<p>Dr Kate Tyson</p> <p>The Process: Deciding when to operate and getting the best surgical outcomes</p>	<p>Nikki Campbell</p> <p>The Role of the Registered Nurse in the Multidisciplinary Pain Team</p>	<p>Alex Diggles</p> <p>Beyond the Clinic: Addressing pelvic floor symptoms right now</p>
<p>Dr Ksenia Kayk</p> <p>Alternatives to Opioids: Nociceptive, Neuropathic, Pain, Nerve Pain, Medications</p>	<p>Edwina Powe</p> <p>First Nations Cultural Sensitivity and Pelvic Pain</p>	<p>Dr Marilla Druitt</p> <p>The HAPP Sassy</p>	<p>Brydee Pickup</p> <p>Understanding pain experiences among people with Endometriosis</p>

And many more to come!

DONT MISS OUT
Registrations open Monday 18 July

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An initiative of the Latrobe Health Innovation 2022

CERG Publications

We've recently had a number of papers accepted. Once published, you can find them on our website:

James, M. Porter, JE, Kattel, S, Prokopiv, V. Hopwood, P. (2022) Peer Educators in the Facilitation of Sexuality and Respectful relationships Education for people with an Intellectual Disability: A scoping review and narrative synthesis. *Sexuality and Disability*. Accepted In Press

James, M. Porter, JE. Reimers, V. Prokopiv, V. (2022). The Effect of Positively Framed and Negatively Framed Messages on Televised Smoking Cessation Advertisement Success: A systematic review. *Journal of Health Research*. In Press

Porter, J.E, Dabkowski, E; Prokopiv, V; Missen, K; Barbagallo, M; James, M. (2022). An exploration into early childhood physical literacy programs: A systematic literature review. *Australasian Journal of Early Childhood*. In Press

Porter J, Dabbowski E, Ghasemirdekani M, Barbagallo M, James M, Prokopiv V, and Wright W. (2022) "The Impact of Nature-Led Recovery Initiatives for Individual and Community Health Post- Natural Disaster: A systematic literature review ". *Reviews on Environmental Health*, IN PRESS. IF 4.022.

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Staff changes

Last month we were sad to say farewell to Robyn Wildblood, who will be leaving CERG to concentrate on her studies full time. Robyn has contributed so much to CERG and we will miss her friendly and enthusiastic presence in the team. We wish her all the best in her studies to become an Occupational Therapist!



New Staff Appointments:

We're very excited to welcome two new staff members to the CERG team. Both Habib and Natalie are full time Research Fellows with a wealth of community engagement and research experience. You can read more about them below:

Dr Habib Forooshani



Habib has a clinical psychology background (BSc, MSc, PhD) focusing on different disciplines of clinical psychology. In addition to several years of experience as a psychotherapist, Habib has been continuously involved in various research-based roles (e.g., senior research associate, statistical and research design advisor/analyst) for dozens of health research projects with quantitative, qualitative, clinical case study, meta-analytical, and mixed methods designs over the past 11 years and with various universities and organisations.

Habib has developed significant expertise in conceptualising and intervention mapping for complex trauma-related disorders and their treatment-resistant effects on resilience and social adjustment of young people.

Habib is interested in intersectionality between complex mental conditions and CALD and LGBTQ+ health and social care issues. Habib is also passionate about designing effective educational interventions to reduce misunderstanding and stigmas around trauma-related mental conditions (e.g., Borderline Personality Disorder, complex PTSD, Dissociative Identity Disorder) and the victims of childhood abuse.

Natalie Bransgrove



Natalie completed her Bachelor of Nursing Practice with Monash University in 2015, followed by a graduate year with Latrobe Regional Hospital. She started working in a regional emergency department for changing direction to work in aged care as a unit coordinator.

In 2021 Natalie went on to complete her Master's in Public Health with Monash University, specialising in Health Promotion. While studying Natalie filled a maternity leave position as the Health and Wellbeing Coordinator of the Loy Yang B Power Station. She then went on to work with Latrobe City Council as a community engagement officer focusing on community safety and gender equality.

Natalie brings with her previous health care system knowledge and experience, passion for gender equality, and strong community connections.

About us

The Collaborative Evaluation & Research Group (CERG) works in partnership to build evaluation capacity, research and expertise. CERG understands the value of listening to the community and has the ability to deliver timely, rigorous and sustainable evaluations tailored to the needs of a wide variety of organisations. CERG provides training, workshops and mentoring to build capacity to enable organisations to conduct meaningful evaluations.

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