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Understanding Grief and Loss What are the issues for Aboriginal People?

Rosemary Wanganeen

Rosemary will provide a framework called the Seven Phases to Healing© using Loss and Grief. The framework will bring a better understanding of the experience and expression of historical and contemporary loss and grief issues for contemporary Aboriginal people. Similarly the framework provides information & knowledge regarding the minimisation and the suppression of historical and contemporary loss and grieving processes in European societies that date back to 399BC. This knowledge enabled Rosemary to understand that 1788 was just a matter of time before its 'arrival' on this continent! This two hour presentation is an 'entrée' into 'unpacking' loss and grief from a humanitarian perspective. She anticipates discussion will stimulate an understanding of how grief debilitates when minimized or left suppressed but how it has the ability to empower an individual through to humanity! Rosemary espouses that there's more to loss and grief than death and dying; it is a human experience; similarly it does not discriminate!

Rosemary Kudnarto Wanganeen is a well known and respected educator and counselor. She spent 2.5 years on the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, this in turn enabled her to see a major gap in the Aboriginal services – there was no culturally appropriate counseling in loss & grief. She went on to become the founding Director of the Australian Institute for Healing Loss and Grief (2006) t/a the Sacred Site Within Healing Centre (1993). She is an adjunct research fellow with University of South Australia – School of Psychology and has presented at conferences nationally and internationally. She is a mother of 4 and grandmother of 5.

Date and Time: Wednesday 26th September 2007, 0900 – 1100

Venue: Alzheimer's Association, 27 Conyngham Street, Glenside

Places are limited so please book early by telephoning 8231 9977

Following the booking, post your registration fee to the AASW office at GPO Box 1549, Adelaide 5001

All monies need to be paid in advance

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Registration form for
Grief and Loss for Aboriginal People 26th September

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