

# CAFFSA NEWS

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## CAFFSA'S EVENT ON CHILD MALTREATMENT STUDY

CAFFSA hosted an important event in late September focusing on the **Australian Child Maltreatment Study**. The study highlights distressing statistics regarding child maltreatment in Australia, underlining the urgent need for action.

The event featured a panel of key leaders in the South Australian child and family space, including Prof. Daryl Higgins, one of the ACMS's lead researchers. ACMS reveals risk factors that double the likelihood of multitype maltreatment, with concerning links to mental health issues and risky behaviours.

CAFFSA joins a collective call for a National Summit to Prevent Child Maltreatment, emphasising the importance of a comprehensive national strategy and action plan. This event serves as a compelling call to action, uniting Australians to protect the well-being of children and young people.

Read more on our website [here](#).

## DR. AMY BROMLEY JOINS CAFFSA

We're thrilled to announce Dr. Amy Bromley has joined us as **Policy and Advocacy Lead** on November 28, 2023. With her extensive background in child protection and trauma therapy, Amy brings invaluable expertise to our team. Her use of the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics informs trauma-informed treatment planning.

Join us in welcoming her as we look forward to the positive impact she'll bring to CAFFSA and our community.



## ENRICHING YOUNG LIVES THROUGH ARTS

CAFFSA joined forces with Young Consultants and **Create Foundation** at **Kindred's Child and Youth Arts and Culture Forum**. The event placed a significant emphasis on how the arts can enhance the lives of children, highlighting the crucial importance of improving access for those hailing from disadvantaged backgrounds.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO NANCY PENNA FOR HER ACHIEVEMENT AT THE SA CHILD PROTECTION AWARDS

We extend our warmest congratulations to Nancy Penna from Anglicare, CAFFSA's Board Chair, for her well-deserved recognition at the SA Child Protection Awards. With an impressive 35-year career in the sector, Nancy received the esteemed Lifetime Achievement award, sponsored by Lutheran Care.

Nancy's commitment reflects the collective dedication of individuals working to improve the lives of children and young people. Watch her share insights on positive impact in this enlightening video.



## COLLABORATIVE COMMITMENT FOR A THRIVING FUTURE

It was an honor to join our Chair, Nancy Penna, and Pam Zervas, Company Director of ZED Management Consulting, as Nancy signed a pledge letter endorsing the groundbreaking vision for South Australia—Thriving Families 2025–2045 led by the Uni of Adelaide and ZED.

We take pride in our role at Child and Family Focus - SA, facilitating the engagement of over 40 community organisations who have pledged their commitment. Together, we aim to redefine approaches, working collectively to enhance outcomes for children, young people, families, and communities. Stay tuned for transformative developments!



## KWY EMPLOYMENT: EMBRACE GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY

Join KWY during a pivotal period of expansion! For a glimpse into the exciting opportunities available, visit [www.kwy.org.au/vacant-positions](http://www.kwy.org.au/vacant-positions).

KWY Employment awaits individuals eager to be part of its dynamic and friendly environment!





## AFTER THE REFERENDUM - HOW CAN OUR SECTOR BE THE BEST POSSIBLE ALLIES?

CAFFSA hosted a panel at their AGM on 7 November 2023, entitled After the Referendum - How can our sector be the best possible allies?

Craig Rigney, Commissioner Dale Agius, Dan Mitchell and Sandy Pitcher set out a number of key questions we need to ask ourselves in order to improve our allyship with Aboriginal people, communities and organisations.

CAFFSA is currently working on a program of action for 2024 to respond to what we heard. We will send further information out early in the New Year.



## UNLOCK CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING WITH KKY CULTURAL TRAINING!

KKY offers tailored training to boost cultural understanding and enhance engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

### CUBE - Cultural Understanding Better Engagement

This one-day training provides participants with the opportunity to:

- Increase personal cultural understanding
- Discuss strategies for implementing new learnings
- Explore embedding cultural competency into service delivery
- Strengthen relationships between Aboriginal staff/volunteers and the community
- Gain awareness and understanding of organisational cultural competency

## KKY CULTURAL TRAINING

KKY provides culturally specific training to increase cultural understanding for better engagement, improving the delivery of services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



### 2024 Training Dates:

- Wednesday, 14th February
- Wednesday, 14th March
- Tuesday, 14th April

Explore more details and secure your spot online at [www.kky.org.au/training](http://www.kky.org.au/training).

## THE REILY FOUNDATION SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Reily Foundation is thrilled to announce its expansion and is actively looking for dedicated volunteers to join their growing team.

The organisation is deeply committed to shaping a brighter future for our community and relies on your support to fulfill this mission.

Are you passionate about giving back to your community? Do you aspire to be a part of a dynamic team that is unwavering in its dedication to making a positive impact on the lives of others? If so, there is an exciting opportunity waiting for you!



## JOIN OUR BOARD

WE ARE A GROWING  
ORGANISATION AND THAT MEANS  
WE NEED TO GROW OUR BOARD  
BY THREE MEMBERS.

1. Secretary
2. Treasurer
3. Non-Executive Director

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Please reach out to the CEO, Nadia Berginetti  
at [nadia.berginetti@thereily.foundation](mailto:nadia.berginetti@thereily.foundation)  
with your resume and availability for  
conversation.



*Jordan Wilson-King accepting the Outstanding NGO Service Award for KKY (sponsored by CAFFSA) at the 2023 Child Protection Awards with the Minister for Child Protection, the Hon Katrin Hildyard and CAFFSA's Chair Nancy Penna.*



## TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT WAR AND CONFLICT

Explaining war and conflict to children can be challenging, and it's essential to address their thoughts and feelings about these events. Many kids will inevitably encounter news and images related to such situations.

Emerging Minds offers a valuable fact sheet, [How to talk to children about war and conflict](#), adapted from trusted resources, to help parents/carers engage in honest, age-appropriate conversations with children about war and conflict. This resource aims to support families in navigating these difficult discussions.



## FOSTER AND KINSHIP CARER WEEK 2023

In a heart-warming event, AFSS acknowledges the Metro Foster and Kinship Care teams celebrated Foster and Kinship Carers Week 2023 on September 13th. Carer families gathered at the Sunnybrae Estate Functions Centre in Regency Park to share stories, food, and gratitude.

The teams organised a special raffle and treated carer families to gift baskets and gift cards. Handwoven drink coasters, crafted by the Southern Weavers, added a personal touch. Carer families also received gifts from their Liaison Officers, including coasters, AFSS keyrings, and chocolate.

The event was attended by notable guests, and the Metro Foster and Kinship Care teams express their sincere thanks to all carer families for their generosity and commitment in providing children in out-of-home care with a nurturing environment to grow and heal.



## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS & MARKETS RETURN!

Minda Inc. is excited to announce the return of the Community Christmas Carols & Markets on Saturday, December 2nd. After a three-year hiatus, this beloved community event is back and better than ever. Mark your calendars because this is an event you won't want to miss.

The festivities will include a wide range of attractions, such as market stalls, live entertainment featuring bands, dancers, and choirs, face painting, rides, a petting zoo, games, raffles, food trucks, Santa's Cave, and much more.

### When

Saturday, December 2nd, from 2 pm to 7 pm

### Where

12-16 King George Avenue, North Brighton

Stay updated on their latest event news by visiting the [Facebook event page](#).

### Call for Volunteers

Minda Inc. is also seeking volunteers for this event. If you can spare a couple of hours and want to be part of this festive occasion, please reach out to Louise at 0439 571 138.