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ACTION AGAINST DOMESTIC, FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE ON SHOW AT ANROWS CONFERENCE

Australia's leading domestic, family and sexual violence professionals will meet in Sydney this week to explore new ways of dealing with the pervasive and potentially-fatal problem of violence against women and their children.

The ANROWS Conference will showcase emerging research and practice across a range of areas, from preventing future violence and death, to youth intervention, antenatal screening, survival sex, reproductive coercion, intergenerational trauma in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the experiences of trans and gender diverse people.

Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS) will also launch new findings into violence against women with disabilities and community engagement during the event at the Sofitel Sydney Wentworth from 15 –17 May.

Speakers include Sex Discrimination Commissioner Kate Jenkins, Co-Chair of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples Dr Jackie Huggins, NSW Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Minister Pru Goward and NSW Assistant Police Commissioner Mark Jones.

Journalist and #FixedIt creator Jane Gilmore will also discuss the importance of popular movements such as #MeToo and #TimesUp in changing attitudes toward violence against women.

ANROWS's new Chair Sam Mostyn said there has been unprecedented public discussion, and willingness to act on violence against women.

"This is an important time with potential to capitalise on a groundswell of activity, but we need to ensure actions are evidence based," Ms Mostyn said.

"We are committed to ensuring that the scarce resources available to achieve these outcomes are directed to the best possible actions."

“We as a nation owe it to the women and the children affected by violence to do so.”

ANROWS CEO Dr Heather Nancarrow said bringing the country’s top experts together is a crucial part of coordinating national efforts to reduce violence.

“Our work aims to better understand the complex factors that underpin violence against women and the most effective responses to it,” Dr Nancarrow said.

“We need to ensure this evidence is reflected in policy and practice across all jurisdictions.”

“The conference is a valuable opportunity for delegates from across Australia who are striving to help women and their children live free from domestic, family and sexual violence.”

The full program is available via the [ANROWS conference website](#). For further information, interviews and photo opportunities, or to RSVP please phone: +61 2 8374 4025 or email media@anrows.org.au.