

CHILD SAFE ORGANISATIONS YMCA NATIONAL CONVERSATION



Join us for the 2016 YMCA National Conversation
on Child Safe Organisations. Register now!

This will be a webinar event – 15th July 11am-12noon

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We are delighted to confirm our panel members who will discuss the importance and benefits of a fostering a child safe culture in your organisation.



ANDREW SMITH

President of YMCA Australia National Board,
Vice President of Engagement, Swinburne University

Andrew Smith's professional life has encompassed both the public and private education sectors. Prior to his appointment at Swinburne College, he was CEO of the Australia Council for Private Education and Training. He has a strong track record of expertise and strategic leadership in the education, training and not-for-profit sector. Andrew became President of YMCA Australia in 2014.



JOE TUCCI

CEO, Australian Childhood Foundation

Dr Joe Tucci is the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Childhood Foundation, a social worker and psychologist. He has completed a PhD in emotional abuse and uses post-modern and narrative ideas in research, counselling and training. He has a particular interest in the impact of abuse-related trauma on brain development and the implications for practice. Joe has extensive experience in the provision of consultancy, clinical supervision and program development and evaluation.



JODIE JOHNSON

CEO YMCA Launceston

Jodie Johnson is the Chief Executive Officer at YMCA Launceston, but has “seen 3 ½ generations grow up with the YMCA” since her start in Launceston as a volunteer youth leader at the age of 11, and her first formal job with the Y at the age of 17. You really can say Jodie has grown up with the Y, as she’s also helped to grow her local Y and the community.

YMCA Launceston undertook their ACF accreditation in early 2016 and both ACF and the Panel were impressed with the cultural change that YMCA Launceston had undertaken in becoming an accredited Child Safe Organisation.

SUSAN HALLIDAY

Safeguarding Children Accreditation Panel Chair

Originally a teacher, Susan Halliday pursued a successful corporate career prior to being appointed Australia’s Sex Discrimination Commissioner in 1998. Susan has also served as Australia’s Disability Discrimination Commissioner. Appointed the Inaugural Chairperson of the regulatory authority The Victorian Institute of Teaching from 2002 to 2011, Susan simultaneously chaired teacher disciplinary Hearings for over a decade. Appointed to the Federal Government’s Defence Response Abuse Taskforce in 2012, Susan is also the current Chair of the Caraniche Pty Ltd Board having been a non-executive director since 2004.

With her own established management consulting and employment law investigations business operating across all sectors, Susan was awarded a Life Governorship of the Australian Childhood Foundation in 2004 after serving many years on the Board. Also a Board member of the State Library of Victoria from 2001 to 2010, Susan is the author of 16 children’s books utilised throughout the nation’s primary schools.

If you have any questions about the webinar please contact

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