



OSWA Conference

8 - 10 November 2018
CANBERRA

Our conference is almost here, and we look forward to welcoming you to Canberra and a stimulating time for sharing knowledge, skills, reflection and debate. See www.oswa.net.au

Something for you to think about before you come...

The Things We Don't Talk About:

Psychosocial Challenges in Oncology Social Work



Opening Speaker:
Dion Devow

2018 ACT Australian of the year
2016 ACT NAIDOC person of the year
2014 ACT NAIDOC business person of the year

**Ambassador For Indigenous Community
Volunteers (ICV)**

Dion is a locally based business man, who is of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent. Before branching out into business, Dion worked as an Aboriginal Health Worker and worked closely with Social Workers for nearly 2 decades in both Darwin and Canberra Hospitals.

Invitation to you

What is it that we don't talk about with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, communities and colleagues? What would you like to know but hesitate or fail to ask?

Hesitate no longer – in our opening plenary Dion will reflect on the power of words and how sometimes we do not speak the truth or say the things that need to be said. The session will be highly interactive. You may wish to hold conversations with your colleagues before you come to the conference to find out what you and they want to know and are willing to ask. There are then two ways to pose your question or make a comment:

1. From the floor during the plenary; or
2. Anonymously in advance by sending it to admin@oswa.net.au by **Tuesday 6th November.**

While showing respect to Dion and one another, can we be courageous? Together, can we take this opportunity to hold courageous conversations so that we learn about and better understand different ways of viewing and experiencing Australia in general and our health services or social work in particular?

See you on the 8th November - travel safely and well.