



# THE MAGNOLIA PROJECT

## GET INVOLVED...

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## SOME UPDATES AND NEWS ON OUR PROJECTS...

At Magnolia we have been pretty busy over the last few months, with progress made on all of our current projects. This newsletter provides an update on these, but we are always interested in new ideas or projects that align with our core value of compassionate and trauma-informed justice.

## The Magnolia Practice Guide with Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (SA)

Following the launch of the guide at the University of Adelaide in November 2023, the guide has been shared with key stakeholders both across South Australia and nationally - and has attracted the interest of the Bugmy Bar book team in Sydney (see <https://www.publicdefenders.nsw.gov.au/barbook>)

We are talking about opportunities to collaborate further going forward.

A review of the guide has now been published in the SA Law Society Bulletin, with a second review submitted for publication in the ANZAPPL journal, *Psychiatry, Psychology and Law*.

Many thanks to Dr Jack White and E/Prof Rick Sarre for their generous and thoughtful comments about our work.

### New guide for preparing mental health reports on Aboriginal people

A new book reveals the negative impact that conventional psychological practices can have on Indigenous people, and provides essential guidance for writing mental health court reports.

Dr Jack Smith February 2024

News Briefs Mental Health Aboriginal Justice



Having worked as a forensic psychologist for more than 25 years, I thought I knew most things about writing reports for court.

When I came upon the book "A practice guide for preparing mental health presentence report with aboriginal people in the South Australian criminal justice system" - I discovered I was very wrong.

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## RECRUITING AND RETAINING WOMEN IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKFORCE: A TRAUMA INFORMED APPROACH

We have been fortunate to receive an Augusta Zadow award from SafeWork to develop a resource for new professionals who are entering, or considering entering, criminal justice professional careers.

We have been curating the published research on this topic and working with women who are new to the criminal justice system or who have established careers.

Some friends of Magnolia have kindly agreed to make a short video in which they talk about their experiences. We will use this in a roundtable for recent graduates and prospective employees to discuss how justice agencies can better support women and new professionals in their work.

This project will be completed towards the end of the year and the materials posted on the Magnolia website.

## Trauma and Veterans

We are collaborating with Dr Yilma Woldgabreal and Chris Tilley, Department for Correctional Services SA on a piece of work applying a trauma-informed approach to understanding the needs of veterans who work in the justice sector and/or who are incarcerated.

We hope to publish this work in a forthcoming book on trauma-informed practice.

## Congratulations!

Katherine has now submitted her manuscript to the publisher. Look out for her new book, which will appear later this year...

*Trauma-informed criminal justice:  
Towards a more compassionate justice  
system*

(Palgrave Macmillan)

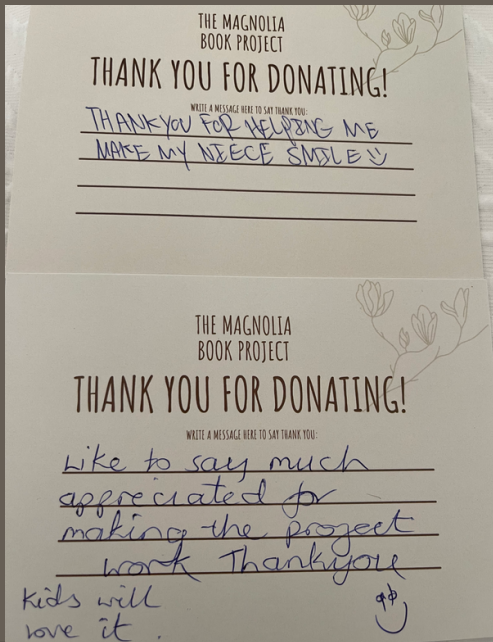


# OUR PRISON BOOK PROJECT

Our project to provide books to the children on people in prison is progressing well. Thanks to Jeff and Krystle we continue to provide books at Port Augusta Prison and recently met with Sean at Cadell prison who will join the project.

Cadell is a low secure facility housing over 200 men in the Riverland area. Families are able to visit regularly for a picnic and Dads will be invited to choose a book to read to their children on a visit - which they can then take home with them.

Watch this space for updates as this grows.....



We are delighted to be partnering with the Justice and Community Safety Directorate of the ACT government to provide books to people in prison at the Alexander Maconochie Centre.

## OUR FRIENDS

Thank you so much to the following groups who support our work:

