

AACBT Qld Pub discussion

# For the Children. Working with High Conflict Separated Parents



High conflict between separated co-parents is associated with child and adult adjustment, and can be a major barrier to providing children with a safe and nurturing home.

## GUEST SPEAKER Professor W. Kim Halford

In this presentation Professor Halford will speak to the predictors of high conflict separations, and key issues in assisting separated parents with high conflict.

He will also describe work his team has been doing on assessment with feedback to promote parental positive goal setting, enhancing family mediation, and co-parenting education to assist high conflict parents.

About 1 million (1 in 5) Australian children experience their parents separate, and about 40% of those parental separation the separated parents do not reach a mutually acceptable co-parenting arrangements.

### Registration from 6:15pm for a 6:30pm start.

Since 2009 Kim Halford has been Professor of Clinical Psychology at the University of Queensland, and is a registered clinical psychologist. He earned his doctoral degree from La Trobe University, Melbourne, in 1979. Previously he was Professor of Clinical Psychology at Griffith University (1995 – 2008), and before that Chief Psychologist of the Royal Brisbane Hospital (1991-1994).

- **When** Tuesday 29 August 2017 @ 6:30-7:30pm
- **Where** Norman Hotel, 102 Ipswich Rd, Woolloongabba  
(enter via Qualtrough St)
- **Tickets** AACBT Members **Free** / Non-Members \$10

Professor Halford has published 6 books and over 190 articles, primarily focused on couples and family interventions.

Kim and his team developed the widely used CoupleCARE relationship education programs.

He studies couples adjusting to major life challenges, including couples forming stepfamilies, couples transitioning to retirement, parents negotiating co-parenting after separation, and diversity in couple relationships across age, culture and sexual orientation.

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