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## Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: Australia's hidden epidemic

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### Unravelling the myths of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder is the leading preventable cause of intellectual impairment in children in Australia. As many as 50 per cent of pregnant women consume alcohol, despite experts believing there to be no safe limit. Yet the serious problems that can result from prenatal exposure to alcohol are under diagnosed and too often left untreated – to the detriment of sufferers, their families, schools and communities.

Research shows that FASD disabilities are life-long and may not be seen at birth. They include intellectual impairment and serious problems with emotions, behaviour and learning, which all too often are misdiagnosed as conditions such as ADHD, or not diagnosed at all.

Join clinical neuropsychologist Associate Professor Carmela Pestell as she sheds light on the hidden epidemic of FASD, why an accurate diagnosis of this complex condition is vital and how sufferers – both children and adults - can be helped to have a better future.



### Biography

Associate Professor Carmela Pestell is a clinical neuropsychologist and a research associate at the Telethon Kids Institute. She is the co-recipient of a Commonwealth grant to better educate health professionals in the diagnosis of FASD.

**Date:** Thursday 19th July 2018

**Time:** 6.30pm - 7.30pm (doors open at 6.00pm)

**Venue:** The Auditorium at The University Club of Western Australia

**Address:** Hackett Entrance #1, Hackett Drive, Crawley WA 6009

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