



**SOUTH-SOUTH INSTITUTE**  
*On Sexual Violence Against Men And Boys*

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**Te Puna Wānaka - Ara Institute**  
**Coventry Street, Christchurch**

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March 15, 2018

Ken Clearwater  
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Dear Ken:

Let me first express my regard for your invitation to attend the South-South Institute On Sexual Violence Against Men and Boys and your generosity while I was there. I must say the conference was very thought provoking to hear of the many trials and challenges that so many men experienced throughout their lives that went undetected and unreported. Your conference brings to the forefront, for agencies, organizations, and government, the need to address this issue. As you know, our organization works with over 220 Native American tribes and agencies throughout North America. Your conference is lighting a flame for the need to address this issue that is long overdue.

I found your speakers to be very enlightening and encouraging to help people around the world to face this problem. Your conference was very engaging and provided a great opportunity for programs such as ours to network with agencies from various countries. I commend you for your efforts and would encourage you to continue offering this conference to audiences around the world. Please inform us of the next conference as we would love to attend.

In conclusion, we wholeheartedly approve of your efforts. If there's anything we can do to assist you please call on us.

Regards,

Albert M. Pooley  
Founder & President  
Native American Fatherhood & Families Association

As a Maori Tane I felt enlightened to be part of a kaupapa that not only enabled myself and others a space to share a Mamai, that had invaded our Mauri, our Mana, our Wairua our Tinana and our Whakaroa which created cause and effects that accompany sexual violation. But also, to be part of a process that supports, Manakitanga, Tautoko and Awhi awareness across the Rohe, especially at a government, national and internationally stand point.

To be part of meeting and sharing with courage's Whanau, who come forward, and open themselves, for all to see, the Journeys of life, that differ but are the same, to creating a pathway of betterment of self and Whanau. Also, the privilege of the many presenters who shared their indigeneity that enabled myself not only to learn and glean from them but to experience the Ahua that was reflected.

So, I thankyou my friend for allowing me to be part of the Hui and hope the Waka is moving Steadily towards the next Hui.

Nga Mihi

Winton

**Ken Clearwater**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Ko Aoraki te mauunga  
Ko Takitimu te waka  
Ko Waitaki te awa  
Ko Ngai Tahu Kati Mamoe  
Ko Arowhenua te marae  
Ko George Te Kiteiwi James Russell Father  
Ko Elizabeth Waaka Mother  
Ko George Russell

Last year I had the oppertunity to attend the South South Institute Conference 2017.

As a survivor and of Maori decent it was an all inspiring conference to meet and speak to men from all walks of life. To listen to there stories and not feel alone and welcomed, To the guest speakers from here and oeverseas was invaluable.

To also meet the Maori organisations at the conference was a welcome sight and to look and learn there aspects of helping male survivors. For me as my parents told us as children was to use both Maori and European cultures to help you in your journey in life.

For Male abuse survivors it does work.

Thank You,

George Russell.  
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**Male Survivor Only Day 5th November**

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**3rd South-South Institute on Sexual Violence  
Against Men and Boys 2017**

**Aotearoa New Zealand**

**Male Survivor Only Day 5th November**

**301 Tuam Street Christchurch**

**Christchurch Community House Te Whakaruruhau  
ki Otautahi**



**Alan and Tom at the end of the six's days**

**Male Survivor Day**

**Sunday November 5th 2017**

**3rd South-South Institute on Sexual Violence Against Men and Boys**

**9am – 5pm**

Te Whakaruruhau ki Otautahi Christchurch Community House

301 Tuam Street

Christchurch

**Attended by 60 male survivors from New Zealand and around the world**

Facilitated by

Ken Clearwater

National Advocate

Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse Trust/Aotearoa New Zealand

and

Paul Dempsey

Field Worker

Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse Trust/Christchurch

Scribed by

Liz St Thomas

ARA Institute Christchurch

**Summary:**

There is a rich tangata whenua voice to survivors concerns.

1. I can walk a mile in your shoes...you wouldnt get to the front door in mine
2. Don't fix me
3. Government Departments, please treat us with respect
4. Help Maori survivors in the space that they feel safe, either in their own homes, or on the Marae
5. One thing that opened the door kei te pehea koe? (how are you?)
6. Maori language helpful "only knew he felt ashamed (whakama)"
7. Maoritanga helps stop the cycle, connection with the whenua

The common thread with pakeha as well as that of those from overseas were the following points:

1. Lack of acknowledgement of male survivors
2. Lack of research
3. Limited (and in some cases no) services and especially in rural areas
4. Lack of male friendly doorways for men to find themselves a way into survivor support services.
5. Lack of their story being known.
6. Shame guilt and fear are significant barriers to healing in a world where men regardless of colour creed are supposed to be tough and staunch.
7. Within the helping industry there are limited spaces where a man can feel safe to disclose.
8. And when they do disclose to mental health services in particular they are told not to talk about it as it will only retraumatise them.
9. Survivors weren't concerned about the gender of the therapist as long as the therapist were sympathetic to **their needs**
10. Stop treating our symptoms and get to the root cause.
11. We are different from women in some ways. We are also similar in others.
12. Doctors don't ask us if we are survivors before they suggest a prostate or genital check. They assume we won't be triggered.
13. Confusion over sexuality is normal is common with same sex and opposite sex offending and sexuality of the victim.
14. Grief over lost childhood. Fear of breaking up the family due to the disclosure. Rejection by some.
15. The healing power of being believed.
16. Victimisation while within systems including hospitals, prisons, "care", sports, schools.



17. Shaming by female perpetrators and the added confusion.
18. Being abused as a boy left it unclear about being a victim. This was compounded by the ignorance of childhood/youth.
19. Having an erection plus possible ejaculation leaves the victim feeling more responsible for the abuse.

Ken spoke about how the government want a toolkit to help male survivors.

Today is your (survivor) voice, confidential and going to government.

Ken introduces Liz St Thomas and her role as scribe and asked the guys if it was OK to have a women share with us, it was a unanimous YES

Ken welcomes everyone nau mai haere mai to Te Whakaruruhau ki Otautahi

And opened with a Karakia.

Ken acknowledged everyones courage, put the fear to one side, we need survivors voices heard if changes are to be made.

There are different workshops during the day, up to participants as to how that goes and what they attend.

The importance of Māori voice to be heard, acknowledged how difficult is is sometimes for Māori in a pākeha system

Encouraging Māori to break up into their own caucus

Acknowledges the safe space for gay men to be openly gay...talk about their needs or transgender needs or anything else that crops up if anyone feels their voice is 'silenced' this is your day.

Anyone who was in institutional 'care' that was abused, there will be a Royal Commission, now is an important time to share views.

Paul does health and safety (Christchurch has been hit by many earthquakes)...meet outside on courtyard, checking everyone is registered, please don't leave without letting us know so we can ensure you are OK.

Think about whats important for your own safety...guidelines not rules

You don't have to say anything today, you can just listen, and only speak if you are comfortable to you dont have to answer any questions if you dont want to and you partake only in what you are comfortable with. Support is available if needed.

### **Guidelines For The Day (Survivors contribute their ideas)**

The right to say no, no touching, no sexual behaviour, ask before you give a hug, breathe, one person talking at a time, speak from the heart, mana and

understanding, confidentiality, no bad jokes, respect, permission to be who we need to be, listen to understand not to respond, ask that persons if it's ok to respond, trust and honesty.

If you are triggered today, let someone know if you have to leave.

Help yourselves to tea/coffee etc next door/please clean up afterwards.

Ken introduces Alistair and Chris the original founders of SSI (South-South Institute on Sexual Violence Against Men and Boys).

Ken gave a brief overview of the SSI and why it came about.

Rees Mann from South Africa messaged to say he will be late because his original flight was cancelled.

Indigenous people are extremely important, Ken wants today to come from a tangata whenua base which will be carried into the Conference on Monday and throughout the week.

A "gift" to the 3rd SSI, from Rev Maurice Gray MNZA, LTh, JP Upoko Runaka o Te Runaka ki Otautahi, Leader of the Urban Christchurch Tribal Council

spoken by Lewis Trembath

Ko te koroka o te "Hui Pawhera ki ka Tane me ka Tama", ara, kia whakarititia te kaupapa mana takata motuhake.

Ko te kaupapa, ara, Hakaia ka Arawhata

Ka uara e whai ake nei, ara,

- Ki te whanake he wahi ahurea whakarurutaka
- Kia tuku atawhai te whakaaro aroha ki ka takata katoa
- Me hoki ki te tuku taumata te reo korero o te pono

Ken translated into English,

The purpose of the conference "Sexual Violence Against Men and Boys" is to advance the jewel of one's identity, the plume of one's dignity and the soul of one's prestige.

The theme is 'Building Bridges'

The values are as follows;

- To develop a culturally safe place
- To offer grace and compassion to all
- To provide a platform for one's truth to be voiced.

This is our one opportunity as victim/survivors, to make the most of today and the week, to meet as many people as possible to share and enjoy the important moments.

Ken encouraged everyone to introduce themselves, name, where you're from, what you want and what you may get out of this day and the conference..

### **Survivors Responses...**

1. To listen
2. To learn
3. To be a part of the week and learn as much as possible
4. Acknowledge "Male survivors" were there for a participant when emergency psychline didn't believe he would do it
5. Acknowledge the help of purupuru whetu (agency)
6. Looking forward to māori caucus for male survivors
7. Abuse in the hospital system, giving a national voice to Māori mental health
8. The more voices as a combined unit can't be ignored, another hope for Māori caucus
9. Catholic Church and state 'care' abuse, acknowledged Ken who he met in prison, wouldn't be here if it wasn't for him.
10. Wants the voice mentioned of being abused by a female.
11. Abuse suppressed from childhood , bring a collective voice to the issues
12. To increase awareness of online grooming over social media
13. Acknowledge the bravery of everyone
14. Acknowledge the strength
15. Passion for advocating for males
16. Honour and privilege to be here, have a voice be heard, listened to and understood
17. Just being here denotes a strength from all individuals even if you don't speak
18. Meeting others, making new friends, listening to other's journeys

Chris from Uganda speaks ...Apologies from the two people absent from Uganda, Onen and Moninga...a short video from them to be shown at the conference, they were unable to come due to visa issues – activism from this end,

sorry that the application to immigration was not read properly, thrown in the bin because of country and colour of skin, first passport lost, came back to Uganda on special travel document, got 2nd passport, Embassy wouldn't release it until it was too late, Chris comes with anger and frustration...also part of the survivor experience.

SSI is an idea as opposed to an organisation. He talks briefly about how SSI came about during a conversation in New York in 2012 with Alastair and Ken at a MaleSurvivor conference. In New York the space wasn't used properly, it was very segregated, there was not enough time for people to talk, this is not how we want to do it, so SSI started. Thanks to Ken and thanks to all the survivors here. In 2013 Ken had an impact on the men in Uganda they were working with, during his visit and presentation at the first SSI, triggered a lot of activism. The journey from..victim – survivor - activist

**20. Abuse happens in isolation, healing happens with others.**

21. Hopes to be able express all emotions and let the system know that things need to change.

22. Standing ovation for survivor who has remained silent for 50 years. Really happy to be here and feel the support.

23. Grateful to be able to stand here and represent his whanau as a survivor, thankful and blessed and has felt alone but now sees all his brothers in the room

24. If I can save someone from 30 years of pain and trauma, thats what I want to do

25. Wrote a goodbye letter and realised there were lots of positive things in his life. He went to ACC counsellor, shared letter with son, son posted online and received heaps of support and then he met Ken. He wants to be very involved, has contacts with principle of boys High School, wants to be the ambulance at the top of the cliff...help others

26. Long journey, no rules, no boundaries, good and bad days,

27. Where are the people that did this? Seeing it more everyday in the media

28. Here to learn and support where he can.

29. Priest has been jailed for 26 months (within in the last two weeks), took it out on his parents, sentence not enough, still has to meet with the bishop for compensation, it's not about the money

30. Didn't realise through childhood until 13/14 what had actually happened, couldn't tell parents when he realised because it happened a few years prior, struggled through teen years

31, Health system doesn't deal well with male sexual abuse, its like they want you to take a pill and get over it.

32. International conference in New York 2003, the *international panel* was originated by Mike Lew (author "Victims No Longer" first book ever written about and for male survivors), asked for international panel, 5 min timeframe to speak about what's happening in each country and Ken was invited to be a part of the panel to discuss what was happening in New Zealand.

NY 2012 Assistant Secretary-General on Sexual Violence to the United Nations, Mbaranga Gasarabwe spoke with Chris, Alastair and Ken, she had no idea that males were victims of sexual trauma, went away to do something about it...we're going to hold the first workshop by the United Nations in 2013, Chris, Alastair and Ken were invited to be a part of it

33. Your voice is international

34. International delegates,, how to set up an international body to take the voice to the world...our voices today go to conference tomorrow

35. It was stated... in the past when everyone was moaning about the American conference that they should be grateful to the Americans for teaching us what not to do!

36. State care survivor shares news article and how statute of limitations in Australia has been lifted and plans on filing a case there.

## 11.00

Ken thanks everyone for a powerful sharing session

Ken explains the break away workshop/groups. From 11.20 – 12.00 and to write notes on paper. It's up to participants to choose how they organise themselves

**Topic One: What worked for you? what got you here today?** is the topic for the first breakaway workshops, **what connection helped to get you here today?**

Ken explains why it's important to have a Māori caucus, we need a Māori voice for New Zealand survivors

### Maori Caucus Responses:

1. "I Broke down and walked out of ACC assessment, I can walk in your shoes, but you couldn't make it to the front door in mine. Wanted to be in my space with myself after being triggered in counselling session with assessor to ensure no one got hurt..he eventually went back because he was sick of feeling this way.
2. "When someone pushes your buttons, you're going to take it or push back, take it out on the ones you love, it's not fair, needed my own understanding of how to beat it, it's myself that teaches myself and helps"
3. "Beating yourself up ends up beating others up (the ones you love)"
4. "Whaea tipuna was perpetrator,he was too young to understand about sex, only knew he felt ashamed (whakama) and that what she was doing was wrong. Brother

took drugs which added violence to the whanau and then raped him. Kaumatua knew he was coping by using his addiction. He tried to tell teacher and policeman, there was no social worker in his rural area, what really helped was having Māori understand his taha māori and help him with his te whare tapa wha" (Maori way of healing)

5. "Having someone else who is also an addict to help connect to the right persons to share your story."

6. "Whanau is important, when it happens with whanau they want to protect them (the perpetrator), I didn't want to see my father going to jail if he'd found out. I'm the youngest tane and considered very precious, if I'd told Dad, he would have dealt to perpetrator and he didn't want to lose his Dad and didn't want to be accused of being a liar"

7. "Has been dealing with this for just over a year. Was groomed but didn't know what it meant at 12. Had no clue of what sex was. The priest lived across the road from the school and had the choice of who he wanted as his alter boy. The priest gave him clothes to give to his mum and gave him lollies. A week later his name was called out by the nuns to go see the priest after school. He didn't want to and didn't know what to do, was too scared to tell his parents. He has lost his memories of his childhood before 12 because he had to set up barriers to protect himself. He refused to go to boarding school. He was only 12 and put with 13 and 14 year old boys talking about fucking and he had no idea what it was all about which made him put up more barriers. His dad passed when he was 17 and his mum couldn't understand why he didn't want to go out. He was only happy playing rugby and kept away from everything"

8." Barriers can help...was abused by male nurse at Sunnyside (mental health institution) ..who told him ."you're mine bitch" he was in seclusion, woke up in the morning sore, was drugged up, defence mechanism came up when that nurse was on duty. What helped was being believed. He had no rights under the act, the nurse had all the power. It was known as a gay pick up joint at Hillmorton (institution). Paul Dempsey believed him, someone he hardly knew believed him"

9. "Its all good to talk about it but how long can we hold that pain. My journey since April 2016, enough is enough, hearing and sharing means we don't have to hide or carry the pain and you can take the power back. We can't go back and undo so now we need to go on in our journey, not only survive but help others and understand the signs of abuse...shut down, don't want to talk aggression/violence/alcohol/drugs/gambling now want to help others not go through the length of suffering eg 30-40 years and hurting the ones we love"

10. "The longer you leave it, the harder it gets, it faded away into a box, life was out of control, moved away from whanau, kept running away, moved overseas, travelled the world on his own. South America was meant to be a trip of a lifetime, was a blur,

had a breakdown when he got back...heard Norm Hewitt speak and was triggered, couldn't believe an \*All Black could be a survivor"

11. "Getting closure would help"
12. "Seeing his younger brothers following in his footsteps and being violent towards the parents...those in the church were put on pedestals"
13. Maoritanga helps to stop the cycle, connection with the whenua"
14. "Think about the future and not wanting to lead others down the same path"
- 15 "Loss of culture, wasn't considered māori because of his fair skin, spent all his time explaining why he was māori
16. "Forgiving myself helped", enabled him to work on "himself"
17. "Its all in there, its what happens when it comes out"
18. "Gave up alcohol and drugs by going to AA, first move and then went to a church service and journey from there
19. "Mind was clear, isolated his thoughts, his te whare tapa wha all became clear and what his grandmother taught him..to be clean"
20. "Being open, asked for help"
- 21." Wanted to tell someone and would approach but didn't know how to put into words what he felt. One question.. ke te pēhea koe? opened the door up to listen to what the person has to share and provide that space"
22. "We are a race of warriors, we are supposed to be tough, build a bridge, get over it, toughen up, harden up...this isn't the problem, how many of us have heard that"
23. Whanau and relationship have helped, having an avenue to speak, having that opportunity to talk, speaking about our taki. His partner allowed him to share what happened.
24. Building relationships fantail coming into whare and circling around him...being holistic and spiritual.

### **What has helped?**

#### **Feedback from all survivors after workshop one (5 mins each)**

Access to information on internet

Peer support groups because there are no forms to fill in. Survivors do not like having to fill in forms. (some survivors are illiterate)

Education of families and communities

Acceptance of disclosure

Family support

Individual counselling

Inner drive

AA

Sharing stories

Good providers that are dedicated and a blend of practitioners

Good GP's and youth leadership

A safe place that is confidential outside of the home

Identity – make yourself right first

Dont isolate

Share with those who care

Counselling (after dealing with substance abuse)

Stop the cycle of family violence

Using whats learnt

Trust

Knowledge that it does happen in Maori culture, every race, every country

Naming and shaming – why do we give them the power to carry on doing what they are

Relationships

Psychodrama

Community

Good night's sleep

Calming mind and body to prepare for a good sleep

Having someone in our life thats not trying to fix us, wellbeing and not health

Creating and finding a safe place for healing

Going at our own pace

Activism – challenging the ideas

Accepting that trust will be difficult

Being encouraged to talk openly



Place of safety to talk

Recognising sexual abuse does not define sexual orientation

Finding spirituality

Finding the right therapist

Forgiveness of self

Can no longer be a hidden secret

Take off our masks and share!

Honesty

Good support groups

Realising you're not alone

Media need to stop lying

Challenging the "toughen up" talk

Wants government to know the cost of proper support (peer support groups) outweighs the cost of prison, rehab etc

Recognition

Survivor networking especially with those in the Hawkes Bay catchment

Te whare tapa whā and education in the model

Tools help you move forward

ACC – its not an accident, now has a contact in the agency that is compassionate to needs of men

Addiction support and education

Consent discussions

Judge gave leniency in court case from 3 years to 6 months because of background of abuse

Develop self preservation

Embrace adult self

Acceptance including self

Questioning bizarre and out of character behaviour

Freedom to repeat things

Meditation

Humour including dark

Self care

Political support for men bringing a wider voice

Normalising abuse so it isn't hidden any more

Knowing healing is a lifetime commitment

Giving back to others

Breaking the silence

Finding a voice

Being legitimised

Personalising experience

Bringing feelings and thoughts together

Avoiding abusive people

Learning assertiveness

Confronting the abuser/abusers

Expressing anger and emotions in a purposeful way

Remove the numbness to embrace the healing

Having children and responsibilities

ACC

Being asked what 'happened' to you as opposed to what's 'wrong' with you

Redefining our belief systems eg – going to church but the opposite happening at home

More use of nature and spirituality to aid in healing

Express emotions through creativity – performance, arts etc express in a healthy way

Knowing we're together and not alone

Take a chance on trusting and not knowing what trust is, learning what safe is, learning how to be vulnerable

Sober up to experience things in the proper way

Trauma can't be processed when you're under the influence

Living closer to values, when values and behaviour don't match we feel bad as men

'Be seen and not heard'...heard this all the time as children, always stuck in his mind, time to break that cycle, kids should be heard, they are crying out to be heard

It didn't happen, the abuse was 'done to you'

**1.30pm**

**Topic Two: What do we want to tell the therapists? Break away workshops**

Ken spoke of the significance of "today" 5th November being Guy Fawkes Day which we in New Zealand celebrate– fireworks – we celebrate Guy Fawkes but not the atrocities that happened at Parihaka 5th November 1881– when 1600 Government Troops invade western Taranaki (North Island) settlement of Parihaka which had come to symbolise peaceful resistance to the confiscation of Maori land, several hundred Maori were imprisoned without trial in the South Island... and destruction of much of the village was ordered.

Ken wants to acknowledge the trauma the women, men and children had suffered.

**Maori Caucus Responses during Workshop...**

1. "Can't change our pasts but we can move forward and learn"
2. "As male survivors, "this" (change from conference/funding/peer support groups is what we need for healing"
3. "some Therapists look down on us, like they are better than us"
4. "We, the male survivors are the experts"
5. "Don't like Psychiatrists who shut down the conversation...don't bring it up, you'll just re-traumatise yourself."
6. "Don't like being told, don't tell your story..you will re-traumatise yourself by ACC counsellor"
7. "Don't like being told don't talk about it, its going to hurt"
8. "Don't like "don't worry, eventually you will get over it"
9. Survivor abused by another patient at hillmorton whilst in there for treatment, you have re-injured your old injury...no, it was new, can't have old depression"
10. "Don't shut the patient down from talking"
11. Doesn't want someone with a smile, wants someone who has been through it themselves because it makes them feel comfortable....being asked "what would you like to do? You can tell they love their job, they have compassion"
12. As soon as he was offered a karakia, he felt the connection"

13. Don't like "they're the teacher, you're the pupil (old school)
14. Want to be talked to, not down to, not around
15. Wants face to face, cultural, kutu, karakia, the cultural dynamics, if you don't have the whakaaro or setting the whakapapa and kaupapa of why you're there.
16. Don't want clinical, want cultural - a hongi opens doors, seeing te māori in the clinic gives the feel of connection
17. His GP referred him to a psychologist, after disclosing sexual abuse he showed him a list of counsellors for him to see – its been a good experience all the way through, he tried all the numbers, eighth person answered and asked "would you like to meet tonight?" has gone from there
- 18 Liked a counsellor who oozed welcome – built up a Picture of who he was before talking about the abuse, asking questions about him and his whanau
19. Likes a practitioner who is at ease, no judgement, knows what they're doing
20. No time constraints/limits...for as long as you need
21. All comes down to trust
22. Freedom to choose who you work with
23. Breaking barriers to find the bond
  
24. Didn't like therapists who reflect/paraphrase back,
25. Therapist who brings their heart as well as their head to the session
26. Practitioners with knowledge and understanding of male sexual abuse

**Survivor Group Feedback from Topic Two Workshop: What we want therapists to know...**

1. Be compassionate and empathetic
2. Have shared struggles
3. Be honest
4. Impart a sense of hope
5. Dont be a textbook doctor
5. Be a fellow survivor (trained)
6. Dont be arrogant
7. Don't be ignorant

8. Dont be condescending
9. Dont be dismissive
10. Dont be domineering
11. Dont offer simple solutions
- 12, Dont be opinionated
13. Don't be repetitive – repeat what you've said...some survivors do NOT like this
14. Don't be closed to different ideas...alternative treatments
15. Think outside the square
16. Use a holistic approach...everyone
17. Kai is a cultural aspect – cleansing to eat – caring by taking out for a kai
18. A good doctor wont ask if i need more meds...they will ask how are you doing instead
19. Doctors need to prescribe medications TOGETHER with therapy, not as the solution
20. Don't have a negative attitude, survivors feel like you're a burden on them
21. Would rather the counsellor state they needed to reschedule in order to give them full attention if they're unable to for whatever reason
  
22. Gender doesnt matter when it comes to counselors
23. Clean and safe
24. Trained in how to deal with disclosure
25. Trauma informed therapist
26. Ask me if you want to take notes and show them to me
27. Avoid should and should not
28. De stigmatise
29. Take politics out of therapy
30. Dont try to fix or rescue
31. Less bureaucratic obstacles so story doesn't have to be told over and over
32. Cater for cultural beliefs
33. Better mental health system

34. Treat whole family
35. Wellbeing checks
36. Don't want to feel interrogated
37. Have their dignity maintained
38. Need more support
39. Be able to feel free to express any special requirements
40. No ACC judgements during assessments
41. Wants accountability – need to have consequences for those who screw up
42. Publicity of services
43. Address the Regional differences – services need to be available around the country
44. ACC don't understand the costs involved when survivors aren't taken care of
45. Need more advocacy services
46. Need more funding
47. Record assessments – challenge things that are written – client protection
- 48 Deal with confidentiality issues with where reports are sent
49. Caller ID – no ID, don't answer the calls
50. Have involvement in all communication relating to claim
  
51. Cater for those whose abuse didn't happen here in NZ – for migrants etc
52. No labels
53. Better information and support through restorative justice process
54. Dont change psychologists without communication or consistency/follow through
55. The medical model is deficit based
56. Work with support network along with survivor
57. Have some education/prevention tools
58. Wants guidance from other survivors
59. Maintain awareness of shame
60. Show records of errors
61. Be mindful of words you're using

62. Need consistency throughout the process– being bounced around, forced to repeat story

63. Let the survivors define healing!!!!!!

### **3.20 Topic Three for Workshop: Recommendations from the conference to be taken to the government**

**How is it to be treated at government departments, the prison system, double bunking, winz? How do we need to be looked after in prison care...doctors who have male patients, how many ask patient is this going to affect you, is me touching you going to be a problem...doctors not trained.**

**Winz, Corrections, GP**

### **Maori Caucus Workshop Responses..**

1. Stop the new prisons planning on double bunking – this increases the risk of abuse
2. Asking prisoners if being stripped search is going to cause trauma
3. Soft Beatings by police after an arrest, mattress over body to cushion blows by baton - becomes a silent voice/victimised again
4. Going to WINZ when you've come out of jail...sharing private info...work broker advised to be open and honest about conviction but that worked against him, can't get work.
5. Beaten by prison guards for not complying
- 6.No security cameras in the pound – need them!
7. WINZ put you on the spot, you have to be honest in the middle of the foyer in reception, having to disclose in a public arena, asked for māori worker, didn't get it, asked for a private room and eventually got it
8. If he asked for food assistance, or any financial assistance, they blamed it on his gambling addiction, they had his history on the computer
9. They (winz etc) want the honesty but are not sensitive or culturally appropriate about it
10. Don't like the preconceived ideas about male survivors,their files are read and judgements are made
11. Feeling stigmatised

12. Any previous history of violence follows you, when you disclose that violence has been done to you,

13. Alienating and treating you based on your history and past

14. Before his own history, the history of a survivors whanau follows him and he's judged by that and treated terribly as a result...told by the police "you're nothing, you'll end up like your whanau"

### **3.55 Ken introduces Louise Nicholas**

Louise is to be the MC for the week of SSI and and this was opportunity for the guys to meet a fellow survivor knowing that for this healing to work it is males and female working and supporting together.

### **Feedback from Survivors on Topic Three – Recommendations for the government.**

1. Treat us with dignity
2. Medical certificates -take off sensitive details
3. Strip searches minimised and done with dignity
- 4, Winz be forthcoming and tell me what I'm entitled to
5. Stop the beatings by other prisoners and guards
6. WINZ are bastards the way they talk about their clients
7. Get rid of the two week standown because he can't get a job due to coming out of prison
8. Stop the 'Power' over us
9. Lack of recognition of male survivor statistics
10. If you're a survivor and don't say anything you'll miss out
11. Clincial training needs to include male sexual abuse
12. Ministry of Social Development is what its called but its the ministry of social ignorance
13. Payments abolished in 1992 for compensation
14. Men getting barred from WINZ...need advocates to protect from being bullied and manipulated and treated as a lesser human being
15. Needs to be mandatory for teachers to report abuse
16. There is little to no acknowledgement of a man's good history
17. There needs to be a lead agency to deal with male sexual abuse
18. Different genders have different needs in healing



19. Respect privacy
20. Develop guidelines for training
21. Want funding for peer support groups – they work

Ken talks about his meetings with MSD and ACC – making peer support a recognised model in order to secure funding. This conference will go back to them in support of this.

Ken acknowledged the difficulties many have had over the years with ACC and says he has seen changes and that ACC are looking at how they can do better and that is why they have helped sponsor the SSI and be involved.

All funding has to be accountable, can't be accountable without record, how do we keep the records confidential and what about males who don't want to fill out forms, how do we support them.

Evaluation sheet for survivors DRAFT from MSD – Ken shares it with everyone to have a look at – its for peer support workers, then feed back to MSSAT.

We no longer are listed as "other", we now have official "male survivor" status.

Closed with a Karakia

**End of Survivor Day.**

**Bristlecone Project, Canterbury Museum 6th November 2017 - 1st April 2018**

An Exhibiton at the Canterbury Museum of 24 black and white photos with stories of New Zealand male survivors and 6 from overseas [www.bristleconeproject.org](http://www.bristleconeproject.org)

The survivors who were here, who were in the Bristlecone Project at the Museum went and had a look before the official opening on Monday night.

Further Maori translation available on [www.maoridictionary.co.nz](http://www.maoridictionary.co.nz)

- Karakia - Prayer
- Nau mai haere mai - welcome
- Te Whakarururhau ki Otautahi name gifted to gifted to Christchurch Community House by Runaka
- Kaupapa – Maori approach-customary practice
- Whakaaro – to think-plan-consider-decide
- Whakapapa – genealogy-legends
- Kai – food
- Taki – entice-challenge-lead
- Kei te pehea koe? How are you?
- Tipuna – ancestors-grandparents
- Whakama – to be ashamed/embarrassed
- Whanau – extended family group-a familiar term to address to a number of people
- Kaumata – elderly-old-aged
- Tane – husband-male-man
- Hongi – to press noses in a greeting
- Tanga – a suffix used to make verbs into nouns
- Aotearoa – New Zealand

#### Founders of South-South Institute on Sexual Violence Against Men and Boys

Dr Chris Dolan, Refugee Law Project, Kampala, Uganda (2013)

Alastair Hilton, Terre des Hommes based in Phnom Penh  
Cambodia (2015)

Ken Clearwater, Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse/Aotearoa New  
Zealand (2017)

New Zealand Government Departments and Sponsors

- ACC** Major Sponsor of the 3rd SSI  
Accident Compensation Department – everyone in New Zealand is covered by our no-fault scheme if they have been injured in an accident. The cover provides helps pay for teh costs of recovery  
ACC/SCU (Sensitive Claims Unit)- sensitive claims contract provides therapy to clients that have experienced sexual violence
- MSD** Ministry of Social Development - public service department charged with advising governemnt on social policy and providing social serbvices.
- WINZ** Work and Income – provides employment and financial assistance throughout New Zealand.
- TPK** Te Puni Kokori – public service department charged with advising government on policies and issues affecting Maori Communities.

Te Putahitanga o Te Waipounamu (non-government)

– a partnership between nine iwi ( Maori community or people) of Te Waipounamu (South Island) to invest in bold approaches to building substainable Whanau capability

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