

# PRESENTER DR PHIL WATTS

Dr Phil Watts, is a well-known West Australian psychologist who is endorsed to practice in both clinical and forensic areas. He is the author of "Surviving the Witness Box" (2007); "Shared Care or Divide Lives (2008); "IP: DIY Internet Pornography: Do It Yourself Treatment Guide for Men" (2014); "A Psychological Survival Guide for Breast Cancer" (2015); "Casino Life: Psychology and Culture of Casino Gambling"(2018). He is also an adjunct associate professor in clinical psychology at the University of Canberra and teaches on a casual basis at Murdoch University.

With nearly 30 years' experience as a psychologist, the last 26 in private practice, Dr Phil has a broad range of forensic and clinical experience. He runs a busy practice involving forensic assessment of families and individuals, and clinical treatment of adults in Perth. A significant aspect of his practice includes running training courses for various professions including psychologists, social workers, and lawyers. Due to popular demand, this is his fourteenth national training circuit providing practical skills training to psychologists. With over 1200 appointments as "Single Expert" in the Family Court and 1000 reports for other courts, he is highly experienced within the legal arena.

He has given evidence in numerous trials in the Children's, Family, District and Supreme Courts. He has also appeared before the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board and the Immigration Appeals Tribunal. An interesting peculiarity is that he actually enjoys giving evidence in court!

## WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

	Venue	CASE NOTES	REPORT WRITING	PAI
Melbourne	Clarion Suites Gateway, 1 William St	Mon 1 April 2019	Tue 2 April 2019	NA
Canberra	Pacific Suites 100 Northbourne St, Canberra	Thu 4 April 2019	NA	NA
Brisbane	George Williams Hotel, 317 George St Brisbane	Mon 4 Mar 2019	Tue 5 Mar 2019	Weds 6 Mar 2019
Sydney	Rydges Sydney Central, 28 Albion St, Surry Hills	Thu 7 Mar 2019	Fri 8 Mar 2019	Weds 14 Aug 2019
Cairns	Pullman Reef Casino, 35-41 Wharf St, Cairns	Thu 22 Aug 2019	NA	NA

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## A PSYCHOLOGICAL SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR BREAST CANCER

**\$29.50 + POSTAGE**

A helpful guide for women diagnosed with breast cancer and those who support them. Practical, useful, and brief. 2015 Publication.



## SURVIVING THE WITNESS BOX

EXPERT OPINION IN COURT.

**\$45.00 + POSTAGE**

A revised, expanded and updated version of the very popular 'A Reliable Witness'. An easy to read reference on surviving the court experience, includes expanded information on report writing and giving evidence. Written in a friendly and light hearted fashion. 2009 Publication.



## SHARED CARE OR DIVIDED LIVES?

WHAT'S BEST FOR CHILDREN WHEN PARENTS SEPARATE.

**\$39.50 + POSTAGE**

A practical guide for parents and lawyers about what children need when parents separate. The emphasis is on the needs of children and how to best achieve a positive outcome. A great tool for clients and a handy aid for the professional. 2008 Publication.



## IP:DIY INTERNET PORNOGRAPHY:

DO-IT-YOURSELF TREATMENT GUIDE FOR MEN

**\$39.50 + POSTAGE**

A handy workbook for men to understand and address internet pornography issues. It includes 60 practical exercises. 2014 Publication



## FIT TO PRACTICE:

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT STARTING YOUR OWN PSYCHOLOGY PRACTICE IN AUSTRALIA BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

**\$30 + POSTAGE** Published 2016.



## CASINO LIFE:

PSYCHOLOGY AND CULTURE OF CASINO GAMBLING

**\$24.95 + POSTAGE**

A practical introduction into casino gambling in Australia. Published 2018.



2019  
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TRAINING SCHEDULE

# DR PHIL WATTS WORKSHOPS

**CASE-NOTES & RECORDS:  
ETHICAL, LEGAL & PRACTICAL  
CONSIDERATIONS**

**WRITING REPORTS FOR COURT:  
PRACTICAL SKILLS FOR  
CLINICIANS**

**PAI – INTRODUCTORY AND  
ADVANCED INTERPRETATIONS**

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## **CASE NOTES AND RECORDS: ETHICAL, LEGAL & PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The APS Code of Ethics requires psychologists to make and keep adequate records.

Ever wondered what is an adequate record?

The Code also requires psychologists to maintain privacy and security of records. This workshop is all about notes and records.

The morning focuses on the requirements of record keeping. Some of the questions you will be able to answer are things like:

- > Who owns the notes?
- > How do you deal with a subpoena?
- > When can you release the notes?
- > How long do you need to keep your records?
- > Can I make the records electronic?

In the afternoon the focus is on practical skills. You will see a short video clip of an interview and make your own notes. Then we will look at how your notes stand up – did you get all the important information, is there sufficient detail, and how could you give an account of this session in a legal proceeding. We will then discuss several different modes of keeping notes and discuss interesting things like fact and hearsay, what matters in your notes should you go to court, and would you survive an AHPRA audit.

## **WRITING REPORTS FOR COURT: PRACTICAL SKILLS FOR CLINICIANS**

A properly written report is the best defence against going to court, yet most health professionals receive no formal training in structuring reports for the legal forum. Whether you regularly conduct independent assessments, or you are a treatment provider occasionally having to produce a report, the style and format are key factors as to whether a report will be useful to the judiciary and helpful to your own testimony.

This workshop effectively explains what the court system is looking for in a report and helps you develop ways to “lawyer-proof” your written work. It is designed to help you get the most out of your assessment data. It emphasises the critical issue of forensic mindset versus the treatment approach to cases. The workshop structure consists of four main sections. These sections will help you:

- > Understand the general principles of effective court reports
- > Consider the issues in producing treatment reports
- > Formulate effective injury compensation reports
- > Write useful reports of the Justice System. The workshop is ideal for those new to the area while experienced practitioners will enjoy comparing their approach to the sample reports.

## **PAI (PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT INVENTORY) – INTRODUCTORY & ADVANCED INTERPRETATIONS**

For the last 25 years the PAI has been establishing itself as a psychological instrument of practical utility in assessing clinical pathology. This workshop is designed to help psychologists get the most from an assessment which involves the PAI.

The focus of the workshop is on practical skills training. The format of the day involves an initial review of the nature and structure of the PAI clinical scales in the morning. The practical skills training involve analysing a real protocol to establish confidence in using this tool both in formal assessments and clinical cases. The afternoon section focusses on response style indicators and detecting positive and negative (malingering) response patterns.

This workshop uses group discussion throughout the day. A range of cases are considered including family court, workers compensation, criminal related matters, and clinical assessment. The cases are real clients but different examples to those of the previous years’ workshop. Application in personnel selection is NOT discussed.

- > The morning introductory component assumes no pre-existing knowledge about the PAI.
- > The advance part of the workshop runs in the afternoon.
- > This covers advance aspects of the PAI, response style indicators, effortful and non-effortful discussions, and other advanced tools
- > Includes discussion on Corrective Services Norms and Selection Applications.