



Acknowledgment...

'I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet today. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders past and present and extend respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who may be present in the room today.'











Taking care of you... and each other



Who is Bravehearts?

Bravehearts' Mission
To stop child sexual assault in our society.

Bravehearts' Vision
To make Australia the safest place in the world to raise a child.

- ### Bravehearts Programs
-  Counselling
 -  Advocacy and Case Management
 -  Education and Prevention Programs
 -  Bravehearts Information and Support Line
 -  Training and Workshops
 -  Research and Lobbying
 -  Royal Commission
 -  Child Place Health and Safety
 -  Community Engagement and Fundraising
 -  Sexual Assault Disclosure Scheme and Join the Dots

- ### Join the Dots: Keeping safe online
- Partnership between Bravehearts and Task Force Argos, Queensland Police that sees the Australian-first online reporting tool for young people to anonymously provide information on cyber predators.
 - It aims to provide a safe, anonymous and official process by empowering young people to use their knowledge and skills to identify and report predatory behaviour which will lead to the prosecution of offenders and protect younger internet users.
 - Join the Dots reporting guidelines ask questions such as what happened, where the incident occurred, whether it was on a social networking site or an app and what type of device was being used when the incident occurred.
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- Statistics on the number of children receiving on-line solicitations are alarming. In the US, one in five children who use the internet had been approached by a sex offender. Meanwhile, the UK Online Protection Centre reportedly receives 400 phone calls a month from young people who have been approached by a sex offender on the internet.
- While more research needs to be done in Australia, the Commonwealth DPP reported 376 child exploitation charges under the Criminal Code in 2012-13.



Bravehearts Program: Join the Dots

Tell us about the person you have concerns about

Tell us about what happened



Social Media

The Daily News

500 Pages • 7 Sections • \$6.00

SIR: I haven't got a computer, but I was told about Facebook and Twitter and am trying to make friends outside Facebook and Twitter while applying the same principles.

Every day, I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel, what I have done the night before and what I will do for the rest of the day. I give them pictures of my wife, my daughter, my dog and me gardening and on holiday, spending time by the pool. I also listen to their conversations, tell them I 'like' them and give them my opinion on every subject that interests me... whether it interests them or not.

And it works. I already have four people following me: two police officers, a social worker, and a psychiatrist.



Did you know?



2013/14 in Australia

1 in 37

children received child protection services in 2013/14 in this country.



How many monthly active Facebook users are there as at June 2015 ?

1.4 Billion

1.4 Trillion

1.4 Million

Who cares



In fact.....



Grooming

- "A process by which a person prepares a child, significant adults and the environment for the abuse of a child".
- Specific goals include gaining access to the child, gaining the child's compliance and maintaining the child's secrecy to avoid disclosure.



What are some of the other issues?

- Trolling (tagging and bagging)
- Cyberbullying
- Unwanted contact
- Online gaming
- Digital reputation
- Balancing online time with ...life
- Protecting personal information



Targeting Victims....

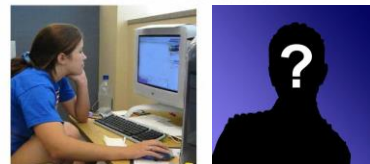
Children tend to fall into two basic target categories when offenders choose victims

- Proximity
- Vulnerability



One of the big issues ...online grooming

CHAT ROOMS



Hi. You sound real cute!!
How old are you and what
do you like doing after school?

I am 14 and a bit of a fitness
fanatic. I often go power lifting
after school.



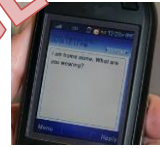
Social Networking

- Over 1 billion Facebook users worldwide
- Approximately 12 million Facebook users in Australia – the majority between 18 and 34 years of age
- 14-19 year old Australians have an average of 464 online friends



Sexting

- A term used to describe the sexually explicit texts or images sent via mobile phones
- Focus on a phenomenon where sexting is malicious and exploitative.



OFFENCE



Secret Calculator App



Defining Online Grooming

- Type of online behaviour designed to 'seduce' or lure children into sexual behaviour or conversations with or without children's knowledge (McCarthy and Gaunt, 2005).
- Process of on-line socialisation during which an offender interacts with a child in order to prepare him/her for sexual abuse (Davidson and Martellozzo., 2008)



In One Study

- Ethnographic 4 year research
- 1 Detective Undercover
- Yahoo Groups and other Social Networks –Hi5- My Space- Ringo- Multiply- Green Room- Bebo- Facebook- Twitter
- Lucy: 13- profile
- Picture on line
- Approx. 2000 individuals were interested in her profile
- 27 arrests in 12 months



Grooming Language

- Let's go private
- Where is the computer in your house?
- You are the only person I do this with
- I am the only person who really understands you
- You seem sad, tell me what's bothering you
- What's your phone number?
- You're the love of my life
- You are so beautiful/sexy
- You're so mature for your age

really really love you



Chat Example

15 year old female engaged via photo sharing web site

Offender: you're a model rite

Victim: no

Offender: wow really..are you interested in it

Victim: a lil

Offender: I work for a mag and we like your look

Victim: I wanna be a model..wat do I have to wear

Offender: underwear bikinis

(chat continues about money and age. Offender knows she is 15)

Offender: do you have a camera....can you take some pics now

Victim: of wat



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Offender: bikinis mini skirt

Victim: I have pics like that

Offender: email me some

Victim: will send them tomorrow

Offender: boss needs to see them now to make a decision

Victim: (uploads a number of images onto photo sharing site)

Offender: awesome very nice babe

(chat then moves to whether the victim wants to be part of an adult movie – asked to send explicit photos of herself)

Offender: if you wont take pics of yourself how are you going to go in the mag

Offender: the boss is telling me to get those photos



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(victim is expressing some reluctance)

Offender: hi im aaron the boss I need to know if you really want this

Victim: I really want it

Offender: we love everything so far but we need to see ur body so I will give you another chance to send the pics

Victim: its my life dream I never wanted anything more

(victim then sends a number of explicit photos to the offender via email)



How offenders create a profile.. example

- Select a child from Facebook, Instagram or YouTube (they now have a name or they can change it)
- Visit school websites, google images and select photos
- Create a Facebook page and connect (privately) with other young people and adolescents ..it is as easy as that



Live streaming.....AFP media report January 2014

- An organised crime group, which facilitated the live streaming of child sexual abuse to order in the Philippines has been dismantled after a joint investigation by the UK's National Crime Agency (NCA), the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
- Operation Endeavour, which began in 2012, has resulted in (to date):
 - 29 international arrests
 - 11 were part of the facilitation group in the Philippines
 - 12 countries involved in the arrest of individuals who had been paying for the live abuse of children
 - 15 children in the Philippines aged between 6 -15 identified and safeguarded from sexual abuse
 - Over £37,500 identified as having been paid for the live abuse of children by the customer network



So Keeping Yourself Safe.....

- Private stuff needs protection
- You can only really know someone if you know them in real life
- What you share will always be there
- Not everyone online is who they say they are
- If something doesn't feel right, tell a trusted adult (you can use Join the Dots app to do this anonymously)



Other Useful Sites Links

The Australian Government's Easy Guide to Socialising Online provides information on how internet users can protect themselves and their information when using social networking sites, search engines and online games. [Check out the Easy Guide.](#)

There are some exceptional sites that can help parents and young people learn more about safe internet use:

- [CyberSmart](#)
- [ThinkUKnow](#)
- [CyberQuoll](#)
- [Zippo Zippop's Astro Circus](#)
- [NetAlert](#)



Key Contacts - National

- **Police**
 - If immediate risk call emergency "000"
 - If not at immediate risk call your local office or Police Assistance Line 13 14 14.
- **Bravehearts**
 - 1800 BRAVE 1 (1800 272 831) www.bravehearts.org.au
 - Email: Bisl@bravehearts.org.au
- **Kids Helpline:** 1800 55 1800
- **Lifeline:** 13 11 14
- **1800 RESPECT** (National Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence line): 1800 737 732
- **Family Relationship Advice:** 1800 050 321



Questions, Comments, Feedback?

