



Restorative Circles* + Conflict System Development

with Kate Raffin and Sarah McCure

'Conflict is inevitable, but combat is optional.' - Max Lucado

Lorinna Community Hall, Tasmania

Thurs 8th + Fri 9th Feb 2018, 1- 5pm

Thursday is a pre-requisite to Friday.

Please join other interested folk, Kate and Sarah for 2 afternoons of exploring how else we might respond to conflict when it shows up in anywhere in our lives.

However you define your community – as family, neighbourhood, workplace, town, country, we ask **'What is your community's system of responding to conflict ?'**

Whether we walk away, stay and battle it out or call a mediator, we are responding.

How effective are these responses ? What else is possible ?

"The more distance I put between myself and a conflict, the louder it becomes.

Responding Restoratively to conflict is part to our cultural heritage. Instead of thinking we have to learn something new, we are remembering or rediscovering something very old which we need to update" - Dominic Barter co-founder of Restorative Circles.

Contribution : I offer this work in the aim of supporting sustainability for us all.

Please contribute at the top of your ability. **Suggested \$60 - \$200.**

No one will be turned away due to lack of funds.

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TESTIMONIALS:

'Thank you Kate, I am taking away not only a whole new process for applying Restorative Justice Practice, but large thoughts on how and where such practices can be put into play. Personally this workshop supports and broadens my skills and understandings on LIVING the principles and values of Restorative Practice and Nonviolent Communication' - Richard Hood, Forum Sentencing facilitator, Maleny 2016.

'On a personal level - I am taking away the understanding that life is messy and no one is free from conflict. It's a part of life. On community level, how to resolve conflicts in a better way. It's a great tool to work with and I love the fact that 'the circle holds itself', trust in a process in working with people and listening to others with my full attention' - Participant - Maleny 2016.

Kate is a nationally accredited mediator, skilled facilitator and certified trainer with the centre for Nonviolent Communication. More info on Kate [see](http://www.nvcaustralia.com/?action=trainer&id=40) - <http://www.nvcaustralia.com/?action=trainer&id=40>

***A Restorative Circle is a community process for supporting those in conflict.**

Restorative Circles are facilitated in 3 stages designed to identify the key factors in the conflict, reach agreements on next steps, and evaluate the results. As a circle forms, it invites shared power, mutual understanding, self-responsibility and effective action. www.restorativecircles.org