



Symposium 2024

The Australian Fatherhood Research Symposium is the peak event for Australian fatherhood researchers and practitioners and it is returning in 2024.

Join us on Thursday 16 & Friday 17 May 2024 at Deakin Downtown, Melbourne or online via Zoom for this annual showcase of fatherhood research, international keynote speaker and priority networking event.

Build and consolidate collaborations with other researchers and industry practitioners who work fathers. The event is co-hosted by Deakin University SEED Lifespan and the University of Newcastle, and organised by the Australian Fatherhood Research Consortium, to advance the science of fatherhood, inform practice and policy, and promote healthy inclusion of fathers in family life.

Keynote speaker:

Dr Milton Kotelchuck of Harvard Medical School

Engaged Fatherhood for Men, Families and Gender Equality: Advances in Research, Practice and Policy

Member Publications

It has been a very busy and productive year for the membership of the Australian Fatherhood Research Consortium! Members are invited to add their ORCID number to our consortium list, which we use to generate the recent publications from Scopus. If you would like to be added to the list or we missed one of your papers, send us an email and we will ensure that it is included in to our first update in 2024: david.hawkins@deakin.edu.au

Here are our membership's fatherhood-focused publications from across 2023:

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