

Access Psychology

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featuring:

- Crisis counselling: Skills and methods.
- History of Critical Incident Stress Management: Problem formation and problem resolution.
- Applications of CISD to Disaster management: Natural, man-made and terrorist.

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“Postcards from Ground Zero” RRP \$27.95 (GST incl.)
“Its All Good” RRP \$33 (GST incl.)
“Best Practice for Human Services RRP \$66 (GST incl.)
“Are We There Yet?” RRP \$33 (GST incl.)

About the seminar

This seminar is a culmination of Paul Stevenson's Disaster Management experiences over the past fifteen years, and endeavours to integrate Theory and Practice in relation to Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) and the treatment of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

The first part presents fundamental skills and methods in dealing with people in traumatic situations. Paul will comment on psycho-neurological processing of trauma as an indicator to treatment of grief and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder.

The second part takes an historical view of Australian disasters, starting with the Moura Mine Disaster, and leading onto the Port Arthur Shootings and the Thredbo Landslip. Paul will describe what worked and what didn't work (from his perspective), with regard to the theoretical model, and lessons learned about CISM in the field.

The third part looks at Disaster Management and Terrorism, and its impact around the world. Paul has attended five terrorist related disasters in Indonesia and Australia, and will present analyses of the Bali Bombings (2002 and 2005), the J.W. Marriott Hotel and Australian Embassy Bombings in Jakarta, and comment on other disasters such as the London Bombings, Hurricane Katrina, the Beaconsfield Mine Disaster, and Cyclone Larry. He will compare the impacts of natural and man-made disasters and examine the differences between Eastern and Western cultural impacts and recoveries.

About the presenter

Paul J. Stevenson OAM is a registered Psychologist with 36 years experience in the Human Services Industry, evenly divided between Social Work and Psychology, and to the private and public sectors. He is a Clinical Psychologist, who also holds a Masters Degree in Organizational Psychology. Over the past fifteen years, he has specialized in the clinical treatment of victims of trauma, and the strategic design and evaluation of Disaster Management interventions. He is a former National President of the Australian College of Clinical Psychologists, a former Consultant to the Psychologist's Board of Queensland, a presiding member of the Queensland Health Practitioner's Tribunal, a member of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, a Forensic Consultant to the Queensland Police Service, and a former lecturer for Bond and Griffith Universities.

In these capacities, Paul has provided an on-site consultancy service to most major disasters in Australia (over the past fifteen years), and more recently to international disasters involving Australians. These include the Moura Mine Disaster, the Charleville Floods and Droughts, the Port Arthur Shootings, the Thredbo Landslip, the Margaret River Landslide, the Bali Bombings, the J.W. Marriott Hotel Bombing (Jakarta), and businesses affected by the Australian Embassy Bombings in Jakarta. Paul was also an adviser to the Prime Minister during the Indian Ocean Tsunami campaign, and has provided assessment services to the custodial staff of the Asylum Seekers on Nauru.

During the Port Arthur campaign, Paul was Queensland Coordinator of the Incident Recovery Service, and was engaged in the strategic planning and evaluation of counselling and debriefing services for sixteen (16) months subsequent. In Bali, Paul worked directly with the Consular-General, and conducted debriefing services to the Bali International Medical Clinic, during the first week of the crisis. Paul was honoured with an Order of Australia Medal in 2004, in recognition of his International Disaster Management interventions. (For more details: www.accesspsychology.com).