



**Queensland Counsellors Association Inc**  
Member Association of Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia  
is proud to present a **half-day workshop** (9.00am-1.00pm)

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2009**

**Affairs of the Net**  
**IMPACT ON INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR INTIMATE RELATIONSHIPS**

Presenter:

**Karol Misso**

With the current meteoric expansion in computer technology phonographic magazines and videos are fast being replaced by virtual intimacy and sex on the internet. The affordability, accessibility and anonymity of the net offer a pseudo-intimacy less threatening and demanding than real life intimacy. The illusion of being in control, of constructing the relationship of your dreams can be quite addictive. The computer hailed as a communication marvel, which was to facilitate 'connection' is fast becoming an instrument of 'disconnection' for those who are naive enough to ignore its darker side.

This workshop will invite participants to explore:

- How clients caught in the web discover that the compulsive behavior pattern can be quite destructive
- The negative impact of this compulsive behavior on the individual's psychological health, social relationships, work performance and most significantly, intimate relationships
- How to identify 'warning signs' of what can become a downward spiral
- Therapeutic strategies for working with couples caught in this potential maelstrom

***Karol Misso is a Fellow and past President of the QCA. He is a PACFA registered Counsellor with over 15 years experience in relationship counselling. He is currently employed by Relationships Australia as a Senior Counsellor specializing in couple sex therapy and as a Sessional Lecturer/Tutor at the Queensland University of Technology. He has presented on this subject at regional, national and international conferences and given radio & television interviews.***

**WHERE:** Room 15, Endeavour College of Natural Health (formerly Australian College of Natural Medicine), 362 Water St Valley - Plenty of parking - Drive in from Water Street up the driveway to the end of the main building, turn left into car park beside Room 15

**WHEN:** 9.00am Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2009. Enjoy a delicious morning tea and a chance to meet, talk and network with other counsellors. Topic presentation starts 9.00am and concludes at 1.00pm

**COST:** \$66.00 incl GST for QCA and PACFA members, \$77.00 incl GST for non members, \$55.00 incl GST for full time students

**RSVP:** Please advise if you are attending and pay before Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February to [gca@gca.asn.au](mailto:gca@gca.asn.au)

Either post payment to: The Secretary QCA Inc  
P.O. Box 3319  
Bracken Ridge Q 4017

OR (preferred) pay by direct deposit: **Bank:** Qld Teachers' Credit Union  
**Account Name:** Queensland Counsellors Ass.  
**BSB:** 804002 **Account No.** 1208791

If paying by direct deposit please make sure your Surname(s) and the words "**Saturday February Workshop**" appear in the reference field. Please e-mail the Secretary: [gca@gca.asn.au](mailto:gca@gca.asn.au) to confirm payment details.

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