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## PRESIDENT

### **Assoc. Prof. Adrian Dunlop, MBBS PhD GradDipEpi&Biostat FACHAM**



A/Professor Adrian Dunlop is Area Director, Drug and Alcohol Clinical Services for the Hunter New England Area Health Service. He is a Foundation Fellow of the Chapter of Addiction Medicine and Honorary Secretary of the Chapter Committee. He has been working in the drug and alcohol field for over 13 years and enjoys the roles of clinician, medical educator, researcher and administrator.

Adrian enjoys working with patients and the wide range of professions who work in the drug and alcohol field. He has a particular interest in the development and provision of services for patient groups with particularly high needs, including pregnant women, indigenous people, youth and people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

## IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

### **Assoc. Prof. Alison Ritter, BA (Hons), MA(Clin Psych) PhD, MAPS**



Alison Ritter is an Associate Professor at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, with adjunct appointments with the Regulatory Institutions Network, The Australian National University and the Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance, Griffith University. After completing her Masters in Clinical Psychology, she worked full-time as a clinical psychologist. During this time, she commenced her PhD in treatment outcomes associated with acquired brain injury. A subsequent move to a policy position with the Victorian Department of Human Services led to a secondment to establish the Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre on behalf of

Government in 1994. As Deputy Director of Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre from 1995 to 2005, Alison completed numerous clinical research projects, including trials of new medications for the treatment of heroin dependence and managed epidemiological, health services research and evaluation.

With an NHMRC Research Fellowship and a significant philanthropic grant, Alison is currently director of a major illicit drug policy research program, the Drug Policy Modelling Program in collaboration with scholars from The ANU, Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre and Griffith University School of Criminology. The goal of the work is to advance illicit drug policy through improving the evidence-base, developing new policy decision-making tools and understanding the best mix of policy options (law enforcement, prevention, treatment and harm reduction) and the ways in which these different policy options dynamically interact.

Alison is the Executive Editor of the *Drug and Alcohol Review*, and Vice President of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy. She reviews for a range of competitive funding bodies and international addictions journals.

## VICE PRESIDENT / PRESIDENT ELECT

### **Prof. Amanda Baker**



Professor Amanda Baker is a Clinical Psychologist who has practiced in both mental health and alcohol and other drug treatment settings in the United Kingdom and Australia and has specialised in the treatment of comorbidity. She took up her position at the University of Newcastle, NSW, Australia, in 1995. In 2003 she was awarded a NHMRC Career Development Award (2003-2007). In 2008 this was followed by a NHMRC Senior Research Fellowship (2008-2013). In March 2008, she was appointed as Deputy Director, University of Newcastle Priority Research Centre for Brain and Mental Health. Professor Baker is Secretary of the Executive of the Australian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs (AP SAD) and a Deputy Editor of the Society's journal, *Drug and Alcohol Review*. She was its Book Review

Editor for six years 2000-2006. Since 2000, she has been a Chief Investigator on nine NHMRC project grants (total \$3,476,213), including 6 as CIA. These projects have typically involved multi-site randomised controlled trials of psychological interventions among people with severe mental disorders and substance use problems. She has 70 publications, (48 articles in peer reviewed journals including 7 papers in *Addiction*, the leading journal in the alcohol and other drug field, recent publications in the *American and British Journals of Psychiatry* and 22 book chapters). She is the chief editor of two books: *National Drug Strategy Monograph 32: "Models of intervention and care for psychostimulant users, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition"* (2004) and *"Clinical Handbook of Co-existing Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Problems"*, co-edited by Professor Richard Velleman, (Routledge, 2007). She has co-authored 5 national amphetamine treatment clinician guidelines and 6 treatment manuals for comorbidity.

## SECRETARY

### **Dr. Richard Chenhall, BA (Hons), PhD**



Richard Chenhall is Lecturer in Medical Anthropology in the Centre for Health and Society at the University of Melbourne.. He is currently working on a number of projects focusing on the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, including substance misuse and treatment, sexual health, youth experiences and deviancy and the social determinants of health. He is also conducting research related to alcoholism and self-help groups in Japan. Richard is currently an executive committee member for the Organisation for Intercultural Development (OICD) and is a member of the Australian Anthropological Association, the Society for Applied Anthropology, the Society for Community Research, and the Japan Studies Association of Australia.

## TREASURER

### **Anthony Jackson, MA BSc RN**



Tony Jackson is the Clinical Services Manager for the Kirketon Road Centre. Tony also sits on the NSW Health Pharmacotherapy Credentialing committee as the Nurse Representative and is currently undertaking post graduate studies in Public Administration with the Graduate School of Government, Sydney University.

Tony has worked in the Drug and Alcohol field in various capacities across a range of areas for 16 years including as the Clinical Services Manager, Drug Health Services Sydney South West Area Health Services, Opioid Treatment Program Manager South Western Sydney Area Health Service, as a Policy Officer with the NSW Department of Health, Drug Programs Bureau, as a Manager at St Vincent's Drug and Alcohol Service and as a clinician with the former Central Sydney Area Health Service and Hunter Area Health Service.

## NEW SOUTH WALES REPRESENTATIVE

### **Dr. Craig Rodgers, B. Med FRACGP FACHAM**



Craig Rodgers is currently a staff specialist in Addiction Medicine and the Medical Unit Manager at the Kirketon Road Centre in Kings Cross, Sydney where he has been working since 1997. With a background in General Practice his interests are in the provision of primary health care services to marginalised populations including "at risk" young people, sex workers and injecting drug users (IDUs), integrated with other relevant specialised services such as the treatment of hepatitis C, HIV and other sexual transmissible infections, and drug dependence.

He is also a Conjoint Lecturer in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine at the University of New South Wales contributing to undergraduate medical students' education in the importance of community and population health with particular emphasis on harm reduction.

## VICTORIAN REPRESENTATIVE

### **Assoc. Prof. Nicole Lee, PhD BSc(Hons) GradCertEd(Tertiary) MAPS**



A/Professor Nicole Lee is Adjunct Associate Professor at the National Drug Research Institute Curtin University and operates a research and training consultancy and private psychology practice. Until 2010 she was Head of Research at Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre in Melbourne and Program Leader of Clinical Research, an organisation she was with for over 8 years. She has been a registered psychologist for over 18 years having practiced in mental health, community health and AOD services. Her clinical and research interest is in co-morbidity and in the treatment of psychostimulant-related problems. She has extensive experience in clinical research including clinical trials of pharmacotherapy and psychotherapy. Her research has focused on development of evidence based interventions for AOD problems and

translation of research to practice. As well as numerous research publications, A/Prof Lee has produced a number of clinical treatment guidelines and has extensive experience training clinicians, including the development of the Addiction Studies course at the University of Queensland and contribution to Turning Point's postgraduate course work subjects for AOD workers. As well as her role as Victorian Representative on the APSAD Council, she is also a member of the Drug and Alcohol Review Editorial Board and has been Book Review Editor since 2006. She has previously served on the Australian Association for Cognitive and Behaviour Therapy (AACBT) Executive Council for 10 years, including time as the National President and Victorian and Queensland State Presidents, and on the ACDA Board of Directors and Chair of their Research Reference Group

## AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY REPRESENTATIVE

### **Kevin Foreman, AUA, PHC, MPS**



Kevin Foreman is the Senior Pharmacist for the Alcohol and Drug Program, ACT Health. Kevin's duties include maintaining and liaising with the community pharmacy network, providing policy advice, and coordinating training in the treatment of opioid dependence for general practitioners and pharmacists. He previously worked for Drug and Alcohol Services Council in South Australia in a similar capacity.

Kevin has also been involved in consultancy work relating to the promotion of programs supporting pharmacotherapy for opioid dependence. He was co author of the paper Methadone-related overdose deaths in South Australia 1984-1994, published in the MJA Vol. 166 March 1997.

## TASMANIAN REPRESENTATIVE

### **Dr. Raimondo Bruno, PhD (Clin. Psych.), MAPS**

Dr Raimondo Bruno is a lecturer at the School of Psychology, University of Tasmania. He has been involved in the alcohol and drug sector in Tasmania for the past decade in numerous research, evaluation and consultancy roles. His main research interests include the health and cognitive consequences of use of substances such as 'ecstasy' (MDMA), cannabis, and benzodiazepines; illicit drug market trends, in particular those relating to unsanctioned use of pharmaceuticals; and approaches to the reduction of harm associated with the injection of tablet-based pharmaceuticals. As part of his academic roles, he leads a group of postgraduates, doctoral candidates and research fellows conducting research within these areas, and teaches trainee clinical psychologists in the areas of psychopharmacology and substance use, among others. He is the Tasmanian Chief Investigator on the Illicit Drug Reporting System and Ecstasy and Related Drug Reporting System series of projects in collaboration with the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, and is an honorary fellow of Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre. In addition to his role on APSAD council he is co-chair of the ADCA Pharmaceuticals working group and a committee member of the Australian Psychological Society Psychology and Substance Use interest group.

## QUEENSLAND REPRESENTATIVE

### Cr. Diane Forsyth, Dip SOC Dip SOH PACFA Registration



Since 1996 until 2008 Diane was the Director of the Addiction Help Agency Cairns Inc. (AHA) with responsibility for the delivery of therapeutic services for people with alcohol, tobacco and other drug problems, providing a residential rehabilitation program, counselling, group therapy and Accommodation Support Program for the Drug Court Program in Cairns. Diane is currently on the Addiction Help Agency Management committee as Secretary.

Diane has a Diploma in Solution Oriented Counselling and Hypnosis and is a founding member, and immediate past-president of the Association of Solution Oriented Counsellors and Hypnotherapists of Australia (ASOCHA), she is also on the Register of the national professional umbrella body for psychotherapists; Psychotherapists and Counsellors Federation of Australasia (PACFA).

As a volunteer and worker Di has been an activist in the areas of disability, public education, homelessness, and at risk young people, affordable housing, women's issues and the rights of minority groups.

In 2004 along with other community based leaders the Cairns Region Alliance of Social Services was initiated, made up of concerned and pro-active social service providers who are interested in coming together and taking action on common issues.

Diane has extensive experience as a Queensland representative on local, regional, State & National committees and organisations, as well as being elected to the Cairns Regional Council in March 2008 for a four year term. In her role as local government representative Diane intends to continue to advocate for improved and relevant services in the Drug and Alcohol field.

## NORTHERN TERRITORY REPRESENTATIVE

### Dr. Kate Senior, BA MLitt and PhD (Anthropology)



Kate Senior is a medical Anthropologist. Her PhD research focused on health beliefs and behaviours in south east Arnhem Land. In the last five years her research has examined the situation of youth in this region, with a particular focus on petrol sniffing and substance misuse. Kate is currently the head of Education and Training at the Menzies School of Health Research.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE

### Peter Athanasos, RGN RPN BA BSc (Hons)



Peter Athanasos is a Lecturer and Coordinator of Addiction and Mental Health Programmes at the University of Adelaide.

He has published on addiction, acute and chronic pain, opioid detoxification, opioid withdrawal hyperalgesia, vasodepressor syncope, cardiac effects of opioid dependency and the effects of opioid and non-opioid analgesics in opioid maintained subjects. He has also authored chapters on mood disorders and acute and chronic pain in the context of opioid use.

Peter's area of greatest research interest is the effect of substance use on co-morbidities such as mental health, pain and other pathophysiology.

He is on the International Advisory Board of the journal 'Mental Health and Substance Use: Dual Diagnosis'. He also is a member of the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses, and a management committee member of Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia (DANA).

## WESTERN AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE

### Dr. Julia Butt, PhD (clin psych) MAPS



Dr Julia Butt is a clinical psychologist and a Senior Research Fellow in the Indigenous Research Team at the National Drug Research Institute, Curtin University. Julia has worked as a clinician, clinical supervisor and researcher in both the Indigenous Community Controlled health sector and the Government Sector (Queensland Health, QLD; Department of Corrective Services, WA) for the past 10 years. Her primary area of interest and work is in Indigenous mental health and substance use, including volatile substance misuse and cannabis use, primary health interventions and evaluation of community driven and capacity building interventions.

She also has an interest in cognitive-motivational models of substance use and behavioural change. Her research interests reflect these areas and include both applied and theory driven research. Her clinical work has included innovative and collaborative treatments for child and adolescent substance use and dual diagnosis, juvenile offending, and family interventions.

## NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE

### Dr. Rose Neild, MBChB MPhC FACHAM



Rose Neild is the lead Clinician of Medical Detoxification Services and Pregnancy and Parental Service at Waitemata DHB (Auckland). She is also the New Zealand branch Chair of the Chapter of Addiction Medicine. Rose has experience working in AOD services in New Zealand and Australia and previously served on APSAD Council as the NSW Representative.

Rose has a background in general practice and mental health and has completed a Master of Primary Health Care (Flinders, SA). She has a particular interest in working with women with substance use disorders who are pregnant or parenting, and this has developed over recent times into a wider interest in inclusive practice - working with families and partners. Past and future research interests have focused in this area.

## INDIGENOUS REPRESENTATIVE

### Scott Wilson



Scott had exposure with alcohol and drugs from an early age. This resulted in a number of court appearances. After 10 years of relapsing and recovering, Scott was able to move on with his life with the help of his wife and kids, as well as ongoing counselling and support. In 1993 Scott was employed by the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council. He was appointed director in 1995, a position he still holds today. His involvement with different committees is far reaching. 1997 saw him awarded the ADCA Australia Day Award for his contributions to the Indigenous community. 2003 saw another award being bestowed upon Scott the Australian Centenary

Medal. He is graduating in 2010 with the Graduate Diploma in Indigenous Health (Substance Use) at Sydney University.

## **EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, DRUG AND ALCOHOL REVIEW**

### **Prof. Robin Room, BA MA (Princeton) MA PhD (UC, Berkeley)**



Robin Room grew up in Sydney and received his higher education in the United States, with a PhD in sociology from the University of California, Berkeley. He was the Scientific Director of the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley, a U.S. National Alcohol Research Center, from 1977 to 1991, and then the Vice-President for Research at the Addiction Research Foundation of Ontario, Canada, from 1991 to 1998. In 1999, he was appointed as a professor and the founding director of the Centre for Social Research on Alcohol and Drugs at Stockholm University. In March 2006, he became Professor of Alcohol Policy Research at the School of Population

Health of the University of Melbourne and the Director of the AER Centre for Alcohol Policy Research at Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre. He has worked on social, cultural and epidemiological studies of alcohol, drugs and gambling behaviour and problems; social responses to alcohol and drug problems; and the effects of policy changes.

## **DANA REPRESENTATIVE**

### **Margo Hickman**



Margo is a Registered Nurse and Midwife who has worked within many different areas of nursing throughout her career. She has ten years experience working as a Clinical Nurse and Educator within the Alcohol and Drug Service in Brisbane. Margo has been working as the Queensland Statewide Nurse Educator and as part of the team from the Alcohol and Drug Training and Resource Unit (ADTRU) in Queensland for the last five years. She has many years experience working in tertiary undergraduate nursing education as well as teaching multi disciplinary health care professionals in all aspects of alcohol and drug education.

Margo is the President of the Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia (DANA) which is the peak nursing organisation in Australasia providing leadership to nurses and midwives with a professional interest in Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) issues. She has been involved with the organisation of the DANA Conference in 2009 and 2010.

## **CHAPTER OF ADDICTION MEDICINE REPRESENTATIVE**

### **Assoc. Prof. Adrian Dunlop**