

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.

A/Prof Ritter is Executive Editor of the *Drug and Alcohol Review*, Vice President of the Australian Professional Society on Alcohol & Drugs and a member of the College of Problems on Drug Dependence (CPDD). A/Prof Ritter reviews for a range of competitive funding bodies and international addictions journals.

Past President

Dr. Ingrid van Beek, MBBS MBA FAFPHM FACHAM



Ingrid van Beek is a Public Health and Addiction Medicine physician, whose professional focus has been on the prevention and reduction of drug-related harm and communicable diseases among marginalised populations. She has been the Director of the Kirketon Road Centre (KRC) in Kings Cross, since 1989 and in 2000, was seconded on a part time basis to also be the Medical Director of the Sydney Medically Supervised Injecting Centre in Kings Cross. Ingrid is a Conjoint Senior Lecturer of the School of Community Medicine and an Honorary Fellow of the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre. Her current research

interests include the natural history, prevention and treatment of heroin overdose, factors affecting the transition to injecting as a mode of drug use and adherence among IDUs to hepatitis C treatment. Ingrid has been a consultant to the World Health Organisation since 1997.

President Elect, Vice President & Chapter of Addiction Medicine Representative

Dr. Adrian Dunlop, MBBS PhD GradDipEpi&Biostat FACHAM



Dr 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.

Secretary

Assoc. Prof. Amanda Baker, BA (Hons) M(Clin Psych) PhD



Assoc 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. Since taking up her position at the University of Newcastle, NSW, Australia, in 1995, Assoc A/Prof Baker has successfully initiated and developed a Graduate Certificate, Master and Masters (Hons) of Health Science (Drug and Alcohol Studies), via distance learning mode. She was awarded a National Teaching Grant in 1997, together with the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction, for the project titled "Clinical Skills Training: Effective Approaches to Alcohol and Other Drug Problems". Assoc Prof Baker is a member of the Editorial Board of, *Drug and Alcohol Review*, and was its Book Review Editor for six years 2000-2006. A/Prof Baker has specialized in the treatment of co-morbidity (mental health and alcohol and other drug problems). She has been a Chief Investigator on numerous competitive national grants, including four NHMRC grants, and has published over 40 articles. In 2003 A/Prof Baker commenced a five year National Health and Medical research Council (NHMRC) Career Development Award. Also in 2003, she was the Hunter Medical Research Institute's "Early Career Researcher". Recently the book entitled "Clinical Handbook of Co-existing Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Problems", edited by A/Prof Baker and Prof Richard Velleman was published by Brunner-Routledge (January 2007). In 2006, she was appointed Convenor, Services and Intervention Division, Research Management Committee of the newly formed University of Newcastle Priority Research Centre for Brain and Mental Health.

Treasurer

Anthony Jackson, RN BSc Health MA



Tony Jackson is the Clinical Services Manager for the Kirketon Road Centre South East Sydney Illawarra Area Health Services. Tony has worked in the Drug and Alcohol field in various capacities across a range of areas for over 15 years. Previous positions include the Clinical Services Manager, Drug Health Services, SSWAHS, Opioid Treatment Programs Manager SWSAHS, Policy Officer with the NSW Department of Health Drug programs Bureau, as a Manager within St Vincent's Drug and Alcohol service and as a clinician with the former Central Sydney Area Health Service and Hunter Area Health Service.

NSW 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 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. He has also just completed a Masters in Public Health and is keen to pursue further research in the areas of injecting drug use and HIV.

QLD Representative

Diane Forsyth, Dip SOC Dip SOH



Since 1996 Diane has been 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 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 a council member 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.

She has extensive experience as a Queensland representative on local, regional, State & National committees and organisations.

Victorian Representative

Dr. Nicole Lee, PhD BSc (Hons) GradCertEd



Nicole Lee is Program Leader, Clinical Research and Senior Research Fellow at Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre in Melbourne. She has been a registered psychologist for over 15 years having practiced in mental health, community health and AOD services. Her clinical interest has been primarily in co-morbidity and more recently in the treatment of psychostimulant problems.

Likewise, her research focus has been in these areas and more generally in the development of evidence based interventions for AOD problems (mainly Cognitive Behaviour Therapy) and the dissemination of these to clinicians. As well as research publications, she has produced a number of clinical treatment guidelines and has several years experience training clinicians. Likewise, her research focus has been in these areas and more generally in the development of evidence based interventions for AOD problems (mainly Cognitive Behaviour Therapy) and the dissemination of these to clinicians. As well as research publications, she has produced a number of clinical treatment guidelines and has several years experience training clinicians. She has been invited to present at national and international forums. As well as her role on the APSAD Council, she is the past National President of the Australian Association for Cognitive and Behaviour Therapy (AACBT), on the Drug and Alcohol Review Editorial Board, the ACDA Board of Directors, and chairs the Research Reference Group of ADCA.

ACT Representative

Dr. Raj Parige, MD MRO(USA) FACHAM



Dr Raj Parige is the Staff Specialist for the Alcohol and Drug Program at The Canberra Hospital, ACT. He is also a Clinical Lecturer at the ANU Medical school, the Australian National University. He is Certified in Addiction Medicine by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) and is also Certified by ASAM as a Medical Review Officer. His special interests lie in Pain and Addiction; Workplace Drug Testing (MRO); and Addiction Psychiatry.

South Australian Representative

Peter Athanasos, RGN, RPN, Ba, BSc (Hons)



Peter Athanasos is a Lecturer in the Discipline of Nursing, University of Adelaide and Coordinator of the Mental Health Nursing program.

In 2009 he will be the Coordinator of the Addiction and Mental Health program between the Disciplines of Nursing and Pharmacology at the University of Adelaide. He is also in the final stages of a PhD in Pharmacology with Professor Jason White as one of his supervisors.

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

Peter's area of greatest research interest is the nexus between substance use and 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' and is a member of the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses and Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia (DANA)

Tasmanian Representative

Cecile McKeown, B.Soc.Sci (Hon)Eq.Health Science PhD Candidate



Cecile McKeown is a Senior Consultant Population Health, with the Department of Health and Human Services Tasmania. She has 21 years of experience in alcohol and drug related fields in Queensland and Tasmania in the various roles of statewide and regional services management, policy and strategy development, formulation of standards and quality systems for alcohol and drug services, patient care, and training of professionals. Cecile has presented frequently at National and State conferences on a range of alcohol and other drug related issues and has experience on numerous National and State Expert Committees, Reference Groups and Boards.

As a former State Manager of Alcohol and Drugs Services in Tasmania and previous member of the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs, Cecile now pursues her great passion - that of population approaches to substance related harms. She is the recipient of a number of achievement related awards. Cecile brings in depth knowledge, expertise, and experience in the alcohol and drug policy as well as service delivery areas. Cecile is a PhD candidate at the University of Tasmania in the domain of public alcohol policy.

Western Australian Representative

Dr. Susan Carruthers, BAppSc Grad Dip Dietetics MA (Public Health) Ph

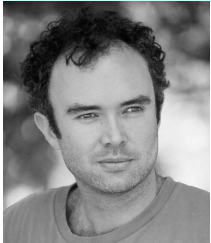


Susan Carruthers has been involved in illicit drug research at the National Drug Research Institute for the past 10 years. Her special area of interest is in preventing the transmission of blood borne viruses, in particular hepatitis C, through injecting drug use.

She is currently Chair of the WA Viral Hepatitis Committee, a WA Health Department initiative, which provides information to the Department on the treatment, care and support for those who are affected by hepatitis C and prevention of transmission among high risk groups such as the prison population, Indigenous Australians and injecting drug users.

Northern Territory Representative

Dr. Richard Chenhall, BA (Hons), NHMRC Fellow



Richard Chenhall is a Research Fellow at the Menzies School of Health Research (MSHR). He holds a BA (Hons) degree from Melbourne University and a PhD from the London School of Economics.

Richard's disciplinary experience is in the area of medical anthropology. He is currently funded by a National Health and Medical Research Council Fellowship in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research.

Richard has extensive experience working in the area of Indigenous health, specifically

Indigenous alcohol and drug use, as well as research on alcoholism and self-help groups in Japan. Richard is the author of *Belong's Haven* and co-editor of the *Social Determinants of Indigenous Health*. Richard has also worked at Sophia University, Japan, the London School of Economics and the University of California, Santa Barbara.

New Zealand Representative

Dr. Murray Hunt, MBChB Dip Obs DCH Dip Pal Med Dip Ment H FACHPM FACHAM

Murray is Clinical Director of the Community Alcohol/Drug Service, Waikato DHB, Hamilton, NZ. Murray is a graduate of the University of Auckland School of Medicine and he holds Fellowship qualifications both in Addiction Medicine and Palliative Medicine. His area of greatest clinical interest is the management of opioid dependence and he has lectured widely on this subject. Dr Hunt is also closely associated with the National Addiction Centre, New Zealand, with involvement in research and workforce development projects.

As the New Zealand representative on APSAD he is especially keen to see more New Zealanders gain benefit from the professional society.

Editor-in-Chief, Drug and Alcohol Review

Prof. John B Saunders, MD FRACP FAFPHM FACHAM



John Saunders is Professor of Alcohol and Drug Studies at the University of Queensland and Director of the Alcohol and Drug Service at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital Health Service District. He has been a practising clinician and manager in drug and alcohol services for twenty-five years, as well as a teacher and researcher.

Professor Saunders has worked closely with the World Health Organisation for many years, being Technical Focal Point (Scientific Director) for ten years of WHO's collaborative studies on brief intervention, and responsible for devising the AUDIT questionnaire. In 2003 he was appointed Co-Chair of the DSM V Substance Use Disorders Research Committee.

He has published two books and over 250 scientific papers and reviews. Since 1995, he has been Secretary and a Board Member of the International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism. He has given guest lectures and workshops at international meetings on thirty-eight occasions in the past six years.

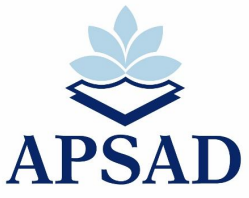
DANA Representative

Wade Norrie, RN



Wade Norrie is a Senior Nurse Manager with the Department of Defence. He is a registered nurse with over 20 years of nursing practice and holds mental health and health administration qualifications. The past 14 years have been spent broadening his interests and experience in the ATODS and management fields. His previous positions have seen him work across the spectrum of ATOD and Mental Health services, in a number of countries and within various management positions. His professional interests in ATOD nursing include evidence into practice, quality systems and workforce development. His current role as President of the Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia

has provided further opportunity for him to further promote the role of ATOD nursing.



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