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Professor Steve Allsop

Director, National Drug Research Institute (Curtin University)

Steve Allsop's PhD, completed in the School of Psychology, Curtin University of Technology, focussed on developing a model of relapse prevention and management for alcohol dependence and designing and evaluating treatment strategies based on this model. His research in this area has resulted in publications in high impact journals and the development of clinical guidelines and education and training programs. He has divided his career between senior positions in the public sector and academic institutions.

He is currently the Director and Professor of the National Drug Research Institute at Curtin University and in this role is also Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. He is an Adjunct Professor in International Health at the Centre for International Health, Curtin University. He is currently a government appointed Deputy Chair of the Board of the WA Alcohol and Drug Authority and a ministerial appointee to the WA Child Death Review Committee.

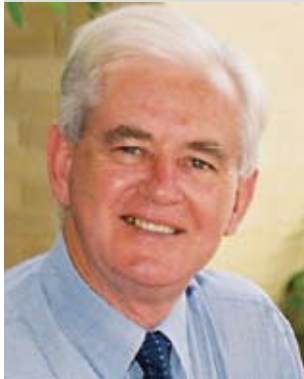
He is the Chair of the Capital Cities Lord Mayors Drug Advisory Committee. Previously he was the A/Executive Director of the WA Drug and Alcohol Office. He is currently on the International Editorial Board of *Drugs: Education and Prevention and Policy* and a Senior Editor of *Addiction*.

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Keith Wilson

Carer Representative

Keith Wilson is a former Teacher, Anglican Priest and State Member of Parliament.

He was a Minister from 1983 to 1992, holding various portfolios including Housing, Community Services, Aboriginal Affairs, Lands, Consumer Affairs. He was Minister for Health for five years until his resignation over his disagreement with the then Federal Government's Health Policy.

Since leaving Parliament, he has been involved in on-going mental health advocacy through his membership of Non Government Agencies. These have included memberships of the Ministerial Advisory Council for Disability Services, the Mental Health Taskforce and Management Committees of the Mental Illness Fellowship of WA and Carers WA. He was a founding member and first president of the Learning and Attentional Disorders Society of WA. Keith was also President of the WA Association for Mental Health for five years and Chair of the National Mental Health Council of Australia. During his three and a half years with the Council he was a collaborator in major projects that resulted in two seminal reports — *“Out of Hospital, Out of Mind”* and *“Not for Service — Experiences of injustice and despair in mental health care in Australia”*. He now works as an independent advocate for people with mental illness and their families.

Keith has been a parent carer of a member of his family, his dear daily companion, with whom he has gladly shared a home for the past 30 years.



Professor Graham Martin

OAM MD, MBBS, FRANZCP, DPM, MRCP

Professor Graham Martin is an active clinical leader and academic in child and adolescent mental health and currently holds a joint appointment as Director of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at The University of Queensland, and Clinical Director, Royal Children's Hospital and Health Service District, Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS).

From 1986 to 2001 he was Executive Director of Southern Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) in Adelaide, and claims to be primarily a clinician and only latterly a researcher, writer and commentator. Twenty-five years of clinical immersion in systemic practice, family therapy teaching, and clinician supervision now underpins the development of preventative programs in mental illness, and programs for the promotion of mental health in families, communities, schools, the defence force cadets and other systems.

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Dr Tracy Westerman

Founding Managing Director, Indigenous Psychological Services

Dr Westerman is of the Nyamal people from the far North West of Western Australia and is the founding Managing Director of Indigenous Psychological Services (IPS). She developed IPS for the purpose of addressing the inequities that exist between the rates of mental illness in Indigenous populations and the levels of access to appropriate services.

Dr Westerman holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Science (Psychology), a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology and Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology.

Dr Westerman has won multiple awards including the NAIDOC Award for National Scholar of the Year (2002); the Suicide Prevention Australia Award for Emerging Researcher (2006) and the Vice Chancellors Award for the top 10 per cent of PhD's submitted. She has been featured in the Who's Who of Australian Women since 2007, presented as a keynote speaker at numerous conferences throughout Australia, Canada, the USA and New Zealand.

Her PhD provided an extensive evidence base regarding the cultural manifestations of mental illness for Aboriginal people. It also resulted in the development of a range of unique assessments and intervention programs for use with Aboriginal people. She trains an average of 1,200 throughout Australian annually.



Professor Ernest Hunter

Regional Psychiatrist, Queensland Health

Ernest Hunter is an Australian medical graduate who trained in adult, child and cross-cultural psychiatry, and public health in the United States before returning to work in remote Indigenous populations in northern Australia.

He has undertaken research in the Kimberley region of Western Australia and has been working as a clinician in Cape York and the Torres Strait for seventeen years. He is a Regional Psychiatrist with Queensland Health, Adjunct Professor at the University of Queensland, and Foundation Fellow of the Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health – Queensland.

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Elizabeth Waters

Consumer Consultant

For ten years Elizabeth has worked in rural Victoria as a Consumer Consultant. She has a Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment

Elizabeth has been at the leading edge of Consumer Consultancy in Northeast Victoria and has vast experience in working with clinical staff, management and Non Government Organisations to improve service outcomes for consumers.

Elizabeth sits on many committees, both internal and interagency representing the consumer perspective. Currently, Elizabeth works in the Acute Inpatient setting as well as in the Community. Elizabeth sits on interview panels for clinical and management positions and provides consumer focused education for students and staff.

Elizabeth holds forums across the region to listen to consumers suggestions about how the services can be improved.

Elizabeth has also been a carer to a loved one with a mental illness and has been at the forefront in supporting other carers in North east Victoria.

She has had a serious mental health condition for 27 years