



Aboriginal Chronic Conditions Network Executive

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Jackie	Caton	Aboriginal Health Program Coordinator	South Western Sydney Primary Health Network
Kath	Keenan	Principal GP	Aboriginal Medical Service Redfern
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Kim	Whiteley	Manager, Aboriginal Health Programs	Western NSW Primary Health Network
Leeanne	Cutmore	Aboriginal Community Health Worker	Aboriginal Health Unit Toomelah, Hunter New England Local Health District
Linda	Soars	Director Integration Partnerships & Enablers	Integrated & Community Health, Western Sydney Local Health District
Matthew	West	Associate Lecturer/Podiatrist	University of Newcastle
Nathan	Jones	Director Aboriginal Health	South Western Sydney Local Health District
Scott	Winch	Discipline Leader Indigenous Health	University of Wollongong
Sharon	Trindall	Nurse Manager/Registered Nurse	Waminda South Coast Women's Health and Welfare Organisation
Vicki	Wade	Cultural Leader/Registered Nurse	Rheumatic Heart Disease Australia

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ACCN Executive Bios

Bob Davis

Bob Davis has more than 35 years' experience at Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director level in Aboriginal health in Government and non-Government organisations in NSW and Cape York, Queensland. He was previously the Chief Executive Officer of Cape York Health Council and the Director of Land, Policy and Research at the NSW Aboriginal Land Council prior to being appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Maari Ma Health. He has been a director on many local, state, national and international boards, and is currently a Director of the Western Health Alliance (Western NSW PHN) and a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He is a Dhungutti man from the north coast of NSW.

Anthony Franks

Anthony Franks a Kamilaroi man residing on Widjabul land within the Bundjalung Country and has done so for the past 24 years. He is an active member of Rekindling the Spirit Ltd Board. Rekindling The Spirit is a community based organisation run by Aboriginal people, for Aboriginal people in the Lismore and surrounding areas.

From 2010 to Feb 2017 Anthony was a member of the Northern NSW Local Health District Clinical Council. Anthony is a current member of the NSW Knockout Health Challenge Advisory Committee. The NSW Knockout Health Challenge is weight loss challenge for Aboriginal communities across NSW. The challenge is run by NSW Health in partnership with NSW Rugby League.

Anthony has worked in health for the past 19 Years in various roles including; Aboriginal Health Education Officer, Aboriginal Health Promotion Officer, Aboriginal Manager, Aboriginal Project Officer. For the past 9 years Anthony has worked in the area of Chronic Care for Aboriginal People, delivering Aboriginal Healthy Lifestyle Projects (AHLP) in partnership with other service providers such as the Local Aboriginal Medical Services, Exercise Physiologists and North Coast PHN.

Sharon Trindall

Sharon Trindall is a registered nurse with 12 years of experience. During that time, Sharon has worked at Shoalhaven Hospital and, since 2016 as the Nurse Manager at Waminda, South Coast Women's Health and Welfare Aboriginal Corporation, where she oversees the GP clinic services, Midwifery team, Aboriginal Health Workers, Registered Nurse and Nurse Practitioner. Sharon studied at the University of Wollongong and her special interests include chronic disease management and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing. Sharon is planning to augment her qualifications with a Masters in Nursing and further studies in chronic disease, women's health and disabilities. Sharon believes that effective health service delivery is all about strong engagement with community and prevention and promotion. Sharon is committed to improving the health outcomes for Indigenous women and their families through advocacy and tackling the physical and social determinants of health.

Kim Whiteley

A proud Wiradjuri woman born in Wellington NSW and a traditional descendant of the Warramunga clan group from the Bogan River area near Dandaloo NSW, Kim Whiteley is the Manager-Aboriginal health for the Western NSW Primary Health Network (WNSWPHN). Kim studied at the University of Sydney and holds a Bachelor's degree (Education) and Post-Graduate qualifications with specializations in Aboriginal Studies, History, Indigenous Language and Indigenous Health. Kim's dedication and passion for driving change to improve outcomes with and for Aboriginal people and communities' stems from a mixed portfolio of education, health, and consultancy over the course of a substantial career in the sector and from embracing Aboriginal culture from a lived, community and pedagogical perspective.

With conscientious, honest and ethical work practice fused with a respectful regard to applying cultural protocols across and within work practice, Kim has formed extensive partner networks and connections with Aboriginal people and communities across the region and throughout the nation. As a member of the Aboriginal Chronic Conditions Network Executive and in recognition of those whose health we strive to improve, Kim is eager share sector experience, professional knowledge and cultural perspectives to assist in achieving measurable improvement in health outcomes, reach key performance indicators to improve Chronic Health for Aboriginal people and close the gap of Aboriginal health disadvantage.

Kath Keenan

Kath grew up in Toowoomba and completed her medical degree at the University of Queensland in Brisbane during which time she did an elective term at the Alice Springs Hospital igniting an ongoing interest in the health of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. She completed her General Practice training in Brisbane before moving to Sydney where she continued working in General Practice. She completed a Masters of Public Health at the University of Sydney including research into the monitoring of hypertension. Her interest in Aboriginal Health influenced her decision to take her family to the Northern Territory and work in remote Aboriginal communities for 2 years. Since returning to Sydney she has continued to work in various roles with Aboriginal Communities: initially working in a Public Health position at the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council and subsequently as a GP at the Aboriginal Medical Service in Mt Druitt before taking up her current position as GP and medical advisor at the Aboriginal Medical Service Redfern. In addition she continues outreach work accompanying a team from the Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service travelling to Goodooga in far west NSW to provide chronic disease clinics.

Alison Barnes

Alison has been a Registered Nurse since 1991 after graduating from the Catholic College of Education at North Sydney and has extensive experience across critical care, primary health and mental health. Alison has a long standing interest in education and mentoring new nurses. Alison is a mother, Wiradjuri woman, passionate advocate for equity in health care and as a person with a chronic disease, is keen to be a voice for consumers.

Scott Winch

Scott Winch, a Gundungurra/ Wiradjuri man, is the Discipline Leader of Indigenous Health in the School of Medicine. Scott started in health as an Aboriginal Health Worker in 2001 for the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District before moving on to manage the Aboriginal Health Unit for Sydney South West Local Health District for a number of years. He has also held the position of Manager of Public Health for the Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council of NSW and has experience with the NSW Ministry of Health in the Public Health Office Training Program. Scott has experience in urban, regional, rural and remote Aboriginal health. He has a Graduate Diploma in Health Service Management with the University of New England through the NSW Aboriginal Health Management Training Program as well as a Masters of Applied Epidemiology with the Australian National University and a PhD through the University of Melbourne. Research Interests: Areas: Indigenous health, Health education, Public health, health systems, early childhood development. Methods: Photo-voice, Structural Equation Modelling, Social Network Analysis.

Matt West

Mr West is a Wiradjuri man currently living and working on the Central Coast of NSW. In 2013, Mr West graduated from the University of Newcastle with a Bachelor of Podiatry. In 2015, Mr West completed his honours by research focusing on how his local Aboriginal community currently accesses podiatry services. Mr West currently holds concurrent positions as an Associate Lecturer

and Clinical Educator at the University of Newcastle. Mr West is currently a Board Member of the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council and the Indigenous Allied Health Association.

In 2013, Mr West was the first person to successfully complete the Central Coast Indigenous Health Cadetship Program from an allied health discipline. Through this program, Mr West worked as a new graduate podiatrist in the Central Coast Local Health District (CCLHD) where he gained extensive experience in wound care, diabetes assessment and general podiatric care. Mr West has helped coordinate and provide foot health screenings at the annual CCLHD NAIDOC event since 2012. Following his time at the CCLHD he received a position at the University of Newcastle as an Associate Lecturer and Clinical Supervisor to compliment his Honours studies. This allowed him to broaden his clinical experience to include paediatric assessment and nail surgery as well as skills in clinical supervision, facilitation, education and mentoring.

Mr West's research focus includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander chronic health conditions effecting the lower limb. He has research experience in clinical auditing which he plans to expand as part of his current PhD.

Following working his graduate year in the Central Coast Local Health District podiatry department Mr West developed and implemented a podiatry outreach program at his local AMS. This process included successfully applying for grant funding; informing, developing and implementing a stakeholder framework; community consultation and recruitment; and developing clinical policies. The Eleanor Duncan AMS now has a fully funded bulk billing podiatry service specialising in diabetic assessment, wound care and general care. As part of this program, Mr West is also working with the University of Newcastle stakeholders to develop a referral partnership to allow patients of the AMS to receive more podiatry services (such as nail surgery and orthosis therapy) which are not Medicare funded at minimal or no cost.

Jackie Caton

Jackie Caton is an employee of the South Western Sydney Primary Health Network (PHN) based in Campbelltown. Jackie grew up in Dubbo Western NSW and relocated to Campbelltown 4 years ago. Her father is a descendant of the Darug nation, who until 1985 was not aware of his heritage, being a part of the stolen generation. Jackie grew up unaware of her Aboriginality until the late 80's early 90's and has made it her agenda to provide as much support and advocacy to all communities to ensure that they are provided the most up to date information regarding services, funding etc promoting improved lifestyles and health outcomes for all.

Jackie has had a long career in Management before following her heart and in 2009 commenced her Nursing qualification. Other qualifications include: Advanced Diploma in Business & Project Management, Diploma in Community Services. Jackie has also enrolled to University for 2018 to complete her Bachelor in Social Work.

Jackie has had vast experience in the Health industry – having worked within the Hospital system General Practice – Mainstream and AMS, Community Health with a focus on Aboriginal Complex Chronic Care. For the past 5 years Jackie has worked with the Medicare Locals including: Western NSW, Western Sydney & South Western Sydney as a Chronic Care Coordinator and for the past 2 years as the Aboriginal Health Program coordinator.

For the past 12 months Jackie has held the position of Chairperson of the NSW/ACT PHN Aboriginal Health Committee, member of the State Advisory Group for Indigenous Eye Health & a member of The SWS Regional Eye Health Network.

Leeanne Cutmore

My name is Leeanne Cutmore and I am a proud Gamilaroi woman and I am originally from Moree. I have over 20 years of working in health and my current role is the Aboriginal Health Practitioner at

Toomelah and Boggabilla, and I have a Bachelor Degree in Indigenous Community Health from Curtin University. My previous role was the Aboriginal Health Education Officer for HNELHD Renal services, which I was employed for approximately 14 years. As a diabetic consumer and working within the health profession, I am passionate about improving health outcomes for Aboriginal people living with chronic conditions, in particular Aboriginal people living in rural and remote communities.

Linda Soars

I am a Nurse Consultant and Health Service Manager and have had the pleasure of working with Aboriginal people over the past 15 years to provide chronic care services that were designed with the community. I worked in South Eastern Sydney LHD/SESIH for 15 years with Gail Daylight and Margaret Broadbent and have been mentored and guided by them to develop effective health programs. I have supported the start of the 48 hour follow up program in SESIH, worked with Connecting Care in the region from its start to include programs and services for Aboriginal people that followed the CCAP model developed in the Walgan Tilly project and was a sponsor in the start of the Sutherland/St George Bulbuwil Healthy Living Lifestyle support program. I now work in Western Sydney as the Director of the Chronic Care/Integrated Care services and have a very strong interest in supporting community engagement with the current services and co-designing services locally. I have many Aboriginal friends and family members and would like to offer my involvement and commitment to set up this exciting new ACI network to better meet the needs of Aboriginal people in NSW. I am currently the CoChair of the Chronic Care Network and look forward to linking the work within ACI.