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CHAIRPERSON

Adjunct Associate Professor Peter Bentley

Adj A/Professor Peter Bentley is a senior medical officer at the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood® managing clinical aspects of the therapeutic program, the Microbiology group and serious adverse events. This role includes research collaborations with the University of Western Australia (UWA) as well as teaching and mentoring post-graduate medical students. He holds an adjunct position as A/Professor with UWA.

Adj A/Prof Bentley has an interest in haemochromatosis and has been involved in the development of an electronic referral tool. He has published several peer reviewed articles on evidence-based referral and product safety in donors with haemochromatosis.

Adj A/Prof Bentley started his medical career in general practice and was the principal of a successful family practice before completing a Master of Business Administration (UWA) and becoming Medical Director of Health Direct. He then moved into public hospital management. The most recent of these roles included the management of the Research Governance unit and Ethics Committee at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital (SCGH). Adj A/Prof Bentley is also interested in health informatics and the use of big data sets to improve clinical practice.

MEMBERS (in alphabetical order)

Associate Professor Richard Brightwell – Researcher

A/Prof Richard Brightwell has a passion for paramedics and the role they have in Australian health care. He is retired from the School of Medical and Health Sciences at Edith Cowan University (ECU) in WA where he previously developed Paramedical Science Degrees.

He was vice president and a board member of Paramedics Australasia and the Chair of the Australasian College of Paramedicine; as well as being a representative of many other national paramedic and consumer organisations.

Mrs Natalie Fleetwood – Professional Care

Mrs Natalie Fleetwood has been a registered Physiotherapist in Australia since 1996. She first qualified as a Physiotherapist in 1992 in Switzerland. She has worked in many areas of physiotherapy including professional sports, orthopaedics, musculoskeletal, occupational health and management. Mrs Fleetwood was a Professional Care Member of the University of Notre Dame's (UND) Human Research Ethics Committee for four and a half years prior to joining the DOH HREC.

Ms Suzanne Hillier – Lawyer

Ms Suzanne Hillier leads the legal team at Australia's Offshore Energy Regulator, providing advice on contract and commercial issues; compliance, audit and risk; employment law; investigations and prosecutions; environmental management; statutory interpretation and privacy law. In addition to being General Counsel she is also the ethics officer, fraud control officer and a member of the executive leadership team.

Ms Hillier held a number of senior roles in both the NSW and WA governments, before moving to the Commonwealth Offshore Energy Regulator.

Prior to joining the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority, Ms Hillier was the Director of the Legal and Legislative Services Directorate at the

Western Australian Department of Health, providing high level legal advice and assistance to the WA Health system, including supporting the coronial inquiry process and managing the Minister for Health's legislative program.

Educated at the University of Tasmania, receiving a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Laws, she continued her education at the University of Sydney with a Masters of Environmental Law.

Ms Hillier is a member of a number of key professional associations and regularly presents on best practice legal management at forums for government and in-house company lawyers. Over the last decade she has held Directorships with a number of not-for-profit companies. She is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and currently a Board Director and the Treasurer at the WA AIDS Council.

Ms Kathryn Kirk – Lay Person (female)

Ms Kate Kirk was employed by UWA from 1988 until retirement in October 2012. During her employment in Research Services she covered the disciplines of animal and human research ethics. She served as the Executive Officer to the UWA HREC for many years and has extensive experience in health research. Whilst at UWA, Kate had a particular interest in helping students from all faculties recognise the importance of ethics in conducting their research.

Reverend Graham Mabury - Pastoral Care

Rev Graham Mabury's life continues to be devoted to community service. He is perhaps best known as the presenter of 6PR's Nightline Program for 33 years. He says, *"It's been a great blessing to enjoy such a stay in an environment where you're an optimist if you bring your lunch and no one buys a weekly bus ticket"*. He finally hung up his headphones in June 2014.

Rev Mabury pioneered rehabilitation courses for homeless young people in Perth and was the inaugural Chairman of the Living Stone Foundation which became Lifeline WA, in no small part due to the support of the Mt Pleasant Baptist Church, where he has been a pastor for 33 years. Mt Pleasant Baptist Church is now the largest Baptist Church in WA, operating on two campuses with an average weekly attendance of 1,200 people, and 2,500 people registered on its online "hub". Its Booragoon campus hosts the Mt Pleasant College operating within the VET sector. He served for three years as President of the Baptist Churches of WA.

Rev Mabury has received numerous awards in recognition of his community service including the *Medal of the Order of Australia*, *WA Citizen of the Year for Community Service*, *WA Volunteer of the Year*, the *Federation Medal*, the *Advance Australia Award*, and the *Rona Oakley Award for Individual Achievement* in the *WA Consumer Protection Awards*. He was *Senior Australian of the Year WA* and is a *Fellow of Edith Cowan University*.

Rev Mabury continues to serve many community organisations. As well as Lifeline WA he is Patron of Citizen Advocacy Perth West, The Compassionate Friends, and Christmas Lunch in the Park for Mission Australia, Vice-Patron of the Foster Care Association and an Ambassador for Baptistcare and EdConnect (previously the Schools Volunteer Project).

Rev Mabury is also Patron of Vince Gareffa's Mondo Community Warriors – a newly formed charity giving significant support to Lifeline WA, but also seeking to eventually help 30 charities for 30 years of Nightline.

Rev Mabury began his career as a secondary school teacher becoming Head of the Music Department at a specialist music school. He entered the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) as an Education Producer, then as a "leap of faith" he joined a faith-based agency working with homeless young people.

Mr John McMath – Lay Person (male)

Mr John McMath is a non-executive director with over 35 years of experience on listed company subsidiary boards, not-for-profit boards and member-based industry organisations. He is currently Chair of the Western Australian Youth Orchestras Inc. Board, and on the Boards of Awards WA and the Rottneest Foundation.

Mr McMath is a graduate of the University of Melbourne with a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts and a post-graduate Master of Business Administration from the Melbourne Business School. He is sought after for his experience as a Director and Chair, as well as his expertise in strategy and governance, stakeholder and government relations, and risk management.

Ms Ali Radomiljac – WA Health Representative

Ms Ali Radomiljac has a Bachelor of Health Science from UWA, majoring in public health and psychological studies. Ms Radomiljac has held various roles at the WA Department of Health since joining the Epidemiology Branch as a graduate in 2012. She is passionate about public health, information translation, stakeholder engagement and evidence informed decision making.

Associate Professor Alison Reid – Researcher (Deputy Chair)

A/Prof Alison Reid has a background in anthropology and demography and is an occupational epidemiologist with a specific interest in the occupational causes of disease and risks among subgroups of the population. Specifically, she is interested in the working conditions of migrant workers, their hazard risks and prevalence of exposure to workplace hazards. Her other areas of interest include low dose asbestos exposure and asbestos-related diseases and she has studied these amongst women and children exposed to blue asbestos at Wittenoom, WA.

Mr Bret Watson – Information Security

Mr Bret Watson has over 28 years professional experience in the field of information security. Mr Watson currently is the Principle Architect at The Health Architects, consulting in information security and enterprise architecture in the healthcare industry. He deals with clients across the globe.

Mr Watson is also an advisor for Perth BioDesign/SPARK Co-Lab, a MedTech start-up incubator as well as a founder of PICSI, a company providing Poisons Information Centre Systems.

DEPUTY MEMBERS (in alphabetical order)

Mr Paul Beeson – Lay Person (male)

Mr Paul Beeson holds a substantial body of education, experience, and leadership at the CEO, Executive and Non-Executive Director levels in the not-for-profit, government and academic domains. His skills have been utilised both nationally and internationally for the benefit of many sectors including health, mental health, education, community development, sports, tourism, arts and culture.

Mr Beeson's education includes attendance at the business schools of UWA, Harvard University, Stanford University, Cambridge University, Deakin University, and INSEAD Singapore and Fontainebleau. He operates an advisory to not-for-profit organisations in the disciplines of management, governance, and strategy.

Professor Satvinder Dhaliwal – Researcher

Prof Satvinder Dhaliwal is a Professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics for the School of Public Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, Curtin University. Prof Dhaliwal has been a co-author of more than 160 journal papers, and his publications are diverse reflecting the nature of biostatistical collaboration (Google Scholar citation index is 41).

Prof Dhaliwal has been a joint funding recipient for more than 29 national and international research grants, with the total funding won being in excess of \$16 million. Prof Dhaliwal has worked as a Statistician for the past 25 years and has accumulated extensive experience both nationally and internationally, on the practical application of statistics in a wide variety of situations.

Dr Garth Eichhorn – Pastoral Care

Dr Garth Eichhorn has extensive pastoral experience, with particular strengths in city ministry, including many years experience at the City of Perth. Arising from his observed record in city community service he was approached by senior members of WA Police to help with issues in the city and he became the founder of Street Chaplains WA which now operates in 13 centres throughout the state with around 250 volunteers involved. The Street Chaplains operate in the late hours of a weekend in the entertainment areas of the city and during the week amongst the rough sleepers.

Dr Eichhorn brings a vast range of experience and expertise to the table and an inclusive but focussed approach which has been fundamental to the growth of Street Chaplains.

Associate Professor Georgia Halkett - Researcher

A/Prof Georgia Halkett (PhD, FIR, BMedRad(Hons) Radiation Therapist, GAICD) is a Senior Research Fellow, in the School of Nursing, Faculty of Health Sciences at Curtin University. She currently holds a Cancer Council WA Research Fellowship. A/Prof Halkett completed her PhD in December 2005 at the University of South Australia. Prior to completing her PhD she worked as a radiation therapist. A/Prof Halkett has been successful in attracting National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF), European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC), Cancer Australia, and Cancer Council Funding. She has published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles and is currently supervising six PhD students.

A/Prof Halkett's program of research focuses on cancer patient's psychosocial and information needs, communication between health professionals and cancer patients and research in radiation therapy. She has experience in conducting qualitative, mixed methods studies and randomised controlled trials.

Mr Wil Liam Lim – Information Security

Mr Wil Liam Lim graduated with a Bachelor of Computer and Mathematical Science from UWA. He has over 10 years of professional information security experience and works with companies to help build information security capabilities using internationally recognised security standards and frameworks.

Mr Lim has previously served in a non-profit organisation as a committee member. He is now serving on the Board of a local WA primary school and holds a Directorship in a private company.

Associate Professor Daniel McAullay – Researcher

A/Prof Daniel McAullay is a member of the Noongar community of the Southwest of Western

Australia. He has considerable experience in Aboriginal health research, policy and practice. He has worked in several senior positions in these areas and is currently in the tertiary sector.

He has worked and provided advice to a number of Government departments and non-Government organisations, including prominent research institutes, and has sat on a number of groups providing advice to State and Commonwealth governments in the area of health.

He holds postgraduate qualifications at Master and Doctorate levels. He has a strong health research track record, with his primary research areas of interest including maternal, infant and child health, primary health care and other health services research.

He has extensive experience in ethics, especially ethical conduct in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research. He was one of the authors of the NHMRC ethical statements for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research. He has been a member of the NHMRC Australian Health Ethics Committee and has sat as a member of the UWA HREC and WAAHEC.

He currently works as Dean, Kurongkurl Katitjin, Director, Aboriginal Research and Director of the Centre for Improving Health Services for Aboriginal Children and Families at ECU.

Clinical Adjunct Associate Professor Ann McDonald – Professional Care

Dr Ann McDonald is a Consultant Psychiatrist specialising in child, adolescent and youth psychiatry. She is a highly experienced medical specialist, having previously worked in community paediatrics before training in psychiatry and holds formal qualifications in paediatric medicine as well as in psychiatry.

Dr McDonald was the Clinical Director of the Consultation Liaison Psychiatry Service at the State's Children's Hospital where she was a Consultant Child Psychiatrist for 10 years. She has subsequently provided clinical services to refugees and asylum seekers in detention; worked in rural and remote Western Australia; was a visiting Psychiatrist for students at a university health service, and also for Headspace in the northern metropolitan region.

Dr McDonald is a Clinical (Adjunct) Associate Professor at UWA. She has led clinical research projects and has developed and delivered child psychiatry education programs and professional supervision for trainee paediatricians, trainee psychiatrists and for medical students (both at UWA and the Rural Clinical School). She has represented both her specialties at hospital, state and national levels in a variety of roles. Dr McDonald was a member of the Princess Margaret Hospital Executive Clinical Ethics Service for three years.

Dr McDonald retired from clinical work and her university appointment in late 2022.

Ms Sonia McKeiver – Lay Person (female)

Ms Sonia McKeiver is experienced in compliance and corporate governance. Ms McKeiver has had previous investigatory and auditing roles with the Financial Ombudsman Service in Melbourne, the Financial Services Authority in London and the Office of the Auditor General in Perth. Her qualifications include a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Economics.

Ms McKeiver is a consumer representative member on the Plumbers Licensing Board, the WA Board of the Medical Board of Australia, and the Board of the Energy and Water Ombudsman.

Professor Erika Techera – Lawyer

Dr Erika Techera is a Professor of Law at UWA. She teaches and researches on the intersection of law, policy and governance, including the science-policy interface, and is a specialist in oceans, environmental and natural resources law. In addition to her role in the Law School, Dr Techera is a member of the UWA Oceans Institute.

Dr Techera has previously held a number of senior leadership roles at UWA including Pro Vice Chancellor International (interim) and Dean of the Faculty of Law. Prior to becoming an academic, Dr Techera practised at the NSW Bar.

Dr Techera holds a Bachelor of Laws with Honours from the University of Technology Sydney, a Masters of Environmental Law, Master of Laws and PhD from Macquarie University. She is also a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Dr Techera is a board member of the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS) Council, the Heritage Council of Western Australia and the Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management (NRM).

Ms Stephania Tomlin – WA Health Representative

Ms Stephania Tomlin holds a Bachelor of Science (Honours) and a Masters of Public Health from UWA. She has over 10 years' experience working within the WA Department of Health and with Health Service Providers. She is currently a Team Leader Performance Indicator Analyst related to the Sustainable Health Review. All of Ms Tomlin's roles have involved the collection and or use of large health data primarily in the field of public health.

She has an interest in data and information management and the use of big data to improve health at a population level.

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