In a rapidly changing world, how can we make a difference?

Fulbright Symposium 2008
Healthy People, Prosperous Country

PROGRAM
DAY 1
THURSDAY 10 July 2008

9.00 - 10.00 OPENING
(HICKINBOTHAM HALL)
Traditional Kaurna welcome to country
Opening Address: Hon. Nicola Roxon, Minister for Health and Ageing, Australian Government

Chair: Professor Michael Barber (Vice Chancellor, Flinders University)

SESSION 1
THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND WELLBEING: ACHIEVING ACTION
(HICKINBOTHAM HALL)
10.00 - 11.00
Keynote Address: Professor Sir Michael Marmot (Director, International Institute for Society and Health and MRC Research Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health, University College London)
Closing the Gap in a Generation through Global Action on the Social Determinants of Health

11.00 - 11.30 AM BREAK

Chair: Professor Judith Dwyer (Director, Department of Health Management, Flinders University)

11.30 - 12.30 YES IT CAN BE DONE: SUCCESS STORIES OF WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT POLICY IN AUSTRALIA
(HICKINBOTHAM HALL)
Invited Addresses:
Warren McCann (Chief Executive, SA Department of Premier and Cabinet)
Growing Prosperity and Improving Wellbeing: The South Australian Strategic Plan
Rita Conrad (Executive Director, Oregon Progress Board)
Oregon Shines (OSIII): Developing Systems-thinking Tools and Techniques for Community Wellbeing

12.30 - 1.30 PM LUNCH

Chair and Facilitator: Professor Fran Baum (Head, Department of Public Health, Flinders University)

SESSION 2
IMAGINE IF THE ECONOMY WAS BUILT ON THE NEED FOR EQUITY AND INCLUSION
(HICKINBOTHAM HALL)
1.30 - 2.30
Keynote: Dr David C. Korten (People Centred Development Forum - US)
Navigating the Great Turning from Empire to Earth Community

2.30 - 3.30
David will be joined by Professor Sue Richardson (National Institute for Labour Studies at Flinders University) and Professor Dennis Foley (Indigenous Research at University of Newcastle) for a facilitated panel discussion

3.30 - 4.00 PM BREAK
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Chair: Professor Shane Houston (Assistant Secretary Systems Performance and Aboriginal Policy in the NT Department of Health and Families)

SESSION 3
(HICKINBOTHAM HALL)

BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIERS: PROSPEROUS COUNTRIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

4.00 - 4.40
Keynote Address: Professor Jennie Popay (Professor of Sociology and Public Health, Institute for Health Research, Lancaster University)
Understanding and Tackling Social Exclusion

4.40 - 5.30
Facilitated Breakout Sessions on Social Inclusion and themes of:
Work (Sue Richardson, Flinders University)
Education (David Waterford, SA Social Inclusion Unit)
Business (Dennis Foley, University of Newcastle)
Housing (Thomas Slockee, NSW Aboriginal Housing Office)

5.45 - 6.45 RECEPTION FOR DELEGATES (EXHIBITION HALL)
Welcome to South Australia from the Hon. John Hill, Minister for Health, Government of South Australia

7.00 - 8.30 DISCUSSION PANEL
(HICKINBOTHAM HALL)

‘HEALTH, HOPE AND HAPPINESS: CREATING PROSPEROUS SOCIETIES’
Moderator: Peter Mares (ABC Radio National)
Panel members:
UK - Michael Marmot
US - David Korten, David Satcher
Australia - Carmen Lawrence, Pat Anderson
## DAY 2
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**Chair: Mr Mick Gooda (CEO of the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health (CRCAH))**

### SESSION 4
(RICKINBOTHAM HALL)

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| 9.15 - 10.00 | Keynote Address: Dr David Satcher (Director, Center of Excellence on Health Disparities, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia and the 16th Surgeon General of the United States of America)  
  *Social Determinants of Racial Disparities in the US: What we Learned from Hurricane Katrina* |
| 10.00 - 10.30 | Keynote Address: Professor Ian Anderson (Director of the Centre for Health and Society, and of Onemda VicHealth Koori Health Unit, University of Melbourne)  
  *Crisis Interventions in Indigenous Health: Issues Raised by the Northern Territory Intervention* |
| 10.30 - 11.00 | BREAK                                                                 |
| 11.00 - 12.15 | Feedback and Reflections from Professor Shane Houston, and US and Australian Emerging Leaders  
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### SESSION 5
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| 1.15 - 2.00 | Keynote Address: Professor Paula Braveman (Professor of Family and Community Medicine and Director, Center on Social Disparities in Health, University of California, San Francisco)  
  *Why Has the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Launched a US Commission on Social Inequalities in Health in the US?* |
| 2.00 - 2.30 | Invited Address: Associate Professor Lester-Irabinna Rigney (Director of the Yunggorendi First Nations Centre for Higher Education and Research, Flinders University)  
  *Health Literacy and Aboriginal Education: Canadian Comparisons and their Implications for Australian Teacher Education* |
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### 2.30 - 2.50 BREAK

### 2.50 - 4.30 BREAKOUT SESSIONS ON SUCCESS STORIES AT A COMMUNITY LEVEL

**Chair:** Ms Wendy Ah Chin (Deputy CEO of the CRCAH)

**GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP**

Sharing of stories about how change has been managed in different settings:

- Gurriny Yealmucka – Yarrabah community (David Baird)
- Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, NY (Lanny Smith)
- Rumbalara Aboriginal Cooperative - Housing project (Felicia Dean and Petah Atkinson)

**Chair:** Professor Ian Anderson, (Director of the Centre for Health and Society, and of Onemda VicHealth Koori Health Unit, University of Melbourne, and Research Director of CRCAH)

**RACISM**

How do we challenge racism and bring about social inclusion and improved health?

- The impact of racism on Indigenous health in Australia and Aotearoa: Towards a research agenda (Yin Paradies)
- Urban Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experience of racism and the impact on their health: Policy/practice implications (Anna Ziersch)
- Addressing racism in communities (David Hollinsworth)

**Chair:** Ms Jan Ferguson (Managing Director of the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre)

**ENVIRONMENT**

Involving communities in the management of the environment

- ‘Livelhoods in Land’ and Bush Food Projects (Jocelyn Davies)
- Building wellbeing and prosperity through regional agreements and effective governance: A case study of the process of agreement making in the Pilbara and the East Kimberley between Indigenous people, resource companies and governments (Janina Gawler)
- Land Care – Australia (Andrew Johnson and Fred Tanner)

**Chair:** Mr Justin Mohamed (Director of the Academy of Sport, Health and Education, University of Melbourne)

**SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH**

Bring about change in the Social Determinants of Health

- Bring stakeholders to the table: Engaging in a discussion on the SDOH research agenda (Mick Gooda)
- Success stories in working across sectors - Aboriginal People Travelling Well (James Harrison, Klynton Wanganee and Trevor Bromley)
- Building a whole of government response to the SDoH (Carmel Williams)
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Chair: Sir Eric Neal (Chancellor, Flinders University)

SESSION 6  (HICKINBOTHAM HALL)
4.30 - 5.10
Keynote Address: Dr Carmen Lawrence (Professorial Fellow, University of Western Australia)
Us and Them: Breaking Down the Barriers

5.10 - 5.30
Closing Performance: Elder Conservatorium of Music Brass Ensemble

5.30 SYMPOSIUM CLOSE
KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Ian Anderson is the Director of the Centre for Health and Society, and of Onemda VicHealth Koori Health Unit. He is also currently the Research Director for the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health and Deputy Head of the School of Population Health at the University of Melbourne.

Ian has worked in Aboriginal (Koori) Health for twenty-two years. During this time he has been involved in a number of job contexts: as an Aboriginal health worker, health educator and general practitioner. Ian worked as the Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service, then the Medical Adviser to the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health in the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care. He has had involvement in Aboriginal health policy development for a number of years.

Ian was born in Devonport Tasmania and his family are Palawa with connections to Trawlwoolway and Plairmairrener clans. He has grown up in the Koori community where he has many family connections through the history of the Bass Strait Islands. Ian has a professional background in medicine and social sciences. He has written widely on issues related to Aboriginal health, identity and culture, and also has a broad interest in the sociology of health and illness, related policy analysis, and theory development in the social sciences.

Paula Braveman is Professor of Family and Community Medicine and the Director, Center on Social Disparities in Health in the School of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco.

Her areas of interest are in: socioeconomic and racial or ethnic inequalities in health and how they are related and distinct; measuring socioeconomic status/position and experiences of racism in health research.

Carmen Lawrence entered politics in 1986, serving at both State and Federal levels for 21 years. She was at various times WA Minister for Education and Aboriginal Affairs and was the first woman Premier and Treasurer of a State government. Carmen shifted to Federal politics in 1984 when she was elected as the Member for Fremantle and was appointed Minister for Health and Human Services and Minister assisting the Prime Minister on the Status of Women. She has held various portfolios in Opposition, including Indigenous Affairs, Environment, Industry and Innovation and was elected national President of the Labor Party in 2004. Carmen retired from politics in 2007. She is now a Professorial Fellow at the University of Western Australia where she is working to establish a centre to undertake research and to facilitate discussion on the processes of persuasion and indoctrination and the factors contributing to the development of fanatical ideas and extreme, including violent, behaviour.

David Korten is co-founder and board chair of the Positive Futures Network, which publishes YES! Magazine. His books include The Great Turning: From Empire to Earth Community, the international best seller When Corporations Rule the World, and The Post-Corporate World: Life after Capitalism. David has MBA and PhD degrees from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business, served as a Harvard Business School professor, and for thirty years worked as a development professional in Asia, Africa and Latin America.
KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Professor Sir Michael Marmot is Director, International Institute for Society and Health and MRC Research Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health, University College London. Sir Michael has led a research group on health inequalities for the past 30 years. He is Principal Investigator of the Whitehall Studies of British civil servants, investigating explanations for the striking inverse social gradient in morbidity and mortality. He leads the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA) and is engaged in several international research efforts on the social determinants of health. Sir Michael chairs the Department of Health Scientific Reference Group on tackling health inequalities. He was a member of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution for six years. In 2000 Sir Michael was knighted by Her Majesty The Queen for services to Epidemiology and understanding health inequalities. Internationally acclaimed, Sir Michael is a Vice President of the Academia Europaea, a member of the RAND Health Advisory Board, a Foreign Associate Member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM), and the Chair of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health set up by the World Health Organization in 2005. He won the Balzan Prize for Epidemiology in 2004 and gave the Harveian Oration in 2006.

Professor Jennie Popay has been Professor of Sociology and Public Health at the Institute for Health Research at Lancaster University since January 2002. She was previously at the Nuffield Institute, University of Leeds, the University of Salford and the Institute of Education, London University. Jennie was born in Salford in the North West of England. She spent five years teaching in East Africa before beginning her research career at the Unit for the Study of Health Policy at Guy’s Hospital in London. She has worked as a sociologist in the public health field ever since. Her research interests include social and gender inequalities in health, the sociology of knowledge, public/community empowerment, the evaluation of complex social interventions and methods for the synthesis of diverse evidence sources. Jennie is the co-ordinator of the Global Social Exclusion Knowledge Network (SEKN) set up to support the work of the WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health (CSDH), and with Margaret Whitehead at Liverpool University she established the NICE National Public Health Collaborating Centre on Community Engagement. She has been involved with NICE in the development of national guidance on community engagement and on behaviour change. Jennie has held several public appointments including Commissioner with the National Commission on Health Improvement and Vice Chair of the National Commission on Patient and Public Involvement in Health.

The Hon. Nicola Roxon is the Minister for Health and Ageing in the Rudd Labor Government. Nicola has been in Parliament for 10 years was elected to the House of Representatives in October 1998 as the Federal Labor Member for Gellibrand. Prior to entering parliament, Nicola worked as a Senior Associate at Labor law firm Maurice Blackburn, a Judge’s Associate with High Court Justice Mary Gaudron, and an Industrial Officer with the National Union of Workers. Nicola has a First Class Honours Law degree and Arts degree from the Melbourne University. She won the Supreme Court Prize for top law graduate in 1990. She is in charge of the Government’s $2.5 billion Health and Hospital Reform Plan.

Dr David Satcher is the Director, Center of Excellence on Health Disparities, Pouissant Satcher-Cosby Chair in Mental Health, Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia, and the 16th Surgeon General of the United States. David completed his four-year term as the 16th Surgeon General of the United States in February 2002. He also served as Assistant Secretary for Health in the Department of Health and Human Services from February 1998 to January 2001, making him only the second person in history to have held both positions simultaneously. David was also Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from 1993 to 1998 and was the first person to serve as Director of the CDC and Surgeon General of the United States. From December 2004 to July 2006, he served as the Interim President of the Morehouse School of Medicine. In recognition of his accomplishments as Interim President, the board voted to change his title to President in May 2006 and to approve the development of the Satcher Health Leadership Institute at the Morehouse School of Medicine. In January 2002, he was named the Director of the new National Center for Primary Care (NCPAC) at the Morehouse School of Medicine – a position that he held until becoming Interim President. Before assuming this post, David served as a Senior Visiting Professor with the Kaiser Family Foundation for six months.

As Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary for Health, David led the department’s effort to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in health, an initiative that was incorporated as one of the two major goals of Healthy People 2010. He has received over 40 honorary degrees and numerous awards. Most recently he received the Sackler Award from Research, America for sustained leadership at the national level, and the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute Visionary Award for engagement in research and education in the State of Georgia.
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Pat Anderson is an Alyawarre woman renowned nationally and internationally as a powerful advocate of disadvantaged people, with a particular focus on the health of Indigenous peoples. She has extensive experience in all aspects of Aboriginal health, including community development, advocacy, policy formation and research ethics. Pat has spoken before the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous People, was formerly the Chief Executive Officer of Danila Dilba, the Aboriginal community-controlled health service in Darwin, and has been Chair of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, the peak national Aboriginal health organisation. She is also a prolific writer and has had many essays, papers and articles published. Pat retired from the position of Executive Officer of the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory, which is the peak body of the Aboriginal community-controlled health organisations in the Northern Territory, and was the co-author of the Little Children are Sacred report into abuse of Indigenous children in the Northern Territory. Most recently Pat was awarded the Public Health Association of Australia’s Sidney Sax Public Health Medal at the 2007 PHAA annual conference. She is the chairperson of the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health.

Rita Conrad has devoted nearly two decades to public policy in the areas of health policy and planning and, most recently strategic planning, performance measurement and indicators of societal wellbeing. She was lead author of Oregon’s 2001, 2003, 2005 and 2007 Benchmark Reports to the Legislative Assembly and the People of Oregon. Oregon Benchmarks measure the state’s progress toward the state’s strategic vision, called Oregon Shines. Now Executive Director of the Oregon Progress Board, Rita is working with the board in updating Oregon’s statewide strategic plan. Oregon Shines III will be released in 2009. It will continue the tradition of addressing issues, strategies and measures for the triple bottom line - economy, community and environment and will bring people, communities and governments together on high-leverage strategies for achieving Oregon’s immense human, economic and environmental potential. Rita received a Bachelor’s degree in Zoology and a Master in Health Planning from the School of Preventive Medicine, Ohio State University.

Professor Dennis Foley is Head of Umulliko Indigenous Higher Education Centre at the University of Newcastle, NSW. Dennis identifies as Koori, his matrilineal connection is Gai-marriagal of the Guringah language group and his father is a descendant of the Wiradjuri people from the Turon River region on the western highland slopes of NSW. Dennis’s PhD was undertaken at the University of Queensland. He was an Endeavour Fellow and a Fulbright Scholar and has ARC funding and other academic awards. Dennis’s research interests include Indigenous small business, entrepreneurship, micro-economic reform, self determination connected to financial independence, the ethnographic study of the Eora and Guring-gah peoples of the Sydney region, Indigenous political and social study, racism in Australia, and Indigenous poetry and contemporary art. His principal areas of research are in Indigenous entrepreneurship and Indigenous epistemology. Dennis commenced his professional appointment at Umulliko in 2008.

Professor Shane Houston is a Gangulu man from Central Queensland. He has worked in Aboriginal Affairs for more than 35 years with the majority of that time in the health and employment areas. Shane has held many positions at local, state, national and international levels including a stint with the World Council of Indigenous Peoples in Canada and as an Australian representative to various UN Forums. He has played a significant role in Aboriginal health over many years through various Ministerial Working Parties and Councils. Shane is currently Assistant Secretary Systems Performance and Aboriginal Policy in the NT Department of Health and Families and Adjunct Professor, School of Medicine at the University of Notre Dame Sydney. He is a Board member of the Menzies School of Health Research and the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health. Shane completed his PhD at Curtin University in 2003 graduating with a Chancellor’s Commendation.
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As Chief Executive of the South Australian Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Warren McCann leads a number of major initiatives across government including the implementation of South Australia’s Strategic Plan and public sector reform.

Warren is also responsible for the strategic direction of policy in the areas of social inclusion, sustainability and climate change, arts, Aboriginal affairs, and recreation and sport. He is Deputy Chair of the national working group on climate change and water, along with Federal Climate Change and Water Minister Penny Wong, and is the Australian representative on the Strategic Council of the Forum of Federations.

Dr Lester-Irabinna Rigney is Director of the Yunggorendi First Nations Centre for Higher Education and Research, Flinders University. He is an Associate Professor of Education and is one of the most influential Indigenous educationalists today. Lester-Irabinna’s leadership in education is evident through his election by his academic peers since 2002, to the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, Research Advisory Committee. His professional standing in education saw him inducted into the Australian College of Educators (ACE) in 1998. Lester-Irabinna is recognised as a national and international authority in the area of Indigenist Research Methodologies. Interest in his work by national and international universities has seen him uptake several prestigious Visiting Research Fellowships including Cambridge University, UK; Fort Hare University, South Africa; and University of British Columbia, Canada. He is in constant demand as a commentator on national and international Indigenous matters and has published widely on education, languages and Knowledge transmission. Lester-Irabinna’s recent 2006 co-edited book, Sharing Spaces: Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Responses to Story, Country and Rights, is the most up to date Australian text on Indigenous and non-Indigenous race relations and how this converges in the vulnerable, vital and contested space called ‘education’.

Professor Sue Richardson was appointed as Director of the National Institute for Labour Studies (NILS) in 2000. Prior to that she was Associate Professor in the School of Economics at the University of Adelaide. In 2004, Sue was appointed as a Commissioner (part time) of the Essential Services Commission, SA.

Sue’s research interests have been chiefly in the fields of labour economics, income distribution and poverty. Together with Dr Peter Travers, she has written extensively on what is meant by the standard of living, how this is measured and what it looks like in Australia. This work culminated in their book, Living Decently, published by Oxford University Press. She led work on the book Reshaping the Australian Labour Market published by Cambridge University Press in 1999. Current research includes the impact of labour market changes on children’s wellbeing; the settlement experience of new migrants to Australia; changes in labour demand and supply and their implications for vocational education; the ageing of the population and the workforce; skills shortages; and the social determinants of health.

She leads the Productivity and Economic Security theme of the ARC/NHMRC Network on Ageing Well, and is a Chief Investigator on the NHMRC funded Australian Health Inequities Project.

Between 1995 and 1997, Sue was appointed on a half time basis as Commissioner with the Industry Commission (which is the principal advisor to the Commonwealth Treasurer on strategies for improving the efficiency of the Australian economy, now called the Productivity Commission).

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Wendy Ah Chin is originally from Mt Isa, and a descendant from the Wannyi people in North West Queensland. Wendy grew up in Katherine and has lived in Darwin since 1993. She is currently the Deputy CEO of the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health (CRC Ah).

Wendy brings a wealth of skills, experience and leadership in policy and program administration and management at a high level. She has a health science degree from Edith Cowan University and a Graduate Certificate in Public Sector Management from Flinders University, and has worked in Indigenous affairs across the health, education and employment sectors.

Before joining the CRC Ah Wendy was working in a senior role at the Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. She currently lectures at Charles Darwin University on Indigenous employment.
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Professor Michael Barber FAA is the Vice-Chancellor of Flinders University. Educated at the University of New South Wales (UNSW), where he received first class honours and the University Medal in applied mathematics, Michael received his PhD from Cornell University in the United States in the field of theoretical physics in 1972. He started his academic career as a Queen Elizabeth II Fellow at the Australian National University’s (ANU) Department of Applied Mathematics, and spent a decade from 1974 as a Lecturer, Senior Lecturer and Associate Professor in applied mathematics at UNSW. In 1984, Michael was appointed Professor of Mathematics at ANU where, in 1990, he became Dean of the Faculty of Science.

Michael was appointed Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research) at the University of Western Australia in 1994, a position he held until 2002. He then broadened his experience by taking up the position of Executive Director, Science Planning at Australia’s premier research organisation, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). Four years later, he was appointed Group Executive, Information, Manufacturing and Minerals – a position he held until his appointment as Flinders’ Vice-Chancellor. Throughout his academic career, Michael has been an advisor on science and research to numerous government and industry agencies, both in Australia and overseas. He was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science in 1992 and served as Secretary, Science Policy from 2001-2005.

Professor Judith Dwyer is Head of the Department of Health Management in the Flinders University School of Medicine. She is a former Chief Executive Officer of the Australian National University’s (ANU) Department of Applied Mathematics, and spent a decade from 1974 as a Lecturer, Senior Lecturer and Associate Professor in applied mathematics at UNSW. In 1984, Michael was appointed Professor of Mathematics at ANU where, in 1990, he became Dean of the Faculty of Science.

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Fran Baum

Professor Fran Baum is Head of Department and Professor of Public Health at Flinders University, Foundation Director of South Australian Community Health Research Unit, the regional representative for the People’s Health Movement in Australia and Pacific, and Chair of its Global Steering Committee and a commissioner for the WHO Commission on the Social Determinants of Health. Fran is one of Australia’s foremost researchers on the social and economic determinants of health. She is leading a number of major research projects including the Australian Health Inequities Program funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NH&MRC). She is a fellow of the Academy of Social Science in Australia and the Australian Health Promotion Association and a Life Member of the Public Health Association of Australia.

Stephanie Bell

Stephanie Bell, a Kulilla/Wakka Wakka woman, is Director of the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (CAAC), one of the country’s largest and longest established Aboriginal Medical Services.

Stephanie is a former Chair of the Aboriginal Medical Service Alliance of the Northern Territory, Chair of the Northern Territory Aboriginal Health Forum and an executive member of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation. She also is a board member of the Central Australian Division of General Practice and the General Practice Division of the Northern Territory. Stephanie convenes the Community Forum within the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health.

Professor Judith Dwyer is Head of the Department of Health Management in the Flinders University School of Medicine. She is a former Chief Executive Officer of Southern Health Care Network in Melbourne, and of Flinders Medical Centre in Adelaide, and worked in the Australian health system for more than 20 years in a broad range of community, hospital and government settings. Judith’s research and consulting work is focused on leadership and governance of the health care system, and on primary health care services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. She was the inaugural president of Women’s Hospitals Australasia, and founding chair of the Australian Resource Centre for Healthcare Innovation.
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Ms Jan Ferguson is the Managing Director of the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre (CRC), a virtual research network that links Aboriginal and local knowledge with science and education for the benefit of all desert people. She has a great passion for the desert and its communities. Born in South Australia, Jan has lived at Beltana in the Northern Flinders Ranges from the age of 16, becoming close to its community. Jan wants the Desert Knowledge CRC to make a demonstrable difference to desert communities. Before joining the Desert Knowledge CRC in 2005, Jan worked for the South Australian government for 15 years. She has been Executive Director, Policy, Planning and Community Services, Department for Administration and Information Services in South Australia, up to her appointment as Managing Director of the Desert Knowledge CRC. Jan is a previous winner of the Telstra Businesswomen’s award for her innovative approaches to public sector reform and community development. Prior to commencing work with DAIS in 2000, Jan worked in the Department for Transport, Urban Planning and the Arts as the Director, Office of the Chief Executive. From 1994-1997, she was Manager, Human Resources, for the Department for Transport during a period of significant change. Jan believes in community based enterprise. She operates in a collaborative and integrated way, and is outward looking and strategic in her operations and relationships.

Mick Gooda is the Chief Executive Officer of the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health (CRCAH). He is a Gangulu man from Central Queensland and has an extensive work history in the public and community sectors which has involved the development of policy, delivery of programs and advocacy in Indigenous Affairs throughout Australia. In doing this, Mick has built up a comprehensive experience of working and delivering results in remote, rural and urban environments, based on an extensive knowledge of the diversity of circumstance and cultural nuances of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples throughout Australia. This has involved working at the Community, State and Federal levels and he worked in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) for the majority of its life and was its last employee. Mick has been invited onto the International Indigenous Council which is responsible for the running of the Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Conferences, the most recent of which was run in Edmonton, Canada in August 2006. He has led the CRCAH through a significant change of direction which now sees Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people leading all aspect of its research agenda from the development of research themes, research protocols and proposals through to the research itself.

Peter Mares presents The National Interest on ABC Radio National (Fridays at 6pm, Sundays at noon). He has been a journalist and broadcaster with the ABC for more than twenty years, having previously presented the regional current affairs program Asia Pacific and worked as a foreign correspondent based in Hanoi. Peter is an adjunct research fellow at the Institute of Social Research at Swinburne University of Technology, where he pursues an interest in migration, borders and human movement. His book Borderline on Australia’s Refugee Policies won prizes at the 2001 Queensland Premier’s Literary Awards, the 2002 NSW Premier’s Literary Awards and the 2001 Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Human Rights Awards.

Justin Mohamed is a Goreng Goreng man from Bundaberg, Queensland. He moved to Shepparton, Victoria, in 1988, where he has been involved with the Yorta Yorta Community in the Shepparton/Moooroopna region. In March 2005 Justin was appointed Director of the Academy of Sport, Health and Education with the University of Melbourne. He has developed strong links with Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative (which provides the local community with health, housing, youth and aged care services) over a 15 year period both as the Chief Executive Officer and currently as the Chairperson. Justin is also the Chair of VACCHO (Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation), and Treasurer of NACCHO.
CASE STUDY PRESENTERS

Petah Atkinson is a Yorta Yorta woman who lives with her family in Shepparton, Victoria. Petah has always worked in health, and was the manager of the Rumbalara Health Service in Shepparton for seven years before moving into the Executive Manager of Health Services at Rumbalara. She completed her Master in Public Health in 2005, which opened up a whole new world of learning and led to her decision to go on and do a PhD. Petah’s interest in research was sparked by working in health services and seeing so many people present with the same problems, relating to cardiovascular disease, diabetes, drug and alcohol problems. She hopes that her research will work towards the prevention of these preventable diseases.

SESSION CHAIRS & FACILITATORS

Sir Eric Neal is the Chancellor of Flinders University. Sir Eric served as Governor of the State of South Australia from July 1996 to November 2001. He previously had a successful career in industry, culminating in 14 years as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Boral Ltd and as a Director of its subsidiaries in Australia, the United Kingdom, the United States and the Pacific Islands. Sir Eric has served on many corporate boards, as well as on government advisory bodies on defence, prices and incomes, water resources and the sugar industry. His directorships have included BHP, AMP and Westpac (of which he was also Chairman).

The Rev. Thomas Slockee has been an active and progressive leader in the Aboriginal and wider community for the past twenty or more years. Thomas gave leadership to the formation of the new Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) in NSW. Thomas has also been responsible for the development of local organisations in housing, business and aged care, and was the first Aboriginal representative as Councillor and Deputy Mayor of Eurobodalla Shire Council, Board. He was a Director for Aboriginal Hostels Ltd in 1998-2000. In 2002 Thomas was ordained a priest in the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn. Thomas is a highly respected community leader and activist and has represented his community in many organisations and conferences at the Local, Regional, State and National levels.

David Waterford is Executive Director, Social Inclusion Unit, South Australian Department of the Premier and Cabinet. David has been a member of the Unit since its inception in March 2002, working first on the preparation of the South Australian Drugs Summit 2002 and then as team leader of the Homelessness Reference. More recently he was responsible bringing together and supporting specialist staff to undertake research, convene cross agency working groups, and lead consultations on mental health, school retention and juvenile justice. David was formally Manager, Health Policy, in the South Australian Department of Human Services and has worked in public health, principally in the area of communicable disease control. Prior to joining the South Australian Public Sector in 1997, David held various management and service delivery positions in the not for profit non-government sector, working in services for homeless people (both in Australia and the United States) and services for people with HIV, as well as in the non-government education sector. As part of the Australia Day Honours for 2008, David was awarded the Public Service Medal for outstanding public service, particularly towards social issues affecting the community of South Australia.
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David Baird is the Chief Executive Officer of Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services. He is also studying for a postgraduate degree at Griffith University in Brisbane. David believes that the establishment of Gurriny highlights the need for community controlled health services to be more than just a service provider but to act as a real change agent for Indigenous health. Currently engaged in planning and implementation for the transition of health services from Queensland Health to community control, Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services must leverage its opportunities through partnerships to overcome the more established barriers that exists in our mainstream services.

Trevor Bromley is from the Birdsville area in south west Queensland, and is a descendant of the Wangkangurru and Yarluyandi desert people. He has travelled widely across Australia in his working life, and is a talented painter and carver of native wood. Trevor is a founding member of the Zebra Finch Men’s Group. The group is made up of Elders whose main role is to pass on their life experiences, knowledge and guidance to younger Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members. They lead by example, sharing cultural and community values to build strong men for strong families.

Dr Jocelyn Davies’ research supports development of sustainable livelihoods for desert people in Australia through enhanced management of natural and cultural resources, and recognition of the value of those livelihoods. Jocelyn joined Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) in Alice Springs in the Northern Territory in July 2005 as a Principal Research Scientist. Her appointment was part of a collaborative initiative between CSIRO and the Northern Territory’s Charles Darwin University, supported by the Northern Territory Research and Innovation Board, to build research capacity in central Australia for the outcomes that are Desert Knowledge CRC’s focus, namely: sustainable livelihoods for desert people; sustainable remote desert settlements; thriving desert regional economies; and increased human and social capital of desert people. Jocelyn’s doctoral research was an action research study of community development and land management planning with two Aboriginal communities completed in 1995.

Felicia Dean is the Chief Executive Officer of Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative in Mooroolbark, Victoria. Felicia is a local Yorta Yorta woman born and raised in the traditional area, and is mother to two daughters. Felicia has a Diploma in Teaching, a Bachelor of Education and an Advanced Diploma of Business Management. She is heavily involved in her local community, and is president of the Rumbalara Netball Club, and coaches the U11 team and also sits on numerous Aboriginal and Non-Indigenous Boards.
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Andrew Johnson is the Director of Strategic Policy in the Department of Water Land and Biodiversity Conservation. Andrew has over 25 years experience in natural resource and environmental management working in environmental impact assessment, soil conservation and land management, landcare and dryland salinity. In recent years he has been the Director of Natural Resource Management Support and was responsible for implementation of the reform process associated with establishment of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004. This included the establishment of 8 regional NRM Boards that replaced over 70 previous Boards and other authorities (Catchment Water Management Boards, Animal and Plant Control Boards, Soil Conservation Boards and regional Integrated NRM Groups). He was concurrently Program Director for the Upper South East Dryland Salinity and Flood Management program which has constructed over 450 km of drainage works to protect 40,000 ha of important wetlands and 600,000 ha of agricultural land.

As Director of Strategic Policy he is responsible for inter-state Natural Resource Management (NRM) and Murray Darling Basin (MDB) policy arrangements as well as broader water, River Murray and NRM legislative reform within South Australia. He is currently a member of a wide range of national and state working groups and committees including MDB Commission Water Policy Coordinating Committee, Natural Resources Policy and Programs Committee, Chair of the Advancing Reconciliation Working Group and member of the national EMS Advisory Committee.

Janina Gawler is the Principal Consultant at Cooperative Change, a company which specialises in facilitating regional development and Aboriginal partnerships. Janina has a long history of working with Aboriginal people and has established a consultancy which works with corporations, government and Indigenous communities to build long term relationships and ensure improved outcomes for Aboriginal people. An example of this is her role as National Coordinator for the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Australian Government and the Minerals Council between 2005-2007. Janina has worked extensively on mining land use agreements and has designed and managed successful Indigenous employment programs under The Corporate Leaders program. Janina is a skilled facilitator trained in the Future Search methodology which empowers communities to design and implement their vision for change.

David Hollinsworth is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Queensland. David taught Aboriginal Studies at the University of South Australia (1980-1997). He has published widely on Aboriginal history and politics, Indigenous health, and on representations of Aboriginality. David has an international reputation for his work on Australian racism and effective anti-racism strategies. Since 1997, David has published widely including Race and Racism in Australia, Third Edition (2006), and They Took the Children (2003) which won the 2004 NSW Premier’s Young People’s History Award. David also works as a consultant in anti-racism and Indigenous affairs and is Secretary of the Stolen Generations Alliance.

James Harrison is an injury epidemiologist who directs the Research Centre for Injury Studies at Flinders University, in South Australia. He is an Associate Professor in the School of Medicine at the university. The Research Centre operates the National Injury Surveillance Unit (NISU) of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, which he also directs. James holds a degree in medicine from the University of Melbourne, a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Sydney, and is a Fellow of the Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine. His main areas of research interest are injury prevention and control, and methods and infrastructure for public health surveillance and evaluation, including classifications.

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Dr Yin Paradies is an Aboriginal-Anglo Asian Darwinian who has lived in Melbourne since 2007. He is currently a Research Fellow jointly at the Menzies School of Health Research and the University of Melbourne. Yin has qualifications in mathematics and computing, medical statistics, public health and social epidemiology. His research focuses the health effects of racism as well as anti-racism theory, policy and practice (see www.onemda.unimelb.edu.au/staff/paradies.html).

Dr Lanny Smith works in the Bronx as a primary care doctor and teaches within the Montefiore Residency Program in Social Medicine and at Albert Einstein School of Medicine (emphasis in Global Health). Lanny is on the Global Steering Group of the People’s Health Movement (www.phmovement.org), helped start Doctors for Global Health (www.dghonline.org), and lived seven years in El Salvador learning and practising Liberation Medicine. He is a co-editor of the peer-review, open access journal Social Medicine (www.socialmedicine.info) and works together with the Latin American Social Medicine Education Society, ALAMES on the Spanish edition (www.medicinasocial.org) with editors from around the world.

Mr Fred Tanner is of Arabunna descent and was born in Port Augusta in South Australia. In early 1986 after 13½ years as a boilermaker, Fred moved to Adelaide to study full-time, completing an Associate Diploma in Community Administration and a Bachelor degree in Arts and Law. Fred practised as a criminal lawyer and as a native title and Aboriginal heritage lawyer before moving to the South Australian Public Service in 2002. Since moving, Fred has been employed in a variety of policy and project officer roles, including a period as the Acting Director, Aboriginal Justice Strategy and Community Development Unit with the Department of Justice. He has been a member on the Law Society of South Australia and has served on the Aboriginal Issues and Human Rights committees and Law Council of Australian Indigenous Advisory Committee. Fred has been a member of the And Areas Water Management Catchment Board and subsequent South Australian And Lands Natural Resources Management Board. He has also served as a member of the State-wide Aboriginal Advisory Committee to the State Natural Resources Council. Fred’s current policy role with the Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation involves the implementation of the Intergovernmental Agreement on the National Water Initiative, particularly, paragraphs 52 to 54 – Indigenous Access. He is currently a member of a National Advancing Reconciliation Working Group.

Mr Klynton Wanganeen is a descendant of the Narungga and Ngarrindjeri nations. His qualifications include a teaching degree, certificates and diplomas in Management and Community Services Management and a Trade Certificate in Welding. Klynton was the former South Australian Zone Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC), and former Chairman of the Patpa Warra Yunti and Regional Council. Previous roles include General Manager, Aboriginal Access Centre, and Statewide Program Leader Aboriginal Education (TAFE), and Chairman of the South Australian Aboriginal Health Partnership. Klynton was recently appointed Director of the Aboriginal Education Employment Policy Co-ordination Directorate of Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology (DFEEST), and has taken leave from that position to accept appointment by His Excellency the Governor of South Australia as the inaugural Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement.
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Dr Anna Ziersch is a social scientist with a background in social psychology, and a Senior Research Fellow for the Australian Health Inequities Program in the Department of Public Health at Flinders University. She has an overarching interest in health inequities, and her current research interests in relation to this include social capital, neighbourhood/location, forms of employment and health, housing and social capital, refugee health, and discrimination/prejudice and health. Anna is currently involved in a National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) funded project that explores social capital, racism and health inequities, drawing on the experiences of urban Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents in Adelaide.

Ms Carmel Williams has a long and extensive experience in the field of health promotion and public health, with qualifications in education and public health. She is currently Project Manager Health in All Policies, an innovative cross sectoral policy strategy proposed by the 2007 Adelaide Thinker in Residence, Professor Ilona Kickbusch. Carmel has continued to work closely with Professor Kickbusch to deliver on a number of key recommendations contained in her final report. Carmel has a strong commitment to health equity and, through her persistence, health equity issues are now part of the agenda within South Australia Health. In 2008 Carmel was awarded the Leadership for Health Promotion award by the Australian Health Promotion Association SA Branch.
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