



AHPA Policy Symposium

Strengthening Allied Health in a New Landscape

Wednesday 12 October, 2022

Program and Featured Speakers

10:00am - 10:15am Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country
AHPA President Antony Nicholas and CEO Bronwyn Morris-Donovan

10:15am - 10:55am **Strengthening Allied Health in a New Landscape**



Anne-marie Boxall

Chief Allied Health Officer, Australian Government Department of Health
Adjunct Associate Professor, Menzies Centre for Health Policy,
The University of Sydney, Australia

Anne-marie Boxall is the Chief Allied Health Officer for the Australian Government Department of Health. In this role, Anne-marie leads engagement with the allied health sector and works within and across government to promote the role of allied health professionals. Prior to this, Anne-marie worked in the Department on long-term health system reform. She has also worked at the Commonwealth Treasury, Commonwealth Parliamentary Library, the National Rural Health Alliance, and the Australian Health and Hospital Association. She began her career as a physiotherapist, where she worked in the public and private sectors. Anne-marie is also an Adjunct Associate Professor with the Menzies Centre for Health Policy at The University of Sydney and has published on a wide range of health policy topics. In 2019-20, Anne-marie was the Australian Commonwealth Fund Harkness Fellow in Health Policy and Practice at Columbia University in the United States.

Followed by 15 minute Q&A facilitated by Bronwyn Morris-Donovan

10:55am - 11:10am **Allied Health Data and the NDIS**



Interactive session builds on existing allied health work by Erin West

Policy Officer

Speech Pathology Australia

Erin West (Speech Pathology Australia) has a strong background in disability and paediatrics. She is a speech pathologist by training and is currently undertaking a PhD at the University of Melbourne. Erin was previously responsible for providing advice to Speech Pathology Australia members and the community regarding issues around the NDIS, as well as private practice before moving into policy. She now works in the policy and advocacy space for the speech pathology profession and aims to effect change for people with disability, particularly communication disability and/or mealtime difficulties."

11:10am - 11:55am

Dr Alexandra Devine

Senior Research Fellow in the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health
The University of Melbourne, Australia

Alex Devine is a Senior Research Fellow in the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health. For the past 17 years her local and international research has focused on mental health and disability inclusive development. Alex has a particular interest in disability systems, and has conducted a number of projects looking at the experiences of individuals engaged with disability employment services and the NDIS.



Dr George Disney

Melbourne School of Population and Global Health
The University of Melbourne, Australia

George Disney is a social epidemiologist. His current research focuses on analysing the determinants of the (avoidable) gap in health between people with and without disabilities.

Much of that research focuses on how government could and should act on the social determinants of health to reduce health inequalities for people with disability. He is currently leading a qual / quant project on smoking among people with intellectual disability, a study of the 'disability pay gap' and the quantitative component of two large government projects on uneven and inequitable utilisation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

He previously worked at the Wellington School of Public Health, University of Otago. His research focus during his time in New Zealand centred on estimating ethnic and social inequalities in mortality and cancer incidence. Prior to that George lived in the UK. He completed his PhD in Social Statistics and Demography ("Model based estimates of UK immigration") at the University of Southampton.



Followed by 15 minute Q&A facilitated by Erin West

11:55am - 12:05pm **Break**

12:05pm -12:35pm **Improving the quality of care, adherence, and experience through real-time client feedback**



Paul Millett

Director of Business Development APAC Cemplicity



Paul Millett is a Director at Cemplicity. He has extensive international experience in healthcare, technology, and strategic consultancy. These three areas of expertise converge well with his current position with Cemplicity. He believes that, as patients, we are all experts when it comes to the unique context of how we feel, and the challenges we face with our well-being and health journey. Our expertise can only be useful if we are invited to share it in the right way. Cemplicity makes it easy and effective for healthcare organisations to improve the quality of care, outcomes and experience through real-time patient feedback.

Followed by 10 minute Q&A facilitated by Bronwyn Morris-Donovan

12:35pm -1:15pm **Lunch Break**

1:15pm -1:45pm **The new Aged Care landscape**

Lisa Ogolo

CEO Victorian Community Controlled Health Organisation
National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Ageing and Aged Care Council

Lisa Ogolo is a proud Murruwarri woman from far western NSW and grew up in a small remote community called Goodooga. Previously, she was Chief Executive Officer at Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service in NSW which includes aged care services. Before that she was CEO at Tobwabba Community Controlled Health Service and Manager for Aboriginal Health at Hunter New England District Health for 6 years. She has also held a director position on the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council board and been Chairperson of the NSW/ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Training Committee since 2015, reporting to the Board of GP Synergy.

Followed by 10 minute Q&A facilitated by Bronwyn Morris-Donovan

1:45pm -2:30pm **Professor Kathy Eagar**

Director of the Australian Health Services Research Institute



Professor Kathy Eagar is the foundation Director of the Australian Health Services Research Institute at the University of Wollongong. She has authored over 500 papers on management, quality, outcomes, information systems and funding of the Australia and New Zealand health and community care systems. As professor of health services research for more than two decades, her applied research has spanned many dimensions including better quality, safer care, better accessibility, improved efficiency and better outcomes.

As well as her work in health care, Professor Eagar has undertaken extensive work in the aged care system over the last two decades. Most recently she led the design of the new Australian National Aged Care Classification (AN-ACC) and funding model for residential aged care that will be implemented nationally from October 2022. She also worked as an adviser to the Aged Care Royal Commission and undertook research commissioned by the Royal Commission into the adequacy of residential aged care staffing. Based on that research, the Aged Care Royal Commission recommended mandated staffing ratios and a five star public reporting system for aged care.

Followed by 15 minute Q&A facilitated by Dr Anne-marie Boxall

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2:30pm - 2:50pm **AHPA Corporate Partner - HR Advice Online**



Introduced by Bronwyn Morris-Donovan

Sally Garner and Kerrie Canning

Directors HR Advice Online



Kerrie is a co-founder of HR Advice Online. As an experienced Human Resources and Organisational Development professional, Kerrie brings over 20 years experience working both within organisations and as an external consultant on cultural change, leadership development, recruitment and selection and coaching.

Sally joined as a Co-owner and partner in 2020. Sally has over 20 years' experience in Human Resources with a strong focus on Recruitment Services and Leadership. Sally's expertise spans across industries including Healthcare, government, finance, education, and small to medium enterprises.

2:50pm - 3:00pm **Break**

3:00pm - 3:40pm

Allied Health and the new NDIS landscape



Tricia Malowney

Independent Advisory Council, NDIS

Tricia Malowney OAM is passionate about the inclusion and empowerment of people with disabilities. Among her numerous involvements, Tricia is a member of the Independent Advisory Council to the NDIS, provides an advocacy consultancy to government and non-government agencies, is a senior member of the Disability Leadership Institute, and a Director at the Urgent Action Fund for Women, Asia Pacific. She is also the Chief Accessibility Advocate for the Victorian Department of Transport, and was recently awarded a Churchill Fellowship to look at end-to-end public transport journeys for disabled people.

Followed by 15 minute Q&A facilitated by Dr Chris Atmore

3:40pm - 4:15pm

Role of allied health in health equity and addressing the social determinants of health



Professor Sharon Friel

ARC Laureate Fellow and Professor of Health Equity

Sharon Friel is an ARC Laureate Fellow, Professor of Health Equity and Director of the Planetary Health Equity Hothouse and Menzies Centre for Health Governance at the School of Regulation and Global Governance (RegNet), Australian National University. Her research focuses on the political economy of health; governance and the planetary, social and commercial determinants of health inequities. Her book "Climate Change and the People's Health" highlights the importance of addressing the global consumptogenic system. She is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences of Australia, and on the Board of Directors of Health Justice Australia.

Followed by 10 minute Q&A facilitated by Mirjana Jovetic

4:15pm

Event Close