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CHAIRPERSON

Dr Peter Bentley

Dr Peter Bentley is the WA manager of medical services for the Australian Red Cross Blood Service. This role includes research collaborations with the University of Western Australia as well as teaching and mentoring post-graduate medical students. He holds an adjunct position as Senior Clinical Lecturer with UWA. Dr 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.

Dr 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 at SCGH and membership of the Ethics Committee there. Dr Bentley is also interested in health informatics and the use of big data sets to improve practice.

MEMBERS (in alphabetical order)

Ms Joyce Archibald – Lay Person – Female

Ms Joyce Archibald has a Masters of Social Work, a Certificate in Business Data Processing and has recently retired from her contractual work as a licensed private investigator, which primarily involved allegations of misconduct, sexual harassment, bullying in the workplace and the like.

Prior to this, as Chief Social Worker Royal Perth Hospital for 10 years, she was instrumental in the design and implementation of the first computer based information system for a hospital social work department in Australia. She also promoted and encouraged studies which resulted in changes to hospital policy, particularly related to non-English speaking patients.

Earlier in her career, as the project manager for the design and implementation of a computer based system in social services in Alberta, Canada, she was involved in the discussion of the ethics and confidentiality of information collection and use.

She has been an active member of her community, having been a Town Councillor for Bassendean, including one year as Deputy Mayor. She was the Chair of the Board of Management for the school which her children attended. She is currently a member of several community groups and an enthusiastic supporter of the arts.

Ms Patricia Fowler – Professional Care

Ms Patricia Fowler was firstly a registered nurse in New South Wales from 1979 and then in Western Australia from 1992. Ms Fowler has been the President of the Australian Nursing Federation since 1998. Ms Fowler served as a member on the Confidentiality of Health Information Committee from 2000 to 2008.

Dr Alison Garton – Researcher (and Deputy Chair)

Dr Alison Garton is an Adjunct Professor of Psychology at Edith Cowan University where she sat for three years on the Human Ethics Committee. Prior to this, she established and chaired a faculty-based Human Research Ethics Committee to evaluate low risk projects. She also sat on the Faculty Ethics Committee at the University of Tasmania. Dr Garton has worked in academia, policy and management, has authored one textbook and four monographs along with over sixty refereed articles and chapters. She has supervised countless students at honours, masters and PhD levels and has received awards for her supervision.

Dr Garton is currently a senior sessional member of the State Administrative Tribunal working in the human rights and vocational regulation streams having been a previous member and chair of the Psychologists Board of Western Australia. She also sat for nine years on the Ethics Committee of the Australian Psychological Society.

Reverend Jenifer Goring – Pastoral Care

Reverend Jenifer Goring is an Anglican Priest and is currently working in parish ministry. She previously held positions at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Princess Margaret Hospital and King Edward Memorial Hospital as an ecumenical chaplain. This role involved the multi-faith and multi-disciplinary approach to the provision of healthcare, including issues of reproductive technology and end-of-life decision-making. This role also included lecturing and leading seminars. Reverend Goring holds the following tertiary qualifications: Bachelor of Divinity (Murdoch, 1990), Bachelor of Social Work (UWA, 1983) and Bachelor of Arts (UWA, 1981).

Dr Angela Ives - Researcher

Dr Angela Ives is a research fellow in the Cancer and Palliative Care Research and Evaluation Unit at UWA. She is a qualified diagnostic radiographer and an experienced health services researcher with a Master Degree in Public Health and a PhD (distinction). Her research interest is improving care for people diagnosed with cancer in WA and she collaborates widely with health professionals and health policy makers to identify areas of deficit and to measure improved care.

She has served two years as a Deputy Research for the Department of Health Human Research Ethics Committee and is very familiar with the WA Data Linkage System as many of these projects involve linked data. Currently, Angela is involved in the development of the state clinical cancer data collection system and the WA arm of the bi-national prostate cancer outcomes registry (PCOR-ANZ).

Mr Gary Langham – Information Security

Mr Gary Langham has over twenty years combined professional experience in the fields of information security, information technology (IT) Risk Management and IT governance. Mr Langham is currently working for a Japanese Oil & Gas Company and is responsible for ensuring all IT Risks are adequately managed and that there are adequate IT controls in place within IT systems to meet Japanese legislative requirements (JSOX which is the Japanese version of Sarbanes-Oxley).

Mr Langham has been a member of the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA), a global IT governance professional organisation for over 12 years. He has served on two international ISACA committees relating to the certified governance of enterprise IT and information security manager certifications since 2007. He served as the President of the ISACA Perth chapter from 2006 to 2008. Finally, Mr Langham was part of the team that developed the COBIT 5 Foundation, Implementation and Assessor global certifications in 2013 and now sits on the examination panel.

Ms Mary Miller – WA Health Representative

Ms Mary Miller is a Registered Nurse with a clinical background in paediatrics, and holds a Masters in Health Services Management, and Post Graduate Certificates in Health Improvement and Health Counselling.

Ms Miller has 25 years' experience in health across metropolitan and rural sectors, and has worked in a variety of roles including nursing management, safety and quality, policy and regulation in WA. Ms Miller is currently the Director of Nursing and Midwifery Workforce and Reform at WA Country Health Service.

Ms Jennifer Wall – Lawyer

Ms Jennifer Wall graduated in Law from the University of Western Australia and has worked in private legal practice (Mallesons Stephen Jaques), as a litigation consultant (Liscia & Tavelli) and as a senior legal advisor in the Legal and Legislative Services Directorate of the Department of Health in Western Australia. She has over 20 years of experience in commercial and insurance litigation, medical negligence claims, coronial inquests and health law.

Currently Ms Wall is a sessional member of the State Administrative Tribunal (working in the human rights and vocational regulation areas) and a member of the Mental Health Tribunal of Western Australia.

Harley White – Layperson – Male

Harley White is a career public sector employee who has worked in a range of agencies including the State Solicitor's Office, WorkCover WA, Department of Fire and Emergency Services (previously Fire and Emergency Services Authority) Western Australia Police and at the Office of Health Review.

He is currently a General Manager at WorkCover WA with responsibility for the overall management of one of the agencies largest divisions. Harley has a strong interest in community service.

DEPUTY MEMBERS (in alphabetical order)

Professor Tom Briffa – Researcher

Research Associate Professor Tom Briffa, Head of Cardiovascular Research, School of Population Health, UWA, is an experienced allied health researcher with expertise in clinical trials, data linkage and evidence translation. His research targets the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease and its translation into practice. He works with a network of dynamic

health professionals globally from his base at UWA. He is a founding member of state, national and international associations for cardiac rehabilitation and holds numerous honorary positions with peak national and state health agencies.

Reverend Brian Carey – Pastoral Care

Reverend Brian Carey is a Minister of the Uniting Church in Australia with many years of involvement in the field of bioethics at a state and national level. He has presented papers on the full range of ethical/medical subjects at conferences, universities, etc. He was the applied ethicist for the State of Victoria's Bio-technology Committee and a member of the Stem Cell Working Group. He was a member of Monash Medical Centre and Epworth Hospital's Human Research Ethics Committee for over twenty years.

Mr Shane Gallagher – Information Security

Mr Shane Gallagher is a Senior IT Auditor at Landgate. Mr Gallagher has a Bachelor Degree in Information Science and holds Masters Degrees in Business Administration and Professional Accounting. He is a member of the Information Systems Audit and Control Association and is also a Certified Practising Accountant and Certified Information Systems Auditor. Mr Gallagher has extensive experience in internal audit, and IT audit including IT security and IT governance.

Dr Phillip Jacobsen – Lay Person – Male

Dr Phillip Jacobsen was the Principal Scientist in the Department of Neuropathology until 2000. During this period his research interests focused mainly on human cerebral neoplasms but also included a range of neuromuscular disorders which resulted in the publication of 23 peer reviewed articles. Dr Jacobsen has a Master of Science and PhD from UWA. From 2007 to 2011 he was an elected member for the City of Subiaco and *the Western Metropolitan Regional Council*. *Dr Jacobsen is a member of the WA Red Cross Advisory Board* and is a senior volunteer with Red Cross Emergency Services.

Ms Kathryn Kirk – Lay Person – Female

Ms Kate Kirk was employed by the 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 Human Research Ethics Committee for many years and has extensive experience in health research. She had a particular interest in helping students from all faculties recognise the importance of ethics in conducting their research.

Dr Ann McDonald – Professional Care

Dr Ann McDonald is a Consultant Psychiatrist specialising in Child, Adolescent and Youth Psychiatry. She is a highly experienced Clinician, having previously worked in Community Paediatrics before training in Psychiatry and holds formal qualifications in Paediatric Medicine as well as Psychiatry.

Dr McDonald was the Clinical Director of the Consultation Liaison Psychiatry Service at Princess Margaret Hospital where she was a Medical Specialist for 10 years; and has subsequently provided clinical services to refugees and asylum seekers in detention; worked in rural and remote WA with the Goldfields Community Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Service and currently provides Psychiatric services to university students attending a University Health Service. She is a Clinical (Adjunct) Associate Professor at the University of Western Australia.

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 the University of Western Australia 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 Clinical Ethics Service for three years.

Ms Yvonne Rate – Lay Person – Female

Ms Yvonne Rate's professional career was in physical and health education at secondary then tertiary levels, primarily at Edith Cowan University. She spent ten years as Head of College at St Catherine's College (UWA) followed by five years as Principal of the Women's College in the University of Sydney. She has a Masters of Education and a Master of Philosophy (Women's Studies). Yvonne was a Board member of various State and National sports organisations and was on the West Australian Health Promotion Board. Yvonne is Chair of Bluearth Foundation, a national charity established in 2000 to encourage our community to be more physically active. She retains an active interest in women's sport and netball in particular.

Associate Professor Alison Reid – Researcher

Alison Reid is an Associate Professor at the School of Public Health, Curtin University, Western Australia. She 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 sub groups of the population. Specifically, she is interested in the working conditions, exposure to hazards and health outcomes of migrant workers.

Ms Nadia Saba – Lawyer

Ms Nadia Saba graduated with a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Science from Murdoch University in 2003 and has also completed a Master of Laws from the University of Sydney. She has worked for the State Solicitor's Office, including a secondment to the Legislative Services Directorate of the Department of Health in Western Australia. For the past 8 years she has worked as in-house counsel in the private sector. She has in past tutored at both the Murdoch University Law School and Macquarie University in Sydney, specialising in business and IT law.

Associate Professor Katrina Spilsbury – Researcher

Dr Katrina Spilsbury is an Associate Professor at Curtin University working on the Centre for Population Health Research, Curtin University. She is an experienced analyst of linked health data from the Western Australian Data Linkage System and has published numerous articles investigating the epidemiology of both short and long term patient health outcomes. A/Prof Spilsbury is a qualified biostatistician having completed a Masters of Biostatistics degree

through the Biostatistical Collaboration of Australia in June 2008. A/Prof Spilsbury has completed two terms as a Sitting Member (Researcher) and Deputy Chairperson for the Department of Health Human Research Ethics Committee.

Mr Stephen Woods – WA Health Representative

Mr Steve Woods is the Data Manager for the Children's Cardiac Centre at Princess Margaret Hospital for Children. Mr Woods holds a Bachelor of Science from UWA and is an affiliate member of the Health Information Management Association of Australia. His background includes scientific research, information technology management at a medical research institute and clinical information database development.

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