



# AUSTRALIA HEALTH WORKFORCE ADVISORY COUNCIL

## CHAIR AND MEMBERS BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

### CHAIR

#### **Professor Denise Bradley AC**

*Nominated by: South Australia*



#### **Current offices:**

- Emeritus Professor, University of South Australia (UniSA)
- Interim Chief Commissioner, of national Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency
- Chair of VERNet (established by the nine Victorian universities and CSIRO to design, deploy and manage an optic fibre network linking over 120 research and tertiary education sites across the state) .
- Member of the Education Infrastructure Fund Advisory Board
- Member of the Australian National Commission for UNESCO.
- Member of the NSW Partnerships Evaluation Committee.
- Director of SEEK Pty Ltd
- Fellow of the Australian College of Educators since 1982 and immediate past President.

#### **Expertise:**

- Extensively involved in national education policy groups for more than two decades.
- Former Vice-Chancellor and President, University of SA, member of the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission and the National Board of Employment, Education and Training (NBEET), as well as deputy chair of the Higher Education Council of NBEET.
- Former Chair SA Training and Skills Commission
- Chaired the Expert Panel that reviewed Higher Education in Australia and recommended a new framework for Higher Education.

### MEMBERS

#### **Professor Loane Skene (business/legal)**

*Nominated by: Queensland*



#### **Current offices:**

- Professor, Faculty of Law; Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, University of Melbourne
- Member of the Australian Health Ethics Committee, one of the principal Committees of the National Health and Medical Research Council,
- Specialises in Health and Medical Law and is a Professor of Law in the Faculty of Law and an Adjunct Professor of Law in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences.

#### **Previous offices:**

- In 2005, was Deputy Chair of the Lockhart Committee on Human Cloning and Embryo Research and became principal spokesperson for the Committee after the sudden death of the Chair, the late Justice Lockhart AO, in January 2006.
- Served on numerous federal and state advisory committees, especially in relation to genetics and the law

#### **Expertise:**

- Author of two books on medical law (including the widely used text, *Law and Medical Practice*, 1<sup>st</sup> ed Butterworths, Sydney, 1998; 2<sup>nd</sup> ed Lexis Nexis, Sydney, 2004; 3<sup>rd</sup> ed, LexisNexis, Sydney, 2008); and numerous chapters in books and articles in Australian and overseas legal, medical and scientific journals.
- Research interests include the legal regulation of genetic testing, assisted reproductive technology and euthanasia.
- In 2003, was awarded a Centenary Medal for 'Service to Australian Society through the Exploration of Legal and Ethical Issues of Health Care'

**Dr Mark Wenitong (medical/health delivery)**

*Nominated by: Commonwealth*



**Current offices:**

- Member of a number of national Indigenous health committees including:
  - NHMRC Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workforce Working Group (ATSIHWWG)
  - Australian Medical Association (AMA) Taskforce on Indigenous Health
  - Committee of Deans of Medical Schools Indigenous Health Curriculum Projects Steering Committee
  - Leaders in Indigenous Medical Education Network Reference Group
  - Pacific Regions Indigenous Doctors Congress Steering Committee
  - Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACP) Joint Consultative Committee
- Senior Medical Officer at Apunipima Cape York Health Council
- Chair, Andrology Australia Indigenous Male Health Reference Group
- Member of the NHMRC National Health Committee

**Previous offices:**

- President and founder of the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association
- Member of the Northern Territory Emergency Response Review expert advisory group in 2008
- Delegate at the Australian Government's 2020 Summit

**Expertise**

Heavily involved in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce and has helped develop several national workforce documents

**Professor Louis Landau (medical/ education and training)**

*Nominated by: Western Australia*



**Current offices**

- Emeritus Professor, Centre for Genetic Epidemiology & Biostatistics, University of Western Australia
- Principal Medical Advisor, Medical Workforce, WA Department of Health

**Previous offices**

- Graduated from the University of Melbourne in 1965 and subsequently entered into practice as a Paediatric Respiratory Physician
- Worked at Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne and at Princess Margaret Hospital for Children in Perth where he was a Professor in Paediatrics
- Executive Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Western Australia for 9 years
- Founding Chairman of the Institute for Child Health Research
- Served on committees of the National Health and Medical Research Council, the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee, the Australia Medical Council, and the National Asthma Campaign
- Awarded the Order of Australia for his contribution to paediatrics and research in respiratory medicine in 1996
- Awarded the Howard Williams Medal (1999)
- Awarded the Centenary Medal (2001)

**Expertise**

- Research interests include infant pulmonary function testing, pathogenesis and the natural history of asthma
- Over 200 publications in international journals on respiratory physiology, asthma, cystic fibrosis and presents regularly at international scientific meetings
- Medical Education
- Health Services Evaluation

**Professor Hal Swerissen** (health policy and health services)

*Nominated by: Victoria*



**Current offices**

- Dean, Health Sciences and Pro Vice Chancellor (Regional) La Trobe University
- Director, Alfred Health

**Previous offices**

- Senior ministerial advisor on health for the Commonwealth Government
- Ministerial advisor to the Victorian Government on community services

**Expertise**

- Expert on health policy and program development
- Extensive research record in the design and development of primary health and community services
- Key developer of Commonwealth national primary health strategy and COAG coordinated care trials
- Published more than 100 books, papers and reports on health and community services policy and programs

**Professor Mary Fitzgerald (nursing)**

*Nominated by: Tasmania*



**Current offices**

- Professor of Nursing Practice Development, Royal Hobart Hospital and the School of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Tasmania
- Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing Australia
- Member of the Rural Nurses Association
- Member of the Research Advisory Group for the Australia and New Zealand Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery
- INDEN – International Network for Doctoral Education in Nursing

**Previous offices**

- Professor of Nursing & Director of Research, James Cook University, Townsville
- Professor of Nursing, University of Newcastle and Central Coast Area Health Authority
- Head of Department, Department of Clinical Nursing, The University of Adelaide, SA
- Senior Lecturer and Deputy Head of Department, Department of Clinical Nursing, The University of Adelaide, SA.

**Expertise**

- Clinical nursing with a particular focus on workforce and practice development
- Has published widely, is regularly invited to give conference papers nationally and internationally, and has been engaged as an external examiner for a number of universities in Australia and overseas

**Mr Mike Wallace (public health)**

*Nominated by: NSW*



***Current offices:***

- Chief Executive, Sydney South West Area Health Service (SSWAHS)
- Chief Executive, NSW Health Registered Training Organisation
- Chief Executive (Advisor), Greater Western Area Health Service

***Previous offices:***

- Director of Clinical Operations for Sydney South West Area Health Service
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Central Area Health Services, NSW
- General Manager, Prince Henry, Prince of Wales Children's and Royal South Sydney Hospitals

***Expertise:***

- Health Policy and Administration
- Surveyor, Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (16 Years)
- Standards Development and Review-ACHS
- Associate Professor, University of Tasmania
- Numerous working parties and committees of the NSW Health Department