NATIONAL POLICY FORUM

BIOGRAPHIES

Carol Mackey

Qualifications – Bachelor of Economics, Certificate of Teaching, Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Diabetes Experience - Diabetes Australia – Queensland Board member since February 2008, previous board member of Diabetes Australia Ltd and Community member of Medical Education and Scientific Committee.

Why DA - When Carol’s six-year-old child was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes, Carol was determined to find out as much as possible about diabetes. She felt an involvement with a Diabetes Australia – Queensland was an ideal way to keep abreast of developments and become a voice for those people with diabetes in regional areas.

Carol’s working background has been varied, but has mainly focused on education. Her skills in education (secondary teaching) and marketing and events (Education Department and James Cook University) have been valuable to the organisation. Carol strongly believes that these organisations are there for the betterment of people with all types of diabetes and provide strong policy leadership, advocacy, and funding for research.

Carol wants to see a cure for all types of diabetes and focuses on education as a way that ensures that the public are aware of the differences between type 1 and type 2 diabetes.

Dan Gregory

Daniel Gregory is the founder and CEO of The Impossible Institute™, an Innovation and Engagement organisation that advises management and sales departments on what truly drives their customers and employees, builds highly-functioning, multidisciplinary teams with collaborative intelligence, applies discipline to creativity, removing the randomness and imitation from innovation and strategic planning, and advises the C-suite and Boards on how to lead with the power of a purposeful and compelling identity in a rapidly changing world.

The strategic and creative lead behind the most successful new product launch in Australian history, the most extraordinary brand resurrection achieved anywhere in the world as well as the most successful magazine and financial services launches from the past two decades; Dan has developed new product lines for corporations such
as Coca-Cola and Unilever, invented new media formats for Murdoch Magazines, created interaction systems for categories as diverse as fast food chains and government departments and launched internal and external engagement campaigns for companies and brands as varied as Aussie Home Loans, the National Rugby League, New Ltd, Vodafone and MTV in the US and Russia.

A passionate educator and mentor, he has worked as a director and lecturer at Australia’s premier creative school, AWARD, taught post-graduate students at Macquarie and Sydney Universities as well as privately mentoring CEOs and non-executive board members.

In a 20 year history as a thought leader in marketing, NPD and communications, he has won countless awards around the world for creativity, effectiveness and ROI, including the coveted “Agency of the Year” only three years after founding the groundbreaking advertising agency VCD with partners George Betsis and Kieran Flanagan.

A strong believer in hands on knowledge and experience over a reliance on untested and speculative academic theory, Dan created the “What I wish I knew at 18” book series to research the wisdom of hindsight before co-authoring “Shift” with his business partner Kieran, an insightful look into the future of our markets, the media, our culture and our values.

Dan is a captivating speaker whose business acumen is matched by a rapier wit and rare human insight gained during a three year sabbatical working on the UK and US stand-up comedy circuits - skills put to great use in front of 1.5 million Australians as a regular on ABC TV’s The Gruen Transfer and morning news programs.

He also sits as the Creative Chair for New Republique, the most innovative digital content company in Australia, and is a rare evangelist for truth in a world of spin who helps his clients build brands and ideas on purpose.

Dan Gregory helps business create engagement at every level and customer touchpoint, identifies the things that pull our strings, builds team and departmental collaboration into a productive KPI not some touchy feely “nice to have” and helps organisations innovate and lead with intention and meaning.

In doing so, Dan hopes to turn Impossible Thinking™ into an epidemic.

David Butt

David Butt is Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing with responsibility for national primary health care reform, population health, and regulatory policy and governance. Prior to commencing in this position in August, David spent three years as CEO of the Australian General Practice Network,
the peak national body for Australia’s Divisions of General Practice and State Based Organisations. David also has worked as National CEO of Little Company of Mary Health Care (the Calvary group of public and private hospitals, aged care and home care services) and CEO of ACT Health and Community Care, including two years as Chair of the Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council (AHMAC).

Gordon Melsom

Gordon Melsom is currently the President of Diabetes Tasmania, and a Director of Diabetes Australia. He is a former academic and management consultant, and was CEO of Diabetes ACT prior to moving to Tasmania in 2010.

Guy Barnett LLB, LLM, FAICD, author, former Senator

Guy Barnett has more than three decades of experience in politics, government and the law including nine and a half years as a Senator, where he held senior parliamentary roles in government and opposition.

Guy Barnett worked in Melbourne and Washington, D.C. law firms, and was appointed senior adviser to the Tasmanian Premier. He established and managed his own award-winning government and public affairs business with offices in Hobart and Canberra.

Guy Barnett, who has type 1 or insulin dependent diabetes was a foundation and executive member of the Parliamentary Diabetes Support Group, has campaigned for all people with diabetes and hosted 11 healthy lifestyle forums during his Senate career. He is a leading advocate promoting a healthier Australia. He was also awarded both the William Wilberforce and Australian Christian Values Institute award during his time in the Senate.

Guy is Managing Director of Guy Barnett Consulting, government and corporate consultants (www.guybarnett.com) and was recently appointed inaugural Ambassador for both Diabetes Australia and Motor Neurone Disease Australia.

He edited and produced the book ‘The Millennium Disease, Australia’s Response to the Obesity Epidemic’ and has authored several other books including ‘Make a Difference, A Practical Guide to Lobbying’ (royalties from this book go directly to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation).

He is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and a well-known public speaker.

Guy Barnett is married with three children and is a sports enthusiast.
Professor James Dunbar

Professor James Dunbar (MD, FRCPEdin, FRCGP, FRACGP, FFPHM) inaugural Director of the GGT UDRH since 2001. He holds grants from the NHMRC studying diabetes prevention, and has a Centre of Excellence in Primary Health Care Research. Professor Dunbar teaches Clinical Governance and Risk Management for Flinders University in Adelaide. He was the Inaugural Director of the National Primary Care Collaboratives. His research interests include the prevention of diabetes and quality improvement in health care, especially for the chronic diseases of depression, diabetes and heart disease.

Jane Martin

Jane has worked in public health advocacy for 25, firstly in tobacco control, and for the last five years in obesity prevention with the Obesity Policy Coalition. Jane is a member of the Government's National Preventive Health Agency's Expert Committee on Obesity. Earlier this year she was awarded the Jack Brockhoff Churchill Fellowship to travel overseas to study advocacy strategies to prevent obesity. She is active in the media and has authored a number of papers, book chapters, articles and opinion pieces.

Professor Jane Speight

Prof Jane Speight is the Foundation Director of the Australian Centre for Behavioural Research in Diabetes – a partnership for better health between Diabetes Australia – Vic and Deakin University. The Centre was launched in August 2010. She is a health psychologist by training and has a PhD awarded by the University of London. Throughout her career, her principle research interests have focused on improving the quality of life of people with diabetes and optimising self-management.

She has a well-established portfolio of diabetes research, including ongoing research with the DAFNE Collaborative, the UK Islet Transplantation Consortium, the Hypo COMPaSS trial (to prevent recurrent severe hypoglycaemia) and the DESMOND self-monitoring of blood glucose trial.

Julie McCrossin

Julie McCrossin talks to people for a living. After 20 years as a broadcaster with ABC Radio National, ABC TV and Network Ten, she is now a freelance journalist and facilitator. She presented the radio show Life Matters on ABC Radio National for 5 years, covering countless health, welfare and educational topics with a frequent rural focus.
Julie was also a team leader on the media quiz show “Good News Week” for 5 years on Network Ten and ABC TV. Julie began working for the ABC in 1983 and she’s presented many Radio National programs, as well as stints on ABC Rural Radio and 702ABC Sydney.

Julie has also worked as a TV reporter for both the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras and ANZAC DAY – and she’s thrilled to live in a country where it is possible to do both. But her proudest media moment was her appearance on ABC TV’s “Play School” as a silent clown called Plain Jane.

Currently Julie presents a travel program for Qantas and facilitates conferences and seminars nationally. Julie has university qualifications in the arts, education and law and she is an Ambassador for NAPCAN (The National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect), the Fred Hollows Foundation and FRANS Inc (Making Things Happen for People with Disabilities). www.juliemccrossin.com

Childhood Obesity Summit, NSW Government, Co-Chair with Richard Walsh. This 3-day community consultation was held at Parliament House in Sydney. The Summit brought together health experts, parliamentary representatives, industry, parents, teachers and children to develop practical solutions to the problem of childhood obesity. Issues discussed included food sales and advertising, exercise, community and school programs and education campaigns.

Lewis Kaplan

Lewis has 35 years’ experience in public health including 20 years in CEO roles in peak consumer and health organisations. He has management, policy and advocacy experience across a range of healthcare sectors including ageing, aged and community care, public health, health promotion, community development, overseas aid, primary health care and mother and child health. He has played an effective leadership role in creating strong, collaborative national organisations based on a federation model in his previous roles with Red Cross, Alzheimer’s Australia and before that Council on the Ageing. He has also been National Coordinator of Healthy Cities Australia, Country Program Director for Save the Children Fund in Vanuatu and International Programs Director for Save the Children Fund Australia. Lewis was a field officer in the Smallpox Eradication Program in Ethiopia and Bangladesh for which he was awarded the Order of the Bifurcated Needle.

Lewis holds a Masters of Health Science degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health, where he was a Fulbright Scholar, a BA (1st Class Hons.) in Social Anthropology and has undertaken the Strategic Perspectives in Non-Profit Management program at the Harvard Business School with a Harvard Club of Australia Fellowship. He has served on a number of government and non-
government committees. He has been a visiting lecturer in gerontology, international public health and community development at a number of Australian universities.

Louise Sylvan

Louise Sylvan is the Chief Executive Officer of the newly established Australian National Preventive Health Agency (ANPHA). Formerly, she served as a Commissioner of the Australian Productivity Commission and Deputy Chair of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC). Prior to this she was Chief Executive of the Australian Consumers' Association (CHOICE) and President of Consumers International.

Active in consumer and economic issues, nationally and internationally, for over 20 years, Louise is well known for her work in a range of areas such as health, food safety issues, financial services, as well as in competition and consumer policy. Louise’s strong impact on the issues of the day was recognised in her inclusion as one of Australia’s 20 True Leaders in 2002 by the Australian Financial Review’s BOSS magazine.

Currently, Louise chairs Bush Heritage Australia, and is a member of the Board of the newly-formed Australian Social Enterprise Fund. She has served internationally on the OECD Consumer Policy Committee, chairing their Economics for Consumer Policy work, and on the International Consumer Enforcement and Protection Network. Louise has a BA and MPA from universities in her original homeland of Canada and immigrated to Australia in 1983.

Dr Matt Doogue

Matt Doogue is an Endocrinologist and Clinical Pharmacologist at Flinders Medical Centre, Adelaide. His interests include applying clinical pharmacology principles to endocrine practice. He runs a large diabetes clinic, teaches students, dabbles in diabetes research and spends too much time in meetings.

Michael Moore

Michael Moore is the CEO of the Public Health Association of Australia. He is a former Minister of Health and Community Care and was an Independent member of the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly for four terms from 1989 to 2001. He was the first Australian Independent Member to be appointed as a Minister to a Government Executive.
Michael holds a post-graduate diploma in education, a master’s degree in population health, is an adjunct professor with the University of Canberra and is widely published. He is also a political and social columnist who has served on a range of Boards, including the ACT Local Hospital Network, Australian Health Care Reform Alliance, the National Drug Research Institute and the Institute of Public Administration.

**Mick Reid**

Mick Reid has undertaken many roles in the Australian health system during a career that spans four decades. His experience includes bureaucrat, consultant, academic and political advisor giving him a breadth of experience and depth of knowledge that is unique in Australia.

Most recently, Mick held the position of Director General of Queensland Health from 2008-2011 where he oversaw the largest hospital capital works program in Australia. Projects included the $1.7 bill Gold Coast Hospital, the amalgamated Queensland Children’s Hospital and the $2 bill Sunshine Coast University Hospital PPP and Health Precinct. Both the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast projects include collocated private hospitals.

Mick was Director General of NSW Health from 1997 – 2002, following this appointment he was Director of the Policy and Practice Program at the George Institute for International Health University of Sydney. In 2006 he was appointed Director General of the Ministry for Science and Medical Research in NSW with responsibility for planning and coordinating science, innovation and medical research in NSW. In 2007-08 Mick was Chief of Staff to the Health Minister, Nicola Roxon and oversaw the commencement of the government’s reform of the health sector in Australia.

As a consultant in his company Michael Reid & Associates, he has undertaken a wealth of reports and strategic policy advice that have been used as the basis for reorganising and planning state-wide clinical services and capital requirements in all states of Australia.

Most recently, Mick has taken a position as a Special Advisor at McKinsey & Company again providing strategic advice on Health projects at a national and international level.

This extensive experience coupled with a wide network across the public and private health sectors makes him highly regarded and sought after to provide strategic advice both nationally and internationally.
Nuala Harkin

Nuala Harkin is a Nurse Practitioner- Diabetes (NP), at the Children’s Hospital at Westmead (CHW), in Sydney (authorised as an NP – Diabetes, August 2004, first in Australia in the area of paediatric/adolescent diabetes).

Nuala is originally from Ireland, and came to Australia in 1996 as a Paediatric Intensive Care Nurse. Nuala has been involved in the care of children/adolescents with diabetes since January 2000, and works within a multi-disciplinary team at the CHW, including 8 diabetes specialists, 5 diabetes nurse specialists, 3 diabetes dietitians and 2 social workers. She has presented some of her work both nationally and internationally.

Over the past 5 years, Nuala and her colleagues from CHW and supported by an organisation ‘Caring and Living as Neighbours (CLAN)’, have committed to the establishment of collaborative partnerships with colleagues working in the field of paediatric diabetes in Vietnam.

Nuala has been involved with the Australian Diabetes Educators Association (ADEA) over the past 10 years in various roles: NSW Branch Chair, NSW Representative on the Board of Directors, Vice-President, and is the current President of ADEA.

Patricia McKenzie

Patricia McKenzie is a chair and director in both the energy and not for profit sectors. Having been chief corporate counsel for the AGL Group, Patricia was CEO of Gas Market Company from 2001 to 2008. In addition to her role as Independent President of Diabetes Australia Limited, she is a director of the Australian Energy Market Operator Limited and the APA Group, and Chair of the Cromehurst Foundation. She has been Chair of the IEC and Sunnyfield, and a member of the NSW Premier’s Council for Women and the Disability Standards Review Panel.

Professor Rob Carter

Rob is Head of Deakin Health Economics (DHE) and Deputy Director of the Deakin University Strategic Research Centre in Population Heath. Rob has held a number of senior research positions, including: Head of the University of Melbourne Health Economics Group (2000-2006); Deputy Director of the Monash University Health Economics Unit (1993-1999); and Head of the Economics and Evaluation Unit within the Technology Assessment Branch at the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (1990-
1993). Rob is widely recognised for his expertise in economic appraisal and in recent years has focussed his research on priority setting. His research in priority setting has been widely recognised, including five Awards for Research Excellence.

**Professor Stephen Colagiuri**

Stephen Colagiuri is the Professor of Metabolic Health at the Boden Institute of Obesity, Nutrition, Exercise and Eating Disorders at the University of Sydney.

His research interests focus on development and implementation of evidence-based guidelines, cardiometabolic risk assessment, diabetes screening and prevention, the glycemic index, and economic aspects of diabetes and obesity. Professor Colagiuri is Chair of the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) Clinical Guidelines Task Force, and an advisor on diabetes to the World Health Organization. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the journal Diabetes Research and Clinical Practice, and a past President of the Australian Diabetes Society.

**Dr N Wah Cheung**

Associate Professor Wah Cheung (pronounced Chung, rhymes with “lung”) is the President of the Australian Diabetes Society, which represents clinicians and scientists in the area of diabetes. He is a practising Endocrinologist and researcher based at Westmead and Nepean Hospitals in Sydney.