

National Prevention Summit

Investing in Australia's health and wellbeing

Event Program

Location: The Park Hyatt, 1 Parliament Square, East Melbourne

Date: Wednesday 9th April, 2008

Time: Registration from 8:30am (to commence promptly at 9:30am)

Facilitator: Dr Kathy Alexander

9:30 – 11:15am

Introduction: The Hon. Daniel Andrews MP, Minister for Health, Victoria

Keynote: The Hon. Nicola Roxon MP, Federal Minister for Health and Ageing

Plenary Speakers:

- Dr Mick Adams, Chair, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (NACCHO)
- Mr Peter Wills, Deputy Chairman, Research Australia Limited
- Dr Lyn Roberts, CEO, National Heart Foundation (Australia)

11:15am

Morning Tea

11:30am – 12:15pm

What is the Vision? – Workshop Session 1

12:15 – 12:45pm

Feedback Session

12:45 – 1:30pm

Lunch

1:30 – 2:15pm

Achieving the Vision – Workshop Session 2

Five key areas:

- Strengthening leadership and coordination
- Creating sustainable funding
- Building infrastructure and resources
- Integrating evidence, policy and practice
- Engaging all levels of society

2:15 – 2:45pm

Feedback Session

3 – 3:30pm

The next steps?

- Dr Sharon Willcox, Director, Health Policy Solutions
- Mr Robert Griew, Director, Robert Griew Pty Ltd
- Professor Brian Oldenburg, Research Director & Chair, AIHPS & International Public Health, Department of Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine, Monash University

4pm

Close of Event

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Workshop Sessions

11:30am – 12:15pm What is the Vision? – Workshop Session 1

Platform for Action

- The group should review the broad vision and the five key principles.
 - Are there any principles with which the group disagrees? If so why? Are there any changes which would improve it?
 - Are there any principles which should be added? If so what? What needs to be added or is missing?

1:30 – 2:15pm Achieving the Vision – Workshop Session 2

- The group should review the actions and reach some consensus on the following questions.
 - Are there any actions which should be deleted? If so why?
 - Are there any additional actions which would improve the chance of success?
 - What should be done immediately?

Speakers Biographies

Dr Kathy Alexander

Dr. Kathy Alexander has a national reputation for stakeholder engagement and community participation in social planning. She has extensive experience in leading change, having been CEO both in teaching hospitals and smaller community health organisations. She has provided consultancy services in planning and change management in public and private sectors. Kathy has a strong background in public health and health promotion. As CEO of two large community health services, Kathy developed a strategic planning framework for community health which set the agenda for community engagement in health promotion planning and practice in Australia. Kathy qualified as a psychologist before moving into health care management. She has a graduate diploma in public health and her PHD focused on community participation in health promotion.

The Hon. Nicola Roxon MP

Nicola Roxon was sworn in as the Federal Minister for Health and Ageing on December 3 2007. She has been a member of Federal Parliament since 1998 representing the western suburbs seat of Gellibrand in Melbourne. She previously held the positions of Shadow Minister Children and Youth, Shadow Minister Assisting the Leader on the Status of Women, Shadow Minister for Immigration, Shadow Attorney-General and Shadow Minister for Health. Nicola is an honours law graduate, who worked as an industrial lawyer, union organiser and judge's associate to Justice Mary Gaudron in the High Court of Australia prior to her election to parliament.

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Dr Mick Adams

Dr Mick Adams is a descendent of the Yathiagana people of Cape York Peninsula in Queensland and has traditional family ties with the Grindji/Wardaman people of central western Northern Territory and an extended family relationship with the people of the Torres Straits, Warlpiri (Yuendumu) and East Arnhem Land (Gurrumaru) communities. He spent his childhood growing up in Darwin's Parap Camp community. Dr Adams has been working in the health industry for over 30 years. He has worked in both state and the community-controlled health service sector, has been a representative on local, state and national boards, and has been nominated as a representative to advocate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health issues on national boards and national and international conferences. During the past 13 years Mick has been actively involved in addressing issues associated with the health and well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men. He has strived to ensure that men's health issues are promoted and placed on the national and international agenda through advocacy, research, publication and health management. Dr Adams currently completed a PhD in Public Health looking at the prevalence and impact of male sexual and reproductive health disorders on Aboriginal and Torres Strait communities. It's the first time such a study has been undertaken by an Aboriginal man with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander male populations. He along with other Aboriginal male leaders has been highlighting his disappointment and speaking out against family violence and child abuse. Dr Adams was awarded the 2006 Deadly Award for Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health.

Mr Peter J Wills AC

Peter Wills is Executive Chairman of CRI Australia and has been involved in Property and Business Management for over thirty-five years. Peter is widely acknowledged as an influential leader in the Australian Property Development Industry. Alongside Peter's business career, he has been a significant contributor to Australian Research, having been Chairman of the Garvan Institute of Medical Research and Chairman of the Australian Government's Health and Medical Research Strategic Review which was undertaken in 1998. Peter was also Chairman of the Australian Research Council and in 2000 was the founder of the national health and medical research public advocacy organisation Research Australia where he serves as Deputy Chairman.

Dr Lyn Roberts AM

Lyn Roberts has cardiovascular health program expertise along with comprehensive corporate governance and management skills. Lyn has been the CEO of the National Heart Foundation (Australia) since 2001. Lyn Roberts provides leadership to numerous expert committees across government and non-government sectors and is also the Vice President Elect of the World Heart Federation. Her qualifications include a PhD in medical sociology, a BA (Hons) and a Diploma in Applied Science (Chemistry). In 1997, Lyn Roberts was awarded an Order of Australia (AM) for service to the community and to health.

Dr Sharon Willcox

Sharon Willcox is the Director of Health Policy Solutions, an independent health consulting company established in 2005. Sharon has over 25 years experience working in health public policy in government and the community sector. She has had senior roles in the Victorian, New South Wales and Australian government health departments. This has included taking a leading role in negotiating for Victoria the 1998-2003 and 2003-2008 Australian Health Care Agreements for funding public hospitals, improving public reporting on health system performance, and reforming health system governance, regulation, service planning, consumer participation and funding model development. In 1999 Sharon was awarded a Harkness Fellowship in Health Care Policy, undertaking research at Georgetown University, Washington DC, on consumer focused regulation of private health insurance including report cards. Her Doctor of Public Health thesis examined the effectiveness of Australian private health insurance regulation. Sharon is currently a Commissioner on the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission.

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Mr Robert Griew

For nearly 20 years Robert Griew has held leadership positions in the Australian health and welfare systems, including at CEO level in both the public and community sectors. As Director of Robert Griew Consulting, Robert hopes to make an impact on public health policy and service delivery in Australia and overseas. Up until 2006, Robert was the Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Territory Department of Health and Community Services, a position responsible for the delivery of acute, primary and population health services to the most dispersed population in Australia, of which 30% are Aboriginal people. As a member of the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council he chaired and led the restructure of the National Public Health Partnership and the Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health. As a member of the Community Services Ministerial Advisory Council he chaired the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Services Working Group and a joint initiative on Child Health and Wellbeing for both Health and Community Services Ministers. Previous positions have included CEO of the AIDS Council of NSW (ACON), and was also the Head of the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health in the Commonwealth Department of Health after the Aboriginal health program transferred from ATSIC to the Department in 1995. Robert has also served as Deputy Director General in the NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care.

Professor Brian Oldenburg

Brian Oldenburg is the Research Director of AIHPS and Chair of International Public Health, Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, Monash University. He is the immediate past Professor of Public Health, School of Public Health, Queensland University of Technology (QUT). Brian is also the Regional Director of the Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium of Public Health (APACPH). His research focus spans the social/behavioural sciences and public health, with the major focus being on health policy, global health and the primary and secondary prevention of non-communicable diseases and associated social and behavioural risk factors across the life-course. This includes many intervention trials conducted in health care settings, work organisations, schools and other community settings over more than 20 years. His current research interests also include; socio-economic health inequalities, social disadvantage and research with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations, as well as, a broader interest in translational and policy-relevant research. He is also a senior research collaborator on public health intervention trials currently underway in both Australia and internationally. His research productivity is evidenced by over 300 publications, more than half of which are in peer-reviewed publications. He has also co-authored many important book chapters as well as national reports examining aspects of Australian health trends, health policy, socio-economic determinants of health and building capacity in the Australian public health workforce. Brian has recently been delegated to be a participant in the health stream for the Australia 2020 Summit in Canberra.