

2022 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Review Panel of the Grants Committee, AAG Research Trust



Dr Ray Mahoney (Chair of the Panel)
Senior Research Scientist
Australian E-Health Research Centre
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Senior Lecturer, School of Public Health
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Ray Mahoney is a descendant of the Bidjara people of Central West Qld and is a Senior Research Scientist with the Australian e Health Research Centre (AEHRC) at CSIRO. Ray is a member of the Expert Advisor Panel for the MRFF Mission for Cardiovascular Health, the QCVRN Steering Committee, the Heart Foundation Research Committee and a member of the Ethics Committee for the AIHW. Ray's research background includes cardiovascular disease, e-health, culturally safe care and racism in the health sector.

Link to online bio: <https://people.csiro.au/M/R/ray-mahoney>



Dr Karla Canuto
Associate Professor in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
Flinders Rural and Remote Health
Flinders University, Darwin.

Karla's qualifications include a Bachelor of Sports & Exercise Science (JCU) and a Graduate Diploma in Indigenous Health Promotion (Uni Sydney). Karla's PhD was awarded by the University of South Australia, conferred in 2013.

Karla has experience across a wide range of research projects all focused on improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples; including chronic disease prevention, the promotion of physical activity, nutrition and cancer. Her recent focus has been on building the capacity and capabilities of researchers in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, in particular growing the next generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health researchers.



Dr Tamara Butler
School of Public Health
Faculty of Medicine, University of Queensland

Tamara Butler is an Aboriginal woman and an early-career researcher. She was awarded her PhD in Social Psychology by the University of Queensland in 2017. She has been awarded an NHMRC Emerging Leader Investigator Grant.

She now pursues research addressing health inequities in cancer outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, mostly focused on cervical cancer elimination among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. Research areas include understanding HPV vaccination among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children via the school-based immunisation program and cervical screening participation. Her research uses mainly qualitative methods with a strong focus on Indigenous research methodology and research that is led by, with, and for the benefit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Link to online bio: <https://researchers.uq.edu.au/researcher/32728>



Nicole Hewlett

National Indigenous Manager, IPEPA
Cancer and Palliative Care Outcomes Centre | Centre for Healthcare Transformation
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Nicole Hewlett is an Aboriginal woman with a Bachelor of Psychological Science (Hons), and a Master's degree in Public Health. She has a passion for genuine knowledge translation research that is strengths-based, healing[1]informed, and trauma aware, and that benefits local communities. Nicole has experience in developing and delivering programs in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Australia. These programs are in areas such as Close the Gap policy, racism, cancer prevention, diabetes management, and maternal use of alcohol, tobacco and other substances. She currently oversees the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander components of Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach (PEPA). This program dedicates its activities to breaking down the systemic barriers to accessing palliative care experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Nicole is also working with the University of Queensland on revising the FASD Diagnostic Guidelines to ensure FASD assessment, diagnosis and support is culturally safe and accessible to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across Australia. Another of Nicole's projects is with Menzies School of Health Research, developing a Sourcebook to build the evidence of successful initiatives that reduce alcohol harm in Aboriginal communities. Nicole is a current board member, and the Treasurer, of the National Organisation for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (NOFASD). Previously, Nicole served as Project Manager of a \$2.1 million FASD Prevention and Health Promotion Resources (FPHPR) Project, and from 2016 - 2021 was a committee member of the NHMRC Alcohol Working Group, appointed to update the NHMRC alcohol drinking guidelines

Link: [Nicole Hewlett - PEPA \(pepaeducation.com\)](http://pepaeducation.com)



Heather D'Antoine

Distinguished Honorary Fellow
Menzies School of Health Research

Heather has 25 years of experience in health services as a registered nurse and midwife and as a health service manager in both Aboriginal health services and general health services across Western Australia.

Heather has worked extensively in health research since 2001: at the Institute for Child Health Research and at Menzies School of Health Research. She has clinical qualifications in general nursing and midwifery and a Masters Health Economics (Aboriginal Health).

Heather's research interest is in maternal and child health. She is particularly focused on the area of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) and other birth defects. Heather has worked with a research team on a number of projects in this area including describing what health professionals and women know and do about alcohol and pregnancy and FASD. She has been involved with developing and evaluating resources for health professionals and developing a model of care for FASD in Western Australia. Heather has been involved in reviewing grant applications for Centres of Research Excellence and the NHMRC. She is actively engaged with the Central Australian Academic Health Science Network.

Link: https://www.menzies.edu.au/page/Our_People/Researchers/Heather_DAntoine/

Support and Advisors to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Review Panel of the AAG Research Trust



Professor Anne-Marie Hill

PhD, M Sc., B App Sc.(PT), Grad Cert Uni Teaching
Fellow of the Australian College of Physiotherapy

Senior Principal Research Fellow | School of Allied Health
Western Australian Centre for Healthy Ageing, University of Western Australia

Professor Anne-Marie Hill is a Senior Principal Researcher at the Western Australian Centre for Healthy Ageing, University of Western Australia. She is an APA titled Gerontological physiotherapist (awarded by the Australian Physiotherapy Association 2007), who also holds educational qualifications. Her research interests are healthy ageing and health for older people, focusing on falls prevention, patient education and exercise. She was awarded an NHMRC early career fellowship (2012-2015) after completing her PhD in 2011. She has already obtained over \$9M in research funding, collaborates on multiple national projects and has led large trials in community, hospital and residential care populations. She supervises and mentors allied health professionals to undertake research with older people and works closely with organisations and clinicians to assist in translation of falls prevention evidence into practice in Australia.

Anne-Marie is a member of the Australian Association of Gerontology and is the Grants Committee Program Lead for the RM Gibson Program of the AAG Research Trust.

Link - <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Anne-Marie-Hill>



Dr Kylie Radford

Senior Research Scientist and Group Leader
Conjoint Senior Lecturer, School of Psychology, UNSW Science
Fellow, APS College of Clinical Neuropsychologists
Neuroscience Research Australia

Dr Kylie Radford is a Clinical Neuropsychologist, Senior Research Scientist and Group Leader at Neuroscience Research Australia (NeuRA), and Conjoint Senior Lecturer with the School of Psychology and Ageing Futures Institute at UNSW. Over the past 12 years, her research has focused on the epidemiology, neuropsychology and sociocultural experience of ageing and dementia with older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Working in close collaboration with Aboriginal communities, this work has highlighted the high rates of dementia in this population, and potentially modifiable risk factors across the life course. Current research aims to promote ageing well, identify dementia prevention and healthy ageing strategies, and translate findings into culturally sensitive dementia education and care.

Kylie is a member of the Australian Association of Gerontology and has recently joined the Grants Committee of the AAG Research Trust.

<https://www.neura.edu.au/staff/dr-kylie-radford-2/> <https://research.unsw.edu.au/people/dr-kylie-radford>



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