

Expert Advisory Group:

Professor Richard Larkins, Chair - Richard Larkins is an Emeritus Professor, Monash University. He was Vice-Chancellor and President of Monash University from September 2003 to July 2009. Prior to his appointment at Monash University he was Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences at the University of Melbourne from 1998 to 2003. Before that he was Professor of Medicine at the University of Melbourne, holding the James Stewart Chair at the Royal Melbourne Hospital from 1984 to 1997. Other appointments held from time to time at the Royal Melbourne Hospital included Head of the Division of Medicine, Head of a General Medical Unit and Director of Diabetes and Endocrinology. He had previous academic and clinical appointments at the Austin, Repatriation Medical Centre. His clinical and research interests are in diabetes, endocrinology and general medicine.

Professor Larkins's qualifications are MDBS and LLD(Hon) from the University of Melbourne, PhD from the University of London. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of the Physicians, the Royal College of Physicians (London), the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia and the Academy of Medicine of Singapore and he has been awarded honorary Fellowships by the American College of Physicians, the Royal College of Physicians of Thailand and the Ceylon College of Physicians.

Past positions held by Professor Larkins include Chair of Universities Australia, Chair of the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia, President of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, President of the Endocrine Society of Australia, Chair of the Accreditation Committee of the Australian Medical Council, member on two occasions of the Prime Minister's Science, Engineering and Innovation Council and a member of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Council.

Dr Lorraine Baker, Board Member, Australian Medical Association - Dr Lorraine Baker is a Melbourne based GP with more than 30 years of paediatric experience. She began medical training with the intention of becoming a GP and has never regretted that career path as general practice gives her the opportunity to care for patients through every age and stage with all the physical and emotional challenges they face. She is passionate about preventative health. She is also a board member of the Victorian branch of the Australian Medical Association.

Regina Brindle, Manager, Association of Participating Service Users - The Association of Participating Service Users is a state-wide advocacy service for people who experience addiction that is part of the Self Help Addiction Resource Centre. Prior to this Regina taught language and literacy to adults for eight years. She has also worked in the disability sector, working under a committee of management made of up people who used the services that she delivered. Two of these positions required her to advocate for the people using the service or to deliver advocacy training. Throughout different

periods of her life, she has experienced addiction and mental illness and is now in recovery.

Jos de Bruin - Chief Executive Officer, Master Grocers Australia - Master Grocers represents small, medium and large independently owned supermarkets around Australia. Jos is also the CEO, Liquor Retailers' Association, a Division of the Master Grocers' Association. Jos has a background in grocery and liquor industries through managerial roles with Cedel, Unilever, Adidas (Pacific Dunlop) Unibic and Lion Nathan and was a former Chairman of the Grocery and Liquor Association.

Carmel Guerra, Chief Executive Officer, Centre for Multicultural Youth - Carmel is the Director of the Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY) based in Melbourne. Established in 1988 as the Ethnic Youth Issues Network, CMY is a community based organisation that advocates for the needs of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds. Carmel has contributed to a range of research reports relating to multicultural youth. These include: Ethnic Minority Youth in Australia, Ethnic Youth Gangs in Australia: Do they exist? and Wealth of all Nations, the first comprehensive study undertaken into the needs of refugee young people in Australia. Carmel has served on numerous boards and committees for the Government and non-Government sectors and is a member of the Refugee Resettlement Advisory Council, Centrelink's National Multicultural Reference Group and currently convenes the National Multicultural Youth Issues Network. In 1994 Carmel was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to investigate issues of refugee and migrant youth overseas. In 2003 she earned a Centenary Medal for services to young people, migrant and refugee communities and in 2005 was entered into the Victorian Women's Honour Roll for her services to the community.

Stefan Gruenert, Chief Executive Officer, Odyssey House (Victoria) - Dr Gruenert is a registered psychologist with more than 10 years experience in the drug and alcohol sector as a clinician, supervisor, researcher, and manager. Stefan is CEO of Odyssey House Victoria and a VAADA Board member. In the past, Stefan has worked as a senior counsellor in a range of settings and has conducted research on alcohol use, men's issues, intimacy, family work, and fathers. Stefan has been actively involved in promoting change to better address the needs of children affected by problematic parental substance use and has taught courses in counselling, statistics, drug and alcohol, family work, and personality disorders. He has developed a number of resources for workers in the drug and alcohol field, regularly provides advice to government and has delivered a number of presentations at national and international conferences.

Magistrate Margaret Harding, Drug Court of Victoria - Before studying law at Melbourne University, Margaret worked for six years as a secondary school teacher. Margaret practised as a solicitor and barrister before her appointment to the Crimes Compensation Tribunal, and later became a member of the Victorian Administrative Appeals Tribunal in the 1980s. Margaret has been a magistrate for 19 years and was initially assigned to the Children's Court from 1991-1996 and then until 1998 to the Civil Division and Crimes Family Violence Division, Melbourne Magistrates' Court. From 1999 to 2002,

Margaret was assigned to the Dandenong Magistrates' Court and since late 2002 has been a full time Drug Court Magistrate at Dandenong Drug Court. Margaret was also a member of both the former Premier's Drug Prevention Council and Victorian Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council. She is a Member of the Australian National Council on Drugs.

Tim Kanoa, State Coordinator, Victorian Indigenous Youth Advisory Council - Prior to the Victorian Indigenous Youth Advisory Council, Tim worked for the Foundation For Young Australians (FYA) as a project officer on the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program. This work gave him the opportunity to travel the country and work with Indigenous young people from remote, rural and region areas of Australia. This experience has helped expand his knowledge and understanding of the diversity of our culture. Through these experiences he gained knowledge of the issues that are affecting Indigenous young people throughout Australia and he was always reminded of Indigenous young people in Victoria, who in comparison, are affected by similar issues. In his current role he works closely with indigenous young people and communities of Victoria, all levels of Government and Indigenous and non-Indigenous organisations in all sectors to address these issues accordingly. His interests are filmmaking and music. His passion is his culture and the fundamental need to preserve and raise awareness of it. He does this through performing traditional dance on a regular basis, which provides cross-cultural training to the audience. His ultimate passion is to influence Indigenous young people to achieve their goals and ambitions and reach their full potential in life, as he believes that everyone's destiny is greatness.

Brian Kearney, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Hotels Association - As CEO of Australia Hotels Association (Vic) Brian is responsible for representing the interests of Victoria's pubs and accommodation hotels to Federal, Victorian, and Local government, and the community. Prior to his current appointment in 2004, Brian was Director of Liquor Licensing Victoria from 1999 to 2004, CEO of the Liquor Licensing Commission from 1990 to 1999, and has held senior executive positions with the Totalisator Agency Board of Victoria. Brian has qualifications in accounting and management. He is also a Board Member of DrinkWise Australia, an evidence-based research and social change organisation that fosters innovative approaches to developing a safer drinking culture in Australia

Professor Dan Lubman, Director, Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre - Professor Lubman has worked across mental health and drug treatment settings in both the UK and Australia. As well as his Turning Point role, he is Professor of Addiction Studies and Services at Monash University. Prof Lubman's research focuses on investigating alcohol and drug use among young people. A particular research interest is exploring the impact of substance use on adolescent development, as well as the development of targeted public health and clinical intervention programs. Dr Lubman has published over 120 peer-reviewed scientific papers and book chapters, and is Chair of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists' Section of Addiction Psychiatry and an advisory board member of the National

Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre and the National Drug Research Institute.

Eliza McDonald, CEO Step Back, Think - Eliza is a student and part-time CEO of Step Back, Think. Step Back, Think is a community organisation run by young people for young people with the aim of reducing alcohol-related street violence by providing material through its website, social media and direct communication events. Step Back, Think was formed in the wake of the horrific injuries sustained by James Macready-Bryan in 2006. James was assaulted in the CBD on his 20th birthday – a single punch knocked him to the ground where his head smashed against the pavement, resulting in catastrophic brain damage from which he will never recover.

Brendan Murray, Coordinator, the Pavilion School - The Pavilion School is a state school that caters for previously disengaged learners by providing high quality academic tuition in tandem with social, psychological and emotional wellbeing support. Brendan is a teacher who has previously worked as a manager and social worker within the areas of: multiple and complex needs, homelessness, criminal justice, community mental health, adolescent street outreach, juvenile detention and child protection. He has won several awards including a Victorian Education Excellence Award (2009) for the Victorian Outstanding Secondary Teacher and Federal Government Closing the Gap Award (2009). Brendan has a Bachelor of Arts (La Trobe 1997), Graduate Diploma of Education Secondary (Monash 2002), Post Graduate Adolescent Counselling (Monash 2008) and is currently studying a Master of Education at Monash University.

Craig Neimann, Chief Executive Officer, City of Greater Bendigo - Craig joined the City of Greater Bendigo in October 2005. He has more than 25 years experience in the local government sector including roles at the Borough of Eaglehawk and the Shire of East Loddon. Prior to joining the City, Craig was CEO of the Shire of Loddon from 1997 to 2005. His history also includes serving on the board of North Central Regional Goldfields Library for 10 years and board member of the Inglewood and District Health Service for more than 10 years. Greater Bendigo City Council has adopted a whole of Council approach to alcohol related antisocial behaviour. Included in this is Bendigo's participation in the new Liquor Accord High Risk Charter that addresses issues associated with the abuse and misuse of alcohol.

John Rogerson, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Drug Foundation - John Rogerson was appointed Chief Executive of the Australian Drug Foundation in 2008. John joined the Foundation in October, 1994 as General Manager – Operations and has been Deputy Chief Executive, and Director of Good Sports. Prior to this John worked in the agriculture industry for 10 years, was Director of Public Affairs in the Department of Primary Industries, and founding General Manager of Agmedia, a publishing and advertising company. He has post-graduate qualifications in Business Administration.

Simon Ruth, President, Victorian Alcohol and Drugs Association - Simon is Director of Complex Services at Peninsula Health in Frankston which includes the Peninsula Drug & Alcohol Program. PenDAP provides a range of

community and hospital based drug and alcohol services including treatment, health promotion and needle exchange. Simon has been with Peninsula Health for 10 years and has previously worked for the Salvation Army, WDAS and YSAS in the drug treatment sector. Simon is the president of the Victorian Alcohol and Drugs Association (VAADA) Board and has been a member of VAADA since 2005.

Dipak Sanghvi, President, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia (Victoria) - A member of the Guild Branch Committee since 1999 and Victorian President since September 2005, Dipak has held a range of senior positions at both state and national level for the Guild. His interest lies in maintaining pharmacy's pivotal role in the delivery of quality health care to the community, while at the same time ensuring the economic viability of community pharmacy. Dipak encourages young pharmacists to participate in the industry to further develop their pharmacy business skills. He hopes to be able to demonstrate the attractiveness of community pharmacy to young pharmacists in order to maintain the quality of the profession.

Assistant Commissioner Wendy Steendam, Victoria Police - Wendy Steendam joined Victoria Police in 1984 and has 25 years experience in a variety of areas including sexual offences and child abuse investigation, and in policy at both supervisory and senior management level. Wendy is currently an Operational Detective Superintendent at the Crime Department and sponsor of the Violence Against Women and Children portfolio, as well as the Victoria police representative on a number of the National and State drug committees. Wendy has a Masters of Public Administration. From 2006-2009 Wendy was responsible for leading the development and implementation of the Victoria Police Illicit Drug Strategy 2001-2011. Since 2001 Wendy has also worked on the Victoria Police Violence Against Women Strategy and has considerable experience in this area of policing and project development. Wendy is the co-chair of the Family Violence State-wide Advisory Committee which provides advice to the Victorian Government on the family violence reforms, and is a member of the Family Violence Interdepartmental Committee.