



## Morning session

### **Prof Keith McNeil**

*Acting Deputy Director General, Clinical Excellence Queensland*

#### **Biography:**

Professor Keith McNeil plays a key role in the clinical leadership of the statewide eHealth program. He works closely with key stakeholders to maximise the clinical and patient safety benefits associated with technology in the healthcare setting, while minimising risk. Prof McNeil has previously worked within Queensland Health as the Head of Transplant Services at The Prince Charles Hospital, Chief Executive Officer at Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, and Chief Executive Metro North Hospital and Health Service. More recently, Prof McNeil was Chief Clinical Information Officer, National Health Service, United Kingdom following roles as Chief Executive Officer at Addenbrooke's Hospital and Cambridge University Hospital Foundation Trust.



### **Dr Kevin Cocks**

*AM, The Hopkins Centre Patron and Human Rights Advocate*

#### **Biography:**

Kevin, Australian Medal and a well-respected champion of human rights. Kevin has dedicated himself to pushing for an inclusive, accessible and diverse Queensland through legislative and policy reform and State-wide advocacy. Until recently, he was the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Commissioner. In February 2018, his term of appointment came to an end as Queensland's Anti-Discrimination Commissioner, but he will now continue to push for evidence-based reform through his important role as Patron of The Hopkins Centre. Kevin has pursued a lifelong fight for the rights of people with a disability and has always been an inspiring advocate and role model. As a young man, Kevin sustained a C6 complete quadriplegia in a sporting accident. Through his personal experiences, he brought a wealth of knowledge and wisdom to the role of Anti-Discrimination Commissioner, where he focused on protecting the principles of dignity and equality for everyone.



### **Prof Jackie Leach Scully**

*Director, Disability Innovation Institute, UNSW*

#### **Biography:**

Jackie is a Professor of Bioethics, and Director of the Disability Innovation Institute at the University of New South Wales, Sydney. A biomedical scientist by training she went on to help establish the first interdisciplinary bioethics institute at the University of Basel, Switzerland, and most recently was Executive Director of the Policy, Ethics and Life Sciences Research Centre at Newcastle University, UK. She has lived experience of disability and disabling illness, and has been an activist for disabled people's rights for over 30 years.



## Morning session – parallel session one – TRI auditorium

**Chair:** Brooke Wadsworth

### **Professor Michel Coppeters**

*The Hopkins Centre and Professor of Allied Health Research, Menzies Health Institute Queensland, Griffith University*

#### **Biography:**

Michel is a Professor in Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy with Griffith University and has many years of teaching experience and research expertise and knowledge. Professor Coppeters did his studies at the University of Leuven in Belgium including his PhD titled 'Physical examination of treatment of neurogenic disorders of the upper quadrant. A Manual therapeutic perspective'. Since 2005, he has attracted AUD ~2.3 million in research funding as chief investigator. In addition, he was listed as an associate investigator on a successful NHMRC Program Grant (AUD 7.5 million: Musculoskeletal pain, injury and health: improving outcomes through conservative management.



### **Dr. Dinesh Palipana**

*Emergency Doctor, Gold Coast Hospital; Researcher, Spinal Cord Injury Project; Ambassador, Griffith University and The Hopkins Centre*

#### **Biography:**

Dinesh was the first quadriplegic medical intern in Queensland, and the second person to graduate medical school with quadriplegia in Australia. He earned a Bachelor of Laws (LLB), prior to completing his Doctor of Medicine (MD) at the Griffith University. Halfway through medical school, he was involved in a catastrophic motor vehicle accident that caused a cervical spinal cord injury. After graduating from medical school Dinesh faced significant challenges in gaining an internship. As a result of the barriers medical students and doctors with disabilities face, he has advocated for an inclusive medical profession. Dinesh became a founding member of Doctors with Disabilities Australia. Dinesh is currently a resident in emergency medicine at the Gold Coast University Hospital. He is an Associate Lecturer at the Griffith University. Dinesh was the Gold Coast University Hospital's representative in the Australian Medical Association Queensland's Council of Doctors in Training in 2017 & 2018. He is a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Perry Cross Spinal Research Foundation; and the QUT Alumni Board.



### **Dr Daniel Harvie**

*The Hopkins Centre, Menzies Health Institute Queensland*

#### **Biography**

Dr Daniel Harvie is an NHMRC Early Career Research Fellow based at The Hopkins Centre in the Menzies Health Institute QLD at Griffith University. His main focus is the investigation of central nervous system contributions to persistent pain, and the development of brain-based treatments for preventing and treating persistent pain, including those that involve sensory re-training, virtual reality, and education.



### **Mr Col Mackareth**

*Peer Support Worker, Spinal Life Australia, and affiliate partner of The Hopkins Centre*

#### **Biography:**

Col is a spinal injury survivor, Peer Support Worker and Motivational Speaker. Col has over 41 years of experience living with a spinal cord injury, when at the age of 18, he sustained his C6 spinal cord injury as a result of a diving accident. After 11 months in the Spinal Injuries Unit, Col returned home to break the news to his parents, that even though he was unable to; push his wheelchair across the road, transfer in or out of bed, wash himself, dress himself completely, feed himself or prepare his own meals or do housework of any kind, he still intended to leave home and live independently! Just over a year later, after one of the steepest learning curves ever and a lot of hard work, heartbreak and sacrifice, Col found himself living back in Brisbane. *“I was sharing a flat with a bloke that I met in hospital, doing all my own cooking, cleaning, personal care and housework, driving myself to work every day in my own car and getting my wheelchair in and out. I was also training with Sporting Wheelies when I wasn’t busy socialising with friends.”*



### **Ms Kirsty Gray**

*Clinical Nurse Consultant, Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit, Metro South Health*

#### **Biography:**

Kirsty is currently the Clinical Nurse Consultant of the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit at the PA Hospital. She holds a Masters of Science specialising in Rehabilitation and Gerontology and has been working in the field of rehabilitation for 15 years including 8 years in specialist brain injury. In her role in a state-wide service Kirsty manages the consultancy service for referrals to the unit and liaises with staff and family providing feedback and education on brain injury and role of rehabilitation. For the inpatient ward Kirsty manages and reviews patients with behaviours of concerns and other clinical matters and provides education and support for patients, families and staff. She is the first person in the BIRU to commence a nurse led research project approved by ethics in 2018.



## **Parallel session two – Seminar Room**

**Chair:** Dr Ben Turner

### **Mrs Catherine Cave**

*Senior Physiotherapist, Division of Rehabilitation, Metro South Health*

#### **Biography:**

Catherine Cave is a Senior Physiotherapist who has worked in the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Service at Princess Alexandra Hospital for the past 16 years. Where she has developed her special interest and clinical expertise in brain injury rehabilitation and hypertonicity management. Her current role as the Clinical Research Officer for the Queensland Multidisciplinary Hypertonicity service involves leadership of the current Hopkins seed grant funded translational research project and establishing and coordinating research with Industry representatives. She holds an Adjunct Research Fellow Position with Griffith University.



## **Samantha Borg**

*Research Fellow, The Hopkins Centre*

### **Biography**

Samantha has a bachelor of health science, majoring in Nutrition and Dietetics from QUT. She has been a research assistant at the University of Queensland and Mater Research working in health services research and integrated primary-secondary models of care since 2014. From 2017, Samantha has been a researcher with the Hopkins Centre and Princess Alexandra Hospital, working on the International Spinal Cord Injury Community Survey World Health Organisation project.



## **Associate Prof Paul Henman**

*Associate Professor Paul Henman, University of Queensland*

### **Biography**

Paul holds degrees in sociology, social policy, computer science and education. His main research interest is the nexus between social policy, administration and digital information technologies. His research interests include: social policy; welfare state; welfare reform; e-government; the administration of policy; costs of raising children. Social policy; electronic government; internet studies; costs of children; welfare state; living standards & wellbeing.



## **Dr David Borg**

*Research Fellow, The Hopkins Centre*

### **Biography:**

David Borg is a postdoctoral Research Fellow at The Hopkins Centre, working on the Trajectories of Rehabilitation across Complex Environments (TRaCE) project, based at the Princess Alexandra Hospital. David was recently awarded his PhD through the Queensland University of Technology, titled 'The perception of effort, training load and exercise performance in the heat'. David's research interests include laboratory-based examinations of the regulation of fatigue and performance in healthy and clinical populations.



## **Ms Jaycie Bohan**

*Speech Pathologist & Research Assistant*

### **Biography:**

Jaycie Bohan is a research assistant working on the evaluation of the Acquired Brain Injury Transitional Rehabilitation Service (ABI TRS). She has worked in research roles in non-profit, government and university settings. Her area of research interest is the psychosocial wellbeing of individuals living with acquired disability, particularly ABI, and/or communication difficulties (including post-stroke aphasia) and their families. She also works as a paediatric speech pathologist.



## Parallel session three – TRI Auditorium

**Chair:** Mr Michael Deen

### **Professor Heidi Zeeman**

*Principal Research Fellow, The Hopkins Centre, Menzies Health Institute Queensland*

Professor Heidi Zeeman is a Principal Research Fellow at the Menzies Health Institute Queensland, Griffith University. Prof Zeeman has conducted applied research in the area of Neuro-rehabilitation over the past 17 years, beginning her career as a clinical neuropsychologist. Her research has centred on understanding the experiences of people following catastrophic injury and illness and the environments in which they live, recover and work. In partnership with architects, construction professionals, neuroscientists, artists and access consultants, she is currently pursuing research into how built environments (particularly public infrastructure, greenspace, workplaces) can be further optimised for the general population, inclusive of people with neurosensitivities.



Prof Heidi Zeeman has engaged in multi-year evaluations of major public health programs and health facilities in Australia over the past decade and outcomes of these evaluations have included workforce training programs, predictive models of health, guidelines for practice and tools for assessment. She is a recipient of multiple competitive grants and research excellence awards over her academic career including a number of Australian Research Council grants, a Fulbright Scholarship (2014), and Churchill Scholarship (2009). She is widely published in international journals.

### **Ms Louise Bassingthwaight**

*Occupational Therapist, Driver Assessment and Rehabilitation Service, Metro South Health, PhD Candidate*

#### **Biography:**

Louise is one of the principals of Ability Driving, an occupational therapist with over 20 years' experience. She provides comprehensive on and off road assessments of medical fitness to drive as well driving rehabilitation programs and evaluation and prescription of suitable vehicle modifications. Louise is recognised as an expert in her field and is among Queensland's first specialist driver trained occupational therapists. She has a strong involvement in a variety of research projects designed to enhance their own service provision and to improve clinical standards within the profession. Louise has recently commenced her PhD studies through Griffith University and she is very appreciative of the opportunities The Hopkins Centre have provided in supporting this endeavour.



### **Ms Kate Cameron**

*Acquired Brain Injury Translational Rehabilitation Service, Division of Rehabilitation, Metro South Health*

#### **Biography:**

Kate is a Senior Speech Pathologist in the Acquired Brain Injury Transitional Rehabilitation Service (ABI TRS), at Princess Alexandra Hospital. ABI TRS is a pilot project for the state-wide Brain Injury Rehabilitation Service, providing post-hospital interdisciplinary therapy to adults with acquired brain injury. In this role, Kate has been involved in the development and implementation of an innovative communication partner training program, cognitive communication group program and the practical application of communication therapy in the ABI TRS vocational rehabilitation pathway. Kate also leads portfolios in service promotion, workplace culture and family orientated service. Kate combines her role as a clinical speech pathologist with roles in media and corporate communications, giving her a deep understanding of communication skills required in a range of different workplaces.



**Dr J.R Baker**

CEO, *Primary & Community Care Services Limited*

**Biography**

James is the Chief Executive Officer at Primary & Community Care Services Limited. He enjoys working on a macro-level analysing the functioning of organisational and societal systems, and attempting through both qualitative and quantitative research methods to improve said systems. James also works on a more micro-level counselling individual and group clients, and teaching small groups of students. His main objective is simply to leave things better, whether through training future generations to be socially responsible and proficiently skilled, through improving the functioning and well-being of individuals and groups, or through creating larger strategic change in organisations and in society.

**Parallel session four – Seminar Room**

**Chair:** Ms Kerrin Watter

**Ms Clare Morgan**

*Speech Pathologist, Acquired Brain Injury Outreach Service (ABIOS), Division of Rehabilitation, Metro South Health*

**Biography:**

Clare is a Speech Pathologist who has worked with people with impaired communication for 18 years; the last 10 years have been as a Rehabilitation Coordinator in the Acquired Brain Injury Outreach Service (ABIOS), PAH, Metro South Health. Clare is a research fellow with Griffith University, and is the current recipient of The Hopkins Centre Research Fellowship for her research involving communication partner training. Clare's strong community and person-centred focus recognises the importance of educating communication partners of adults with acquired brain injury to have better conversations and enhance the social participation of adults with ABI within the community setting.

**Crystal Kelly**

*Speech Pathologist/PhD Candidate, Griffith University*

**Biography**

Crystal is a speech pathologist and PhD candidate with research and clinical experience in the areas of adult neurological communication and swallowing disorders. Her current research interests include cognitive-communication functioning following acquired brain injury and optimising community-based rehabilitation services. Crystal has worked clinically in a variety of settings including acute inpatient settings, rehabilitation services and community-based rehabilitation models of care.



**Dr Melissa Legg**

*Research Fellow, The Hopkins Centre*

**Biography:**

Dr Melissa Legg's general area of expertise is resilience in disability and chronic disease. Her current research focuses on how the healthcare system can be optimised to promote psychosocial wellbeing for people with disability. Emphases of her work include the application of: a) longitudinal research methods and analysis; b) secondary data analysis; and c) theoretical frameworks on behaviour and wellbeing that attend to the impact of factors in the social context or the system. Dr Legg was trained in health and social psychology and prior to joining The Hopkins Centre, she worked with the Menzies Health Institute Queensland and Cancer Council Queensland in cancer survivorship. Her PhD research examined the use and acceptability of peer support services amongst women newly diagnosed with breast cancer. This involved a prospective and population-based survey on women's attitudes about peer support for coping with breast cancer and how this influenced their use of services throughout Queensland, Australia.

**Dr Ali Lakhani**

*Research Fellow, The Hopkins Centre*

**Biography**

Ali is a Research Fellow with The Hopkins Centre, Menzies Health Institute Queensland. He has over 7 years' experience working within community based research projects that have partnered with health and social service organisations. His Program of Research utilises innovative methods and technologies to investigate features contributing to enabling environments for people with injury and/or disability. In particular, his Program considers how public and private places in the community impact the health of people with injury. The suite of projects that he is currently leading investigate how health and rehabilitation outcomes are impacted by: (i) health facility environmental features and (ii) increased engagement with greenspaces, private establishments, and public facilities within the community.



## Panel Discussions

### **Kelly Higgins-Devine**

*ABC Journalist*

#### **Biography**

Kelly is a Journalist, ABC Radio Brisbane Evening Show, Reality TV or real people with real stories — the choice is yours. She loves seeking out the ordinary in the extraordinary and the extraordinary in the ordinary and sharing the outcome with her Evenings listeners. She started her ABC career in 1999 after spending a number of years in commercial radio. Kelly has worked across most facets of broadcasting from reporting and news reading to presenting local radio programs. In 2004 she was offered the Statewide Afternoons program where she loved being part of the Queensland conversation. She then kept Brisbane commuters up to date on the drive home for six years on Drive before returning to her home turf of Afternoons in 2012. In 2007 Kelly was named ABC Local Radio Broadcaster of the Year.



### **Mrs Angel Dixon**

*THC Ambassador, Qld Young Australian of the Year & Disability Advocate*

#### **Biography**

Angel is 2019 QLD Young Australian of the Year & Advocate for people with disability. She is the first agency signed model with a physical impairment to feature in a national television campaign, Angel Dixon's mission is to challenge society's perception of disability. The international Mercedes Benz Fashion Week model and 2019 QLD Young Australian of the Year is a passionate activist for universal design and inclusion. Aware of the power that the media has in forming perceptions, Angel is advocacy manager for not-for-profit organisation, *Starting With Julius*, and CEO of the *Attitude Foundation*. Both organisations seek to accelerate the inclusion of people with disability through the creation of authentic media and education on inclusive principals. Learn more about: [attitude.org.au](http://attitude.org.au) and [startingwithjulius.org.au](http://startingwithjulius.org.au)



### **Dr Libby Callaway**

*Senior Occupational Therapist, Monash University*

#### **Biography**

Libby Callaway is a registered occupational therapist, having worked for the past 25 years in the field of neurological rehabilitation in Australia and the USA. Since 1999, Libby has been the director and principal occupational therapist at Neuroskills, a community based practice providing allied health services to people with neurological disability. Libby consulted to the National Disability Insurance Agency during development of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Specialist Disability Accommodation Framework, and works with current and future NDIS participants on pre-planning and NDIS plan implementation. In addition to this clinical work, Libby is a senior lecturer and researcher in the Occupational Therapy department at Monash University in Victoria. At Monash, Libby leads a \$2.4M national collaborative research program on housing, technology, support, and community design for people with neurological disability. This program is aimed at informing state-based injury insurance scheme and NDIS design and implementation.



## Final Session

### **Professor Marie Elf**

*Dalarna University, Sweden*

#### **Biography**

Marie is a Professor in Nursing at Dalarna University and at Chalmers University of Technology in the department of architecture. Marie Elf originally qualified as a nurse, receiving her PhD in architecture and has since worked across a number of academic settings within nursing, architecture and healthcare management with the focus on architecture and its impact on patient health and well-being. Marie Elf's research is focused on the healthcare environment (architecture) and how it influences people's health and well-being. She has developed an instrument that can be used for assessing the quality of residential care facilities for older persons. She has also projects going on where the architecture in stroke care from hospital to the home environment is explored. Her expertise is in healthcare architecture, older person's health and well-being, stroke care and person-centred care.



### **Mr Lachlan Burg**

*Head of CTP Claims RACQ*

Lachlan is the Head of CTP Claims at RACQ Insurance. He is an ANZIIF Certified Insurance Professional and Solicitor in the Supreme Court of Queensland. Previously, Lachlan has held other executive positions at RACQ as Head of Group Risk and Chief Risk Officer, Insurance. RACQ is working with the Hopkins Centre in a partnership approach to ensure that research is driven by end-users and is translatable into claims management practices and systemic policy development.

