

## Brain injury and the criminal justice system workshop

27<sup>th</sup> June 2016

### Agenda

*NB: Times and sessions are indicative, not binding. This workshop will be allowed to evolve rather than being driven down a fixed path.*

- 9am** Registration desk opens
- 9:30-9:45** Introductions (Prof Tony Butler, Kirby Institute)  
Welcome to Country (Dr Peter Yanada Mckenzie, respected Elder of the La Perouse Community)  
Event opening (Dr Mukesh Haikerwal AO, Brain Injury Australia)
- 9:45-10:00** Small group self-introductions
- 10:00-11:15** Speed-geeking  
*The group will be divided into 10 work tables. Expert presenters will visit tables in turn to make a short, TED style presentation on key ideas followed by a short Q&A. Each session last 7 minutes. This way many ideas are shared in a small group context, preferable to a series of talking heads at the lectern.*
- 11:15-11:35** **Morning Tea**
- 11:35 – 12:10** Ideas generation  
*Using a simple rating and ranking exercise which is highly interactive, the group as a whole will look at ideas generated and decide which ones to prioritise for discussion.*
- 12:10-1:00** Work Groups Phase 1  
*The group will start to self-organise along Open Space lines, choosing topics to discuss and work on. This process will be framed by the organisers and participants will select content.*
- 1:00-2:00** **Lunch**
- 2:00-2:45** Work Groups Phase 2  
*Work groups will continue and then conclude.*
- 2:45-3:00** **Afternoon tea**
- 3:00-4:15** Intensive discussion of key themes  
*Brief report backs form work groups will take place and, in plenary format key themes identified.*
- 4:15-4:30** Final comments  
*The organisers will offer closing commentary related to the outcomes of group discussions*
- 4:30-5:30** **Post-workshop drinks**

	<p><b>Professor Tony Butler</b>  Professor Butler is head of the Justice Health Research Program, Kirby Institute, UNSW Australia. He is an internationally recognised leader in prisoner health. Over the past twenty years his research has been pivotal in establishing Australia as a leader in this area, and elevating prisoners from a neglected group to one seen as important to health of the community. His research is recognised as innovative and ground-breaking and has involved conceptualising and conducting comprehensive epidemiological surveys of offender health, the largest survey of prisoner mental health in Australia, a world first smoking-cessation RCT delivered in prison, and a novel intervention to reduce recidivism in impulsive repeat-violent offenders.</p>
	<p><b>Nick Rushworth</b>  Nick Rushworth has been Executive Officer of Brain Injury Australia since 2008. In 1996, Nick sustained a severe traumatic brain injury as a result of a bicycle accident. Before joining Brain Injury Australia, Nick worked for the Northern Territory Government setting up their new Office of Disability. Formerly a producer with the Nine Television Network’s “Sunday” program and ABC Radio National, Nick’s journalism has won a number of awards, including a Silver World Medal at the New York Festival, a National Press Club and TV Week Logie Award.</p>
	<p><b>A/Professor Peter Schofield</b>  Peter Schofield is a behavioural neurologist with training in epidemiology. He is Clinical Director of the Hunter Health Area Neuropsychiatry Service and a conjoint Associate Professor in Psychiatry and Psychology at the University of Newcastle. As a clinician, he frequently sees patients with brain impairments, including those due to traumatic brain injury. His research interests include the early detection of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias, and epidemiological aspects of neuropsychiatric conditions in offender populations, especially traumatic brain injury.</p>
	<p><b>Dr Mukesh Haikerwal</b>  Dr Mukesh Haikerwal AO is Chair of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. He is also a Director of Brain Injury Australia and the Cancer Council of Victoria, and Chair of Beyondblue’s National Doctors’ Mental Health Program. Previously, he was Chair of the Council of the World Medical Association, National Clinical Lead at the National e-Health Transition Authority and Federal President of the Australian Medical Association. In 2008, Dr Haikerwal sustained a severe traumatic brain injury after being assaulted in Melbourne.</p>
	<p><b>Dr Stephen Mugford</b>  Stephen is co-principal of Kinnford Consulting. He has a track record of over 20 years as a successful change agent, organiser and facilitator. Before that, he was an academic with an international profile in sociological and criminological issues centred on drug policy and on restorative justice practices.</p>
	<p><b>Dr Lyn Turkstra</b>  Dr Lyn Turkstra is a Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, and a faculty member in the Neuroscience Training Program. Dr Turkstra has published extensively on cognitive and communication function after traumatic brain injury and is a consultant to the Veterans Health System and the United States’ Department of Defense on clinical practice guidelines in mild traumatic brain injury. She lectures nationally and internationally on development of evidence-informed models of cognitive rehabilitation for adolescents and adults with brain injury in acute, sub-acute, and long-term care settings.</p>



**Judge Eugene M Hyman**

Judge Eugene M Hyman is a retired Judge of the Superior Court for the State of California, County of Santa Clara where he presided over cases in the Criminal, Civil, Family, Juvenile, and Probate divisions of the Court for twenty years before his retirement. In 1999 along with the County Probation Department, the Juvenile Domestic Violence and Family Violence Court was begun to intervene with youth family violence. The Court was honored with a United Nations Public Service Award in 2008. Judge Hyman has taught as an Adjunct Faculty Member at Santa Clara University School of Law for over 25 years.



**Tania Evers**

Tania Evers was admitted to the Bar in 2003. She has specialised in criminal law, with particular focus on clients who are cognitively impaired, intellectually disabled or are mentally ill and commit an offence. Prior to coming to the Bar, Tania was a senior trial advocate at the Legal Aid Commission, again specialising in the interface between cognitively impaired, intellectually disabled and mentally ill clients and crime. Tania also represented the Legal Aid Commission on committees dealing with law reform of the mental health legislation and set up the Mental Health Advocacy Service and Children’s Legal Services at the Macquarie Legal Centre.



**Doddy**

Doddy is a member of the Enabling Justice project, delivered by Jesuit Social Services and RMIT University. The project supports men and women with lived experience of brain injury and contact with the criminal justice system to advocate for change. Doddy’s early life was in a household with multiple forms of abuse; family violence, sexual abuse and drug and alcohol. This abuse continued through relationships in her adolescence and adulthood, and left her vulnerable to violent men and to a criminal justice system that perpetuated this violence. Doddy’s now in secure housing and is a strong advocate for change, particularly in relation to women’s experiences of police, courts and prison.



**Dr Susan van den Berg**

Susan van den Berg has worked as a Clinical Neuropsychologist for Corrective Services NSW since 2009. She conducts assessments both in custody and the community to ascertain the cognitive functioning of offenders referred for acquired brain injury, dementia and other neurological impairment. Susan provides consultation to psychologists and other staff in Corrective Services regarding a range of neurological conditions, issues around neuropsychological assessment, interpretation of assessment results, and implications for management, service provision and program suitability.



**Scott Avery**

Scott Avery is descendant from the Worimi people and is the Policy and Research Director at the First Peoples Disability Network, a Non-Government Organisation constituted by and for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples with disability. He has an extensive career in research and public policy in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs, health, disability, justice and education. He is undertaking a doctorate on Indigenous disability and is the lead Investigator on a community-directed research program which has been awarded funding support through the National Disability Research and Development Scheme, and is a receipt of a scholarship through the Lowitja Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research.