



Janice Tan (Chair)

Dr Janice Tan is a Sydney-based general practitioner and digital health advisor with a strong interest in women's health, paediatrics, and mental health. She combines frontline clinical experience with digital innovation to improve access, quality, and continuity of care. Dr Tan is passionate about leveraging technology to support patient-centred models, enhance clinical decision-making, and strengthen integration across the health system. As Chair, she brings collaborative leadership, strategic insight, and a commitment to advancing safe, equitable, and evidence-based care for diverse communities.



Cherie Bennett

Cherie Bennett has over a decade of experience in HIV, sexual health, and viral hepatitis across government, non-government, research, and clinical settings. Her work spans service delivery, policy development, and consultancy, providing a comprehensive understanding of the sector. Cherie is committed to improving prevention, access, and integrated care for priority populations. She brings strong interdisciplinary expertise and a collaborative approach to system improvement, with a focus on equity, innovation, and translating evidence into practice across complex healthcare environments.



Dr Anna van Beek

Dr Anna van Beek is a General Paediatrician at Sydney Children's Hospital Network (SCHN) and Clinical Lead of the PEACH (Providing Enhanced Access to Care at Home) program. She is dedicated to improving access to timely, high-quality paediatric care and reducing avoidable hospital presentations. Through her leadership, she supports innovative models that deliver care closer to home for children and families. Dr van Beek is passionate about service redesign, integration across care settings, and improving health outcomes for children through coordinated, family-centred approaches. She is the Council's SCHN representative.



Ann-Marie Crozier

Ann-Marie Crozier is the Medical Director of the Hospital in the Home program at Sydney Local Health District. She leads innovative models that support older people and other patients to receive acute care safely in their own homes. Her work focuses on reducing hospital admissions, improving patient experience, and delivering care in supported community settings. Ann-Marie brings strong clinical leadership and expertise in service redesign, driving initiatives that enhance efficiency, safety, and patient-centred outcomes across the health system. She is the Council's SLHD representative.

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MEMBER PROFILES



Prof Apo Demirkol (South Eastern Sydney Local Health District representative)

Professor Apo Demirkol is Acting Director of Population and Community Health at South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD). A specialist in Public Health Medicine and Addiction Medicine, he has over 25 years' experience spanning clinical care, research, and executive leadership. His expertise sits at the intersection of addiction, pain management, and population health. Professor Demirkol brings a strong focus on evidence-informed policy, system integration, and improving health outcomes at scale. He also contributes to regulatory oversight as a hearing member of the NSW Medical Council. He is the Council's SESLHD representative.



Dr Archana Pradhan

Dr Archana Pradhan is Program Director of the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry and Stream Coordinator of Special Needs Dentistry at the University of Sydney. She is dedicated to improving access to dental care for people with complex needs, including those with disability and aged care needs. An active contributor to national consultations and professional bodies, she advocates for inclusive, patient-centred care. Dr Pradhan is passionate about translating interprofessional education into practice and building strong partnerships across health, academic, and community sectors to improve outcomes.



Dr Caroline Guirgis

Dr Caroline Guirgis is a general practitioner in Newtown and a Visiting Medical Officer in the Emergency Department at Sutherland Hospital. She brings experience across primary care and acute settings, supporting integrated, patient-centred care. Dr Guirgis contributes to the CESPHN Clinical Leaders Network and is undertaking leadership training with the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators. She is committed to strengthening system collaboration, enhancing care pathways, and improving patient outcomes through clinical leadership and continuous professional development.



Chris Hay

Chris Hay is General Manager of Mental Health Services at South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD), with over 30 years' experience in the sector. A psychologist by background, he has led significant service redesign and co-produced models of care to improve outcomes for consumers. He played a key role in developing the PACER model and redesigning community mental health services. Chris brings extensive expertise in governance, strategy, and risk management, alongside a strong commitment to innovation and collaborative approaches in mental health care delivery. He is the Council's SESLHD representative.



Hollie Ballingall

Hollie Ballingall is an accredited Mental Health Social Worker, lived-experience advocate, and proud Yuin woman. She delivers trauma-informed, culturally responsive care grounded in strength-based and holistic approaches. Working through an anti-oppressive and decolonial lens, Hollie is committed to supporting individuals and communities to improve wellbeing and resilience. Her practice emphasises lived experience, cultural safety, and equity in mental health care, bringing a vital perspective to service design and delivery across diverse community settings.



Jinous Eighani-Roushani

Jinous is an AHPRA-registered Oral Health Therapist with extended adult scope, clinical educator, and founder of Dental2All, a mobile dental service. She has experience across private, public, corporate, mobile care, education, and consulting, giving her a broad perspective on oral health delivery. Jinous is a Clinical Examiner for the Australian Dental Council, a Colgate Professional Educator (NSW), and a Clinical Educator at the University of Sydney. She contributes to oral health promotion with Sydney Local Health District and provides infection control training and compliance support to practices. Jinous is a Director of the Oral Health Association of Australia and a Clinical Council member with CESPHN.



Lou-Ann Blunden

Lou-Ann Blunden is Executive Director of Clinical Services Integration and Population Health at Sydney Local Health District (SLHD). With over 35 years' experience, she leads a diverse portfolio including community health, oral health, drug health, and integrated care partnerships. Her career spans clinical practice, policy, and large-scale service planning. Lou-Ann is recognised for driving system integration, cross-sector collaboration, and service reform to improve population health outcomes. She brings deep expertise in healthcare operations, strategic planning, and partnership development. She is the Council's SLHD representative.



Muriani Eka Putra

Muriani Eka Putra is an accredited community pharmacist with over 20 years' experience across retail and clinical pharmacy. As Pharmacist Manager, she leads dispensary operations and delivers a range of clinical services, including Home Medicines Reviews, vaccinations, and opioid replacement therapy. Muriani is passionate about improving patient outcomes through evidence-based practice, staff mentoring, and expanding the scope of pharmacy services. She is committed to advancing pharmacist prescribing and strengthening the role of community pharmacy within the broader healthcare system.



Nerida Croker

Nerida Croker is a clinical pharmacist with over 20 years' experience across community pharmacy, regional locum practice, aged care, and primary health settings. She brings a strong focus on medication safety, quality use of medicines, and patient-centred care. Nerida has worked extensively with diverse populations, supporting improved outcomes through collaborative care and integrated service delivery. She is committed to strengthening the role of pharmacy within multidisciplinary teams and enhancing continuity of care across healthcare settings.



Nicole Lawson

Nicole Lawson is an optometrist and clinical educator at UNSW, with a strong focus on glaucoma and advanced optometric practice. She is dedicated to mentoring the next generation of practitioners and promoting clinical excellence through education and supervision. Nicole contributes to collaborative models of care at the UNSW Health Translation Hub Eye Clinic, supporting integrated, patient-centred services. Her work reflects a commitment to innovation, professional development, and improving eye health outcomes through high-quality, evidence-based practice.



Dr Peter Walker

Dr Peter Walker is a clinical psychologist and Principal of a group psychology practice in Randwick. He has worked extensively across the Eastern Suburbs and Inner West of Sydney in a range of clinical and leadership roles. Dr Walker specialises in delivering evidence-based psychological care and supporting mental health across diverse populations. He brings experience in multidisciplinary practice, service development, and clinical supervision, alongside a strong commitment to improving access to high-quality mental health care.



Dr Rajdeep Ubeja

Dr Rajdeep Ubeja is Director of Medical Services and Chief Medical Information Officer at St Vincent's Hospital Network (SVHN). He combines clinical leadership with digital health expertise to drive service improvement and system transformation. Dr Ubeja focuses on strengthening clinical governance, enhancing digital capability, and improving patient outcomes through innovation. He brings experience in integrating technology into healthcare delivery, supporting safe, efficient, and high-quality care across complex health systems. He is the Council's SVHN representative.



Reuben Seah

Reuben Seah is an occupational therapist and founder of Waypoint OT, an independent practice supporting participation in everyday life. He works with children, adolescents, and adults experiencing neurodevelopmental and psychosocial disabilities. Reuben is committed to person-centred, strengths-based care that supports individuals and families to achieve meaningful goals. His work focuses on improving functional outcomes, enhancing independence, and promoting inclusion, with an emphasis on collaborative care and tailored interventions.



Dr Rula Ali

Dr Rula Ali is a general practitioner, clinical supervisor, and senior lecturer at UNSW, actively involved in teaching and research. She contributes to national medical standards through her work with the Australian Medical Council. Dr Ali has held senior leadership roles with the RACGP, including Deputy Chair of the NSW and ACT Faculty. She brings extensive experience in medical education, governance, and quality improvement, with a strong commitment to advancing general practice and supporting the future workforce.



Professor Sarah Dennis

Professor Sarah Dennis is Director of Movement Sciences at the University of Sydney and a leading researcher in allied health. Her work focuses on improving equitable access to high-quality primary care, particularly community-based allied health services. She is also a Director of the Central and Eastern Sydney Allied Health Network. Professor Dennis is committed to reducing health system burden by strengthening preventive care, improving service integration, and supporting people to maintain health and wellbeing in the community.



Sara Zhang

Sara Zhang is a social worker with expertise in mental health and domestic and family violence. She has contributed to innovative programs, including behavioural change initiatives for CALD communities. Sara is committed to culturally responsive care, inclusive service design, and strengthening system-wide cultural competence. With a focus on young adult mental health, particularly international students, she also supports early-career practitioners to build sustainable, reflective practice, promoting better outcomes for diverse populations.



Sarandha Chauhan

Sarandha Chauhan is a practice owner, manager, and AGPAL accreditation surveyor with over 20 years' experience in healthcare. With qualifications in science, business administration, and software engineering, she brings a multidisciplinary perspective to practice management. She has strong expertise in navigating healthcare systems, including insurance and specialist pathways. She is committed to improving patient access, administrative efficiency, and quality standards. Her work also includes voluntary contributions to strategic communications and digital operations within general practice networks.



Dr Thomas Lu

Dr Thomas Lu is a general practitioner with a special interest in addiction medicine. He works across general practice, hospital-based addiction services, correctional health, and aged care. Dr Lu supports patients with complex needs, including substance use disorders, across diverse clinical settings. He is committed to improving access to care, reducing stigma, and delivering integrated, patient-centred treatment approaches that address both physical and mental health needs.



Tony Jackson

Tony Jackson is General Manager of Population and Preventive Health at Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network. With over 30 years' experience, he has held senior leadership roles across drug and alcohol, aged care, disability, and integrated care. Beginning his career in nursing, Tony brings strong clinical and executive expertise. He is focused on system-wide improvement, prevention, and equitable care, driving innovation across complex service environments within the NSW health system. He is the Council's NSW Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network representative.



Tracey Szanto

Tracey is a social worker and registered nurse with the NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation. She leads the development of models of care across areas including intellectual disability, mental health, paediatrics, and safeguarding. Tracey is committed to improving outcomes for vulnerable populations through evidence-based service design and system collaboration. She also contributes to aged care initiatives, bringing a strong focus on integration, patient safety, and quality care across community and health settings.



Dr Zinnia Lo

Dr Zinnia Lo is a general practitioner with over 20 years' experience across university health services and city-based practices. She is dedicated to delivering accessible, high-quality primary care and supporting diverse patient populations. Dr Lo brings a strong focus on continuity of care, preventive health, and patient engagement. Her experience across varied clinical environments supports a comprehensive and adaptable approach to general practice.