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» welcome

On behalf of the Queensland Branch of ANZSOM I extend a warm welcome to the 2015 Annual Scientific Meeting, and of course to our beautiful city of Brisbane, the gateway to this wide and varied state.

Our conference theme "Here and Now" reflects a rapidly changing work environment, which has brought new challenges and changing expectations for industry and for those working in occupational health. The program is far reaching, engaging and interactive, and draws on the expertise and experience of leaders in fields such as mental health, workplace violence, travel medicine, occupational exposures, transport and much more. A particular highlight is the mock court session on the final day which will see some of our experienced members pitching their expert witness skills. I'm also very pleased to say that we have a record number of contributed papers, so please support these presenters.

The diverse and engaging program results from the concerted efforts of many, including the speakers, the organising committee and members more broadly. I am sincerely grateful for these efforts, which are vital to ensuring this major event of the Society is successful. My particular thanks to the organising committee, Keith Adam, Sandra Code, Chris Cunneen, Vern Madden, Melinda Miller, Peter Ruscoe and Amanda Sillcock, who have worked tirelessly these past twelve months with the support of the Federal Executive and the Secretariat. Also particular thanks to session organisers John Gall and Bruce Hocking who have lent their extensive education experience to develop the mock court and fitness to drive sessions respectively.

My thanks also to our supporting sponsors whose involvement adds considerably to the educational content and enables us to deliver a high quality event to you. Please support these organisations by visiting their booths and using their services.

All that is left to say is thank you for attending and trust you have a rewarding and enjoyable experience travelling with us over the next three days, and enjoy renewing some old friendships and forging some new ones in the process.

Dr Edward Foley

Chair, Queensland Branch

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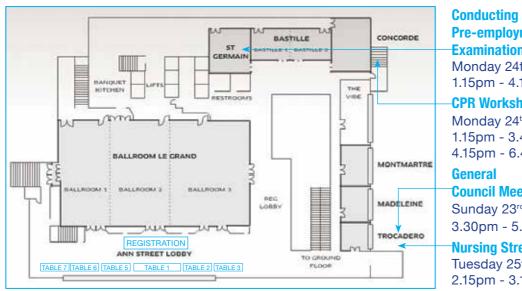


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» social program



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CONFERENCE DINNER Tattersall's Club, Grand Ballroom I Tuesday 25th August from 7.00pm I 215 Queen St, Brisbane

Experience the ultimate in atmosphere, style and service at the Tattersall's Club Grand Ballroom, located just minutes from the Sofitel Hotel. Included with full registration is a three course menu and beverages, with pre-dinner drinks served from 7pm. The conference dinner is included in the cost of full registration. Additional tickets can be purchased separately from the registration desk.



INTRODUCING SPECIAL GUEST LI CUNXIN Guest speaker at the ANZSOM Conference Dinner

We are very pleased to announce a very special guest speaker at this year's ASM. Li Cunxin (pronounced "Lee Schwin Sing") is a remarkable man borne of a remarkable story. He published a runaway best-selling book about his extraordinary life, Mao's Last Dancer, in which he recounts his journey to becoming one of the best dancers in the world, including principal dancer with the Australian Ballet.

Also presenting will be Georgie Harman, CEO beyondblue who will provide valuable insights into the organisation's workplace initiatives in promoting mental health.

GETTING THERE:

The Tattersalls Club is a 7 min walk (550 metres) from the Sofitel Hotel Brisbane:

- » Walk west towards Turbot St 24 metres
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- » Turn left onto Edward St 350 metres.
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ABS 2008 'National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing' PwC 2014, 'A mentally healthy workplace: Return on Investment Analysis'

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» site visits

MONDAY 24TH AUGUST

This year's program features a diverse range of site visits, designed to provide an insight into industries and workplaces in the region. Visits have been pre-booked with your registration. Buses will leave from the Sofitel front driveway. The time of return will vary for each site visit, depending on the starting time and distance to be travelled. If you have forgotten which site you registered for, please contact the registration desk, as seats are strictly reserved due to limited numbers. Contact details for each visit leader and clothing requirements are noted below.

Century Yuasa Batteries, 1.15pm



Century Yuasa Batteries is the largest manufacturer in Australia of lead acid batteries for automotive and industrial purposes. The visit to their Carol Park premises will be hosted by Dr Graeme Edwards, occupational and environmental physician and National Medical Advisor to the Century Yuasa Group of companies. The visit will provide an opportunity to observe the traditional grid casting technology and the strip mill / plate expander technologies, and to discuss the health monitoring and lead-risk management strategies used to minimise hazardous exposure.

Site visit contact: Dr Graeme Edwards, +61 411 747 445

Clothing/safety requirements:

- » Please wear smart casual attire appropriate for the weather conditions.
- » Fully enclosed appropriate footwear must be worn.
- » High visibility vests, vision and hearing protection will be provided.
- » No food or drinks will be provided during the tour; please bring a bottle of water.

Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha, 1.15pm

The Brisbane Botanic Gardens are recognised as Australia's premier subtropical botanic gardens, spanning 56 hectares and featuring up to 20,000 native and exotic plants from around the world. This rare 'behind the scenes' experience will be led by the garden curator Dale Arvidsson, and will provide an opportunity to discuss a range of workplace hazards directly with the gardeners. There are no special clothing/ safety requirements.

Site visit contact: Edward Foley, +61 417 704 211







Qube Logistics (formerly P&O), 1.00pm

Qube Logistics is Australia's largest provider of integrated port logistics and wharf cartage services. Their national network and infrastructure are driven by cutting-edge technology and co-located services in all Australian capital ports. The visit to their Port Freight Terminal will encompass the following:

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» Transport

- » Special projects

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Clothing/safety requirements:

» Warehousing and distribution

- » Long pants and fully enclosed appropriate footwear must be worn.
- » High visibility vests, hard hats, vision and hearing protection will be provided.
- » No food or drinks will be provided during the tour; please bring a bottle of water.



The Smith's Snackfood Company, 12.30pm

The Smith's Snackfood Company is the snackfood operating division of PepsiCo Australia & New Zealand. It encompasses well known brands such as Doritos, Sakata, Nobby's Nuts and Burger rings. The Tingalpa factory visit will provide insight into snack food production within urban location, the occupational exposures, the workforce issues and the various protocols/controls utilised to reduce onsite risk.

Site visit contact: Chris Cunneen, +61 404 668 111

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5.30pm - 9.00pm

Registration Sofitel Hotel, Cuvee Lounge, Lobby Level

6.30pm - 9.00pm

Welcome Reception (included in full registration) Sofitel Hotel, Cuvee Lounge, Lobby Level

Hugh Denehy Oration – Dr Keith Adam

ANZSOM is pleased to welcome long-standing ANZSOM member Dr Keith Adam to give the 2015 Hugh Denehy Oration, in honour of one of ANZSOM's founding fathers Dr Hugh Denehy (1925-1996).

Hugh was a great contributor to the profession of occupational medicine and held the position of Chairman of the VIC/TAS Branch before becoming Federal President. He then became a Foundation Fellow of the Australian College of Occupational Medicine in 1982. Such contributions are highly valued by the Society and we seek to reflect them in our selection for this annual presentation in his honor. Dr Keith Adam has therefore been a logical choice.

As a specialist occupational physician Keith has been actively involved in all aspects of occupational and environmental medicine for more than three decades and has provided advice to over 500 companies. He has also been an active contributor to Branch activities and currently sits on the Federal Executive. Keith is a keen educator and mentor, inspiring several generations of occupational and environmental physicians, as well as medical and engineering students.

We look forward to sharing Keith's insights at the 2015 Hugh Denehy Oration, Tuesday 25th at 1.30pm.

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» monday. aug 24th 2015

8.00am - 5.00pm	REGISTRATION Sofitel Hotel, Cuvee Lounge, Ann Street Lobby Level		
9.00am 9.15am 10.00am	 Welcome Address Councillor Angela Owen-Taylor, Councillor for Parkinson SESSION THEME: Psychological issues in the workplace Chair: Dr Edward Foley An understanding of psychological issues in the workplace is essential for all occupational health professionals, so our first session will be universally relevant. Our expert presenters will address growing problems such as PTSD and workplace violence, as well as ongoing challenges such as drugs and alcohol and critical incidents. The domains of recognition, prevention, early treatment and return to work will provide a common thread, with ample opportunity to explore the issues through panel discussion. Turning back the rising tide of PTSD Dr Peter Cotton, Psychologist, Health Services Australia and Insight SRC Some workplaces are experiencing a growth in claims relating to post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). What organisational factors contribute to PTSD and how can these be addressed? What are the latest innovations for treatment, particularly for work focused treatment? Violence in the workplace Dean Chandler, Director, Allsafe Violence too is an increasing workplace issue. What is meant by violence? What 	1.15pm – 4.30pm 1.15pm	SITE VISITS Site visits are a highlight of the to see first-hand the occupation the site visits are pre-allocated * Century Yuasa Batteries * Qube Logistics PARALLEL WORKSHOPS (all pro- CPR update - Session 1 Vie Concorde Room Ba- lan Cash, Australasian De SOS Oxygen Ar A practical ex cardiopulmonary cu resuscitation update, ma- including use of in ta- automated external to defibrillation. an
10.30am	factors contribute to violence and what effects can it have in the workplace? What workplace policies should be in place to manage violence? What procedures and training are required for employees to enable them to manage violence in the workplace? Morning tea	2.45pm	Afternoon tea
11.00am	Substance misuse - determining fitness for work Dr Greg Apel, Psychiatrist, Brisbane Private Hospital Substance misuse in the workplace presents an ongoing challenge. What factors need to be considered when determining a person's fitness to return to work? Do different substances require different approaches? What are the considerations for safety critical work?	3.00pm 4.15pm	PARALLEL WORKSHOPS (contin CPR update - Vio Session 1 the (3.45 finish) (4. CPR update - Session 2
11.30am 12.00pm	If not critical incident debriefing then what? Dr Arlene Walker, Psychologist, Associate Head of School (Rural and Regional Development), Deakin University Formal critical incident debriefing is dead and buried but organisations continue to expect a formal process. What alternative models are available to manage critical incidents and the potential impacts in the workplace? How can we as health professionals advocate for best practice approaches? Panel discussion		Ian Cash, Australasian SOS O (6.45 finish)
12.30pm	Lunch		

are a highlight of the ANZSOM conference and are an opportunity st-hand the occupational health issues of local industries. Places on isits are pre-allocated. For details see page 8 of the program.

> » Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha » The Smith's Snackfood Company

WORKSHOPS (all pre-allocated)

Violence in the workplace Ballroom

Dean Chandler, Allsafe An opportunity to explore in detail the current approaches to management of violence in the workplace, brought to life with scenarios and role plays.

Conducting pre-employment examinations

St Germain Room Dr Vern Madden, The Health Advantage; Dr Amanda Sillcock, **Occupational** Physician

A practical session aimed at updating skills for pre-employment examinations. Particularly valuable for nurses but relevant to all.

WORKSHOPS (continued) Violence in the workplace (4.30pm finish)

Conducting preemployment examinations (4.30pm finish)

Australasian SOS Oxygen



tuesday aug 25th 2015

8.00am - 5.00pm	REGISTRATION Sofitel Hotel, Cuvee Lounge, Ann Street Lobby Level
	SESSION THEME: Healthy and safe travel Chair: Dr Vern Madden
8.30am	Travel for work – preparing for safe & healthy travel overseas Dr Deborah Mills, Medical Director, Dr Deb's Travel Medicine Clinics
9.30am	Preventing and managing overseas emergencies Colin MacDonald, Director Corporate Services, Aspen Medical
10.15am	Morning tea
10.45am	SESSION THEME: Fitness to drive – the grey and the difficult Chair: Dr Bruce Hocking
	 This interactive session will provide an opportunity to discuss a number of case studies in order to: Increase understanding of problematic aspects of assessing fitness to drive with regard to commercial vehicle drivers, including: Blackouts and single seizures Blackouts and arrhythmias Sleep apnoea Diabetes
	Improve interaction between occupational physicians and relevant specialists regarding "fitness for duty" examinations for commercial vehicle drivers .e.g., by occupational physicians providing useful referral information and relevant specialists providing information to aid decision-making regarding employment status.
	» Improve understanding of the role of, and communications with, the Driver Licensing Authority regarding licence status.
	The discussion will be supported by four experts. » Dr Noel Saines , Neurologist, Wesley Medical Centre » Dr Rob Perel, Cardiologist, Mater Private Hospital Brisbane » Dr. Chris Zappala, Thoracic and Respiratory Physician, The Wesley Hospital » Dr Clair Sullivan, Deputy Chair of Medicine, Princess Alexandra Hospital
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Lunch

1.30pm	Hugh Denehy Oration Chair: Dr Amanda Sillcock Dr Keith Adam, National Lead Mining and Transport, Mediba
2.15pm - 3.15pm	MEDICAL STREAM Chair: Dr Chris Cunneen Ballroom
	Toxic environmental exposures in pregnancy Assoc Prof Michael Gabbett, Geneticist, Griffith University
	Diesel particulate matter – carcinogenesis and other health effects Prof Zoran Ritovski, Nanotech and Molecular Science, Quee University of Technology
3.15pm	Afternoon tea
3.30pm Dust Diseases Board	Chair: Dr Maggie Goldie Advances in the treatment of a Assoc Prof Glen Reid, Senior This session is proudly suppor
4.00pm	Australian Privacy Principals u Mr Kegan Scherf, Workplace
4.30 – 5.30pm	ANZSOM Annual General Meeti Ballroom
7.00pm beyondblue Depression. Anwery	Conference Dinner – Tattersalls Club, Grand Ballroon Guest speakers: » Georgie Harman, CEO beyo » Li Cunxin, Artistic Director of This session is proudly suppo

d Occupational Physician, bank Health Solutions

NURSING STREAM	
Chair: Mrs Sandra Code	
Trocadero Room	

	Vaccination certification requirements for nurses
, Clinical	Rob Timmings, Rural and Remote in
ý	Nurse Educator, Director, ECT4Health
	Beyond the EAP. How to promote worker resilience and reduce
	workplace stress
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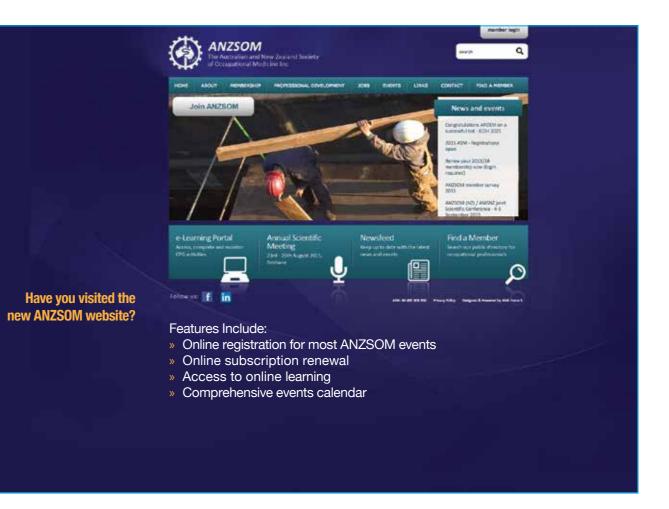
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wednesday aug 25th 2015

8.00am - 5.00pm	REGISTRATION Sofitel Hotel, Cuvee Lounge, Ann Street Lobby Level	
9.00am	<mark>Your day in court – a mock court experience</mark> Chair & facilitator: Associate Professor John Gall	
Slater Gordon	 Judge Bill Kearns, Barristers: John Miles, Donna Callaghan Many of us will be called upon to present as expert witnesses. This well-prepared mock court experience will aim to demonstrate and engage participants in: Understanding the requirements for preparation to provide testimony in court. How to present medical evidence in court. Effective communication in a courtroom. The need to be an impartial witness for the court and not for the complainant or defendant. How to manage difficult situations in court. The need to remain within your area of expertise. Three cases will be argued and critiqued to optimise the learning experience. 	
Lawyers	This session is proudly supported by Slater + Gordon Lawyers	
10.30am	Morning tea	
11.00am	Your day in court – a mock court experience (continued) Chair & facilitator: Associate Professor John Gall	
12.00pm	Lunch	
	CONTRIBUTED PAPERS Chair: Ms Melinda Miller	
12.45pm	Complaints to the Medical Board arising out of Independent Medical Examinations Dr John Wilson, Jobfit Health Group	
1.05pm	Electrical hypersensitivity Dr Bruce Hocking, Bruce Hocking and Associates	
1.25pm	Of mice and men: Assessing the safety of on-farm mouse bait production Associate Professor Anthony Brown, School of Rural Health, University of Sydney	
1.45pm	Conducting clinic audits of an oil / gas industry health service in Papua New Guinea Dr David Crocker, Consultant occupational physician Dr Flora Jethro, Medical Officer, Oil Search Limited	

2.05pm	Occupational injury risk among a health care workers in Victoria, A from 2003 to 2012 Dr Minainyo Helen Roberts, M
2.25pm	Nanotechnology: Health effects a Dr Devan Kumarasamy, PETR
2.45pm	Red eye. How an occupational head of the Dr Miguel Sergio Kabilio, OSH
3.05pm	Afternoon tea
3.25pm	Close



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SPEAKER PROFILES (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

ANZSOM welcomes all our speakers to the conference and thanks them for their generous participation.

Dr Greg Apel

Psychiatrist, Brisbane Private Hospital

Dr Greg Apel is a Brisbane-based psychiatrist, who has long maintained an interest in the psychology of workplace issues, and has been an active participant in ANZSOM activities for many years. A major focus of Dr. Apel's work is with alcohol and drug using patients, with a busy inpatient practice and outpatient management for follow up and containment of these issues within workplace and family structures. The balance of clinical care and medico-legal assessments of fitness to drive in the patient group helps to maintain a perspective on employer and employee agendas and capacities to adapt to clinical situations as they arise.

Mr Ian Cash

Director, Australasian SOS Oxygen

Ian Cash is Director and founder of Australasian SOS Oxygen and First Responder Training Pty Ltd, a recognised training provider for the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, and a provider for the University of Melbourne School of Dental Science, the Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne and a range of private health care and industrial / commercial workplaces in Victoria, South Australia and Queensland. Ian's ongoing clinical role in coronary care and intensive care nursing helps to ensure his training is highly relevant and practical.

Mr Dean Chandler

Director, Allsafe

Dean Chandler is the Director and primary trainer of 'Allsafe', an organisation he set up to help deal with the hazard of workplace violence. Drawing on his extensive experience in law enforcement, diplomatic and personal protection, strategic response and operational security, he works with a range of different organisations to build knowledge, confidence and capability to deal with violence, including issues ranging from low level verbal abuse through to armed robbery.

Dr Peter Cotton

Psychologist, Health Services Australia & Insight SRC

Dr Peter Cotton is a clinical and organisational psychologist specialising in occupational mental health and wellbeing. He has published a number of book chapters and peer reviewed research papers, and is a Fellow of the Australian Psychological Society. He is a mental health advisor with SuperFriend and the Comcare Centre for Excellence in Mental Health and Wellbeing at Work. He is also a member of beyondblue's Workplace Mental Health Expert Advisory Group. In addition to his consulting work, Peter maintains a private clinical practice.

Mr Li Cunxin

(Conference dinner speaker) – Artistic Director, Queensland Ballet

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Ms Kristina Dalgleish

Director, Health@Work Pty Ltd

Kristina has over 29 years of experience in corporate health management, most recently as the Director of Health@Work, an organisation delivering she delivering innovative and measurable health programs, both nationally and internationally. She was a founding member of the workplace health industry body, Workplace Health Association Australia (WHAA) and offers an in-depth understanding of the industry, including the latest trends in corporate health programs.

Associate Professor Michael Gabbett

Clinical Geneticist, Griffith University

Michael Gabbett is a full time clinical geneticist with Genetic Health Queensland. He has a special interest in prenatal genetics and birth defects. Michael is an Associate Professor at Griffith University and a senior lecturer at The University of Queensland medical school.

Associate Professor John Gall Principal, Era Health

Associate Professor Gall has practised clinical forensic medicine in combination with occupational medicine for more than twenty years, with principal interests in aviation, underwater, rail and maritime medicine, cancer clusters, independent medical assessments and toxicology. In addition to his private clinical consulting roles, he is involved in both education and research and is an Associate Professor in the Department of Paediatrics, The University of Melbourne. He is also active in a number of professional societies, being the current President of the World Police Medical Officers (currently being renamed as the International Association of Clinical Forensic Medicine), and Vice President of the Australasian Association of Forensic Physicians. He is a member of the International Editorial Board of the Journal of Legal and Forensic Medicine.

Ms Georgie Harman

CEO, beyondblue

Ms Harman was appointed as the CEO of *beyondblue* in May 2014. She has significant and broad-ranging policy and service delivery experience in the community, public and private sectors in Australia and the United Kingdom. Previously, she was the Deputy CEO of Australia's National Mental Health Commission and acted as CEO for several months. The Commission was established in 2012 to provide independent advice to the Prime Minister on the performance of the mental health system and recommend reform actions. From 2006-2012, Ms Harman worked at the Commonwealth Department of Health where she had national responsibility for Australian mental health, suicide prevention and substance misuse policy and programs, including those targeting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. She was one of the architects of the 2011 cross-portfolio National Mental Health Reform Budget package. At the same time, she was responsible for the early strategy and development of legislation to introduce plain packaging of tobacco products in Australia – a world first.

His Honour William (Bill) Kearns SC

Judge, Dust Diseases Tribunal

His Honour Judge W (Bill) P Kearns, SC was appointed to the Bench of the District Court of New South Wales and the Dust Diseases Tribunal of New South Wales in July 2006. Most of his judicial duties are dedicated to the specialist work of the Dust Diseases Tribunal (DDT), though he also sits in the District Court. Prior to his judicial appointment, Judge Kearns enjoyed a varied and busy career as a barrister. He was admitted to the New South Wales Bar in 1972, to the ACT Bar in 1993 and was appointed Senior Counsel in 1999. This work was complemented with specialist appointments, including as a mediator, member of the Legal Aid Review Committee, contributions assessor and Acting Judge in the Compensation Court and the DDT.

Mr Colin Macdonald

Director Corporate Services, Aspen Medical

Colin Macdonald is Aspen Medical's Director of Corporate Services responsible for risk, health, safety and environment, security, training, quality, travel and property functions. Colin came to Australia from the United Kingdom where he had begun his HSE career while serving in the British Army. He joined the National Safety Council of Australia where he was the ACT Regional Manager providing a wide range of HSE consulting, auditing and training services to defence, government and private industry. He then spent 11 years as the Corporate HSE Manager with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). Colin has a Master's degree in Safety Management and has considerable expertise and experience in HSE management, risk management, disaster and business continuity management, safety and security for overseas operations and emergency management.

Dr Vern Madden

Medical Director, The Health Advantage

Dr Vern Madden graduated from the University of Queensland St Lucia in 1979, and after working in the public hospital system, spent over a decade working as a country GP. Since 2000, his practice has been solely devoted to occupational health including providing injury management and pre-employment services. Reflecting Vern's interest in education, The Health Advantage is a registered training organisation. Vern has jointly developed and patented a pre-employment assessment process that uses an algorithmic analysis to determine fitness.

Dr Deborah Mills

Medical Director. Dr Deb's Travel Medicine Clinics

Dr Deborah Mills is one of the pioneers of travel medicine in Australia, and has been looking after the health needs of overseas travellers since 1988. She is the founding practice principle of "Dr Deb - The Travel Doctor" which operates two specialised travel medicine clinics in Brisbane. She is one of the founding members of the Travel Medicine Alliance, a network of over 30 travel medicine clinics across Australia, and acts as the group's medical spokesperson in the media. She has published in peer reviewed journals and has a particular interest in rabies. She has also been widely published in the lay press, including radio. television and social media. Her book "Travelling Well - the 'must-have' guide to a safe and healthy journey", is now in its 19th edition, with over 200,000 copies in print. She also has a keen interest in information technology systems including apps, blog, twitter, facebook, Youtube videos, online travel medicine training.

Dr Robert Perel

Cardiologist, Mater Private Hospital Brisbane

Dr Robert Perel is a cardiologist who specialises in heart rhythm disorders and cardiac electronic implanted devices. In addition to his physician and cardiology training, he has completed a two-year Fellowship in Cardiac Electrophysiology at the University of Toronto in Canada, and is recognised as a Certified Electrophysiology Specialist and Certified Cardiac Device Specialist by the International Board of Heart Rhythm Examiners (IBHRE), affiliated with the Heart Rhythm Society. Robert performs procedures such as: implantation of cardiac monitors for further investigation of syncope; pacemaker implantation; implantation of defibrillators to treat dangerous arrhythmias and reduce risk of sudden cardiac death; and electrophysiology studies and catheter ablations to identify and treat cardiac arrhythmias. He also works as a general cardiologist managing patients with coronary heart disease, cardiomyopathy and valvular heart disease.

Associate Professor Glen Reid

Senior Scientist, Asbestos Diseases Research Institute

Associate Professor Glen Reid received his PhD from the University of Göttingen in Germany, and followed this with a postdoc studying multi drug resistance at the Netherlands Cancer Institute in Amsterdam. After working on RNAi therapeutics at the biotech company Genesis Research & Development in Auckland, New Zealand, he was appointed ADRI's Senior Research Scientist in April 2009, where he established the Institute's cell and molecular biology labs. His translational research focuses on the identification of new markers and molecular targets for malignant mesothelioma, with a particular focus on microRNAs.

Professor Zoran Ristovski

Nanotechnology and Molecular Science, Queensland University of Technology

Professor Ristovski is an atmospheric scientist with almost 20 years' experience in the area of airborne particle pollution, working at the International Laboratory for Air Quality and Health, QUT. His main areas of interest are in the characterisation of vehicle emission related nanoparticles, their physical and chemical properties, transport in the atmosphere as well as their toxicity. He has conducted a number of projects in this area for the Australian government and private industry and has published extensively. He has also received a number of grants both from the Australian government and industry. Professor Ristovski was one of the key academics in establishing the Biofuels Engine Research Facility (BERF), a modern engine emission research facility established through a joint investment from QUT, industry and the Australian Research Council. He is currently involved in several projects looking at issues relating to the utilisation of biofuels.

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Dr Noel Saines

Neurologist, Wesley Medical Centre

Dr Noel Saines is a Consultant Neurologist with rooms at the Wesley Hospital Brisbane. Dr Saines has an MBBS from Melbourne University and gained his FRACP in 1979. He is a member of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Neurologists the American Academy of Neurologists, the American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine and Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Dr Saines has had a number of appointments including Assistant Professor of Neurology at Neurological Institute of Columbia University New York 1982-1983. Consultant Neurologist at Princess Alexandra Hospital and QE11 Hospital 1982-1986. Toowoomba Base 1992-1997, Mater Hospital Brisbane 1984-2002. He has been Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee Wesley Hospital 2004-2006 and is current Deputy Chairman Q Comp Specialist (Neurology) Medical Assessment Tribunal and Director Stroke Unit Wesley Hospital. He is also Chief Investigator for the Clinical Trial of more effective treatment for MS.

Mr Kegan Scherf

Workplace Relations Adviser, AMA Queensland

Kegan is an industrial relations practitioner with extensive experience in the health and critical care environments. Kegan has both employer and employee representation experience and specialises in assisting medical practitioners and other registered health professionals on a wide range of employment matters such as unfair dismissal, public sector engagement, general protections, legislative compliance, workplace investigations, enterprise bargaining and workplace health and safety. Kegan thrives on working with medical practitioners to reach solutions on complex industrial matters. At present, Kegan is employed with the Australian Medical Association where he works with private practice doctors to ensure that their practice is able to respond to the challenges of our modern employment landscape. Kegan also represents the AMA's Visiting Medical Officer membership in enterprise bargaining with Queensland Health and Mater Misericordiae Hospitals.

Dr Amanda Sillcock

Occupational Physician

Dr Amanda Sillcock is an occupational physician specialising in injury management, medico-legal assessments, toxicology advice/management, LMO liaison, fitness for duty assessments, health surveillance, return to work management, vaccination advice and occupational health and safety audits. Amanda is a well-regarded contributor to ANZSOM, having served at the Branch level and in her third year as Federal President.

Dr Clair Sullivan

Deputy Chair of Medicine, Princess Alexandra Hospital

Dr Sullivan graduated with Honours in Medicine from the University of Queensland and has extensive clinical experience in endocrinology in Australia and the UK. She completed a Research Doctorate in Medicine (UK) at The General Infirmary at the University of Leeds. She maintains several national and international collaborations and research interests. She has received several large grants including a prestigious Pfizer CVL fellowship. Dr Sullivan is currently a senior staff specialist in Endocrinology and the Deputy Chair of Medicine at the Princess Alexandra Hospital. She is a co-Director of the Collaboration for Emergency Admission Research and Reform (CLEAR) which has received a large project grant from the Queensland Department of Health. She has an active interest in the metrics, management and improving the quality of hospital care, health informatics and analytics. Dr Sullivan continues to publish pioneering health systems research, presenting her work at national and international meetings and directly translating her work into improved patient outcomes.

Mr Rob Timmings

Rural and remote nurse educator, Director, ECT4Health

Rob Timmings is a registered nurse with 27 years' experience in emergency, rural and primary care settings. For 14 years he has taught clinical skills including assessment, trauma and resuscitation. In 2004 he was endorsed as a Rural Isolated Practice nurse with immunisation being a significant aspect of his role while on remote placement. Previously employed as a nurse educator for Queensland Health, Rob was involved in the preparation of nurses for immunisation practice. Today he is the education director of a private nurse education organisation called ECT4Health. Still true to his origins, he works clinically in Emergency at Oakey, and also offering an immunisation service, around the various nursing CPD courses, seminars and conferences he is engaged for.

Dr Arlene Walker

Psychologist, Associate Head of School (Rural and Regional Development), Deakin University

Arlene is a registered psychologist with a Master's degree and a PhD in Industrial and Organisational Psychology. She is an Associate Head of School (Regional and Rural Development) in the School of Psychology at Deakin University and a Senior Lecturer in organisational psychology. Arlene is also the co-editor of the Australasian Journal of Organisational Psychology. From 2004 until March 2015 Arlene also provided part time employee support services for Barwon Health, dealing primarily with staff-related concerns and organisational development. Arlene has extensive research experience across a range of industries including: financial services, education, retail, utilities, heavy industry, defence services and the health industry. Her research interests include: the psychological contract; occupational health and safety; graduate work readiness and employee health and well-being.

Dr Chris Zappala

Thoracic and Respiratory Physician, The Wesley Hospital

Dr Chris Zappala achieved his MBBS at the University of Queensland and underwent his advanced training at the Royal Brisbane Hospital. Dr Zappala worked for two years in London at the Royal Brompton Hospital where he began his interest and research in interstitial lung disease and secondary pulmonary hypertension. His research interests include examining how change in serial pulmonary function and chest imaging describe disease behaviour and predict survival in interstitial lung disease. Dr Zappala is a Physician Partner at Genesis Care and consults in both public and private practice in Brisbane, Maroochydore and Hervey Bay.

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