Contributors

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Helen Berry is Associate Professor and Deputy Director (Research) of the Centre for Research and Action in Public Health at the University of Canberra. She also holds adjunct appointments as Associate Professor at The Australian National University and the University of Newcastle. She is a psychiatric epidemiologist with particular interest in investigating the relationship between social capital and mental health and their shared associations with contemporary issues in health and wellbeing. Recently, Helen has extended this work so as to place these research and policy issues in the context of climate change, particularly its impacts in rural and remote locations. Her work involves the use of advanced statistical modelling techniques to analyse representative data sets and evaluate mental health interventions. With a previous career in executive leadership in the public and non-profit sectors, she has a particular interest in the way in which research and public policymaking can work together. Helen leads collaborations on social capital, mental health and climate change with Australian Government agencies, state and local governments and various universities, including in Vietnam.
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Sharon Goldfeld is a paediatrician and public health physician with a PhD in health services research. For the past decade, she has divided her time between the policy, research and clinical worlds as the Principal Medical Advisor in child health to the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, a consultant community paediatrician, senior research fellow at the Centre for Community Child Health and senior lecturer at the University of Melbourne. Sharon has a particular interest in children’s health services research, data and policy and has spearheaded substantial work in this area.
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Brian Head took up a research chair at the University of Queensland in 2007. A political scientist by training, he has held senior roles in government, academia and the non-government sector. From 1990 to 2003, he worked in the Queensland Government, including in senior roles in intergovernmental negotiations, policy development and public-sector reform. From 2003 to 2005, he was a research professor at Griffith University and subsequently completed two years leading the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) in Canberra. He is the author and editor of several books on public policy and organisational management issues. His major interests are collaboration, joined-up government, federalism, service delivery, integrity, community consultation, evaluation and evidence-based policy. He is committed to improving linkages between the research sector, the government sector and service providers.

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Cathy Humphreys is the Alfred Felton Chair of Child and Family Welfare—a professorship established in collaboration between the Department of Social Work at the University of Melbourne, the Centre for Excellence for Child and Family Welfare in Victoria (the peak body for child and family welfare agencies) and the Alfred Felton Trust. She was a social work practitioner in the mental health and child and family welfare sector for 16 years before becoming a social work academic with a specialty in research and research utilisation in the domestic violence and child and family practice areas. She worked at the University of New South Wales and the University of Warwick in the United Kingdom before taking up the Chair at the University of Melbourne. The Alfred Felton Research Program has now developed a sustained program of research in the areas of domestic and family violence, out-of-home care and research utilisation.

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J. Fraser Mustard CC completed his medical degree in Toronto in 1953, after which he undertook PhD studies in Cambridge focused on the role of platelets in cardiovascular disease. His subsequent 10 years of research in Toronto resulted in a prestigious Gairdner Award. When he moved to McMaster University in 1966 as a founding member of its medical school, he continued his research on platelets and recruited scientists who helped to establish a major centre for thrombosis research. He was also deeply involved in developing the innovative
problem-based program of medical education. In 1982, Fraser established the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research. As its president for 14 years, he raised funds and oversaw the formation of interdisciplinary teams of distinguished investigators to explore significant scientific and social challenges. He now heads the Founders’ Network, which involves his connections with more than 1000 individuals. He has become a tireless advocate nationally and internationally of the importance of early brain development for health, behaviour, learning and quality of life. Fraser’s accomplishments have relied on his energy, vision, insight, leadership ability and establishment of connections, networks and interdisciplinary research. He is a Companion of the Order of Canada.

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Linda Neuhauser is a Clinical Professor of Community Health and Human Development at the University of California, Berkeley School of Public Health. Her research, teaching and practice are focused on translating scientific findings into improved health interventions and policies. She has a particular interest in participatory processes that engage diverse stakeholders to co-design and evaluate large-scale health initiatives. She has more that 100 research and other publications in this area of ‘action research’. She is co-principal investigator of the UC Berkeley Health Research for Action Center (<http://www.uchealthaction.org>), which uses participatory processes to investigate health issues and develop health information resources that have now reached more than 30 million households internationally.

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Alison Ritter is an associate professor at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre at the University of New South Wales, and currently directs the Drug Policy Modelling Program. The goal of this program is to advance illicit drug policy through improving the evidence base, developing new policymaking tools and understanding the best mix of policy options. She has a master’s degree in clinical psychology and a PhD in psychology. She has worked as a clinical psychologist, conducted clinical research and worked in government. She is a Visiting Fellow at The Australian National University’s Regulatory Institutions Network and holds a National Health and Medical Research Council Career Development Award.

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**Fiona Stanley AC**

Fiona Stanley AC is the Founding Director of the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, Chair of the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) and Professor of the School of Paediatrics and Child Health at the University of Western Australia. Trained in maternal and child health epidemiology and public health, Fiona has spent her career researching the causes of major childhood illnesses such as birth defects. Her research includes the gathering and analysis of population data for epidemiological and public health research; the causes and prevention of birth defects and major neurological disorders, particularly the cerebral palsies; patterns of maternal and child health in Aboriginal and Caucasian populations; various ways of determining the developmental origins of health and disease; collaborations to link research, policy and practice; and strategies to enhance health and wellbeing in populations. Her major contribution has been to establish the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, a unique multidisciplinary independent research institute focusing on the causes and prevention of major problems affecting children and youth. She has more than 300 publications, books and book chapters and sits on the Prime Minister’s Science, Engineering and Innovation Council as well as the Australian Social Inclusion Board. For her research on behalf of Australia’s children and Aboriginal social justice, she was named Australian of the Year in 2003 and in 2006 she was made a UNICEF Australia Ambassador for Early Childhood Development.

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