

## Advisory Committee

The Centre's Advisory Committee provides strategic guidance and advocacy for the Centre to ensure its work is grounded in real-world context and has a public voice. It has an independent Chair and includes representation from government and non-government organisations.

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### CHAIR

#### **Emeritus Professor Peter Saunders**

University of New South Wales

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#### **Ms Marilyn Chilvers**

Executive Director, Strategy, Customer, Delivery and Transformation, NSW Government Department of Customer Service

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#### **Professor Greg Duncan**

Distinguished Professor, University of California, Irvine

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#### **Dr Shae Garwood**

Manager, Research, Advocacy & Prevention, Innovation & Strategy, Anglicare, WA

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#### **Ms Elizabeth Hefren-Webb**

Deputy Secretary, Australian Government Department of Social Services

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#### **Ms Myra Geddes**

Social Impact General Manager, Goodstart Early Learning

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#### **Ms Toni Wren**

Executive Director, Anti-Poverty Week

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#### **Professor Shelley Mallett**

Professorial Fellow, University of Melbourne  
Director, Research and Policy Centre, Brotherhood of St Laurence

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#### **Professor Janeen Baxter**

Centre Director, Life Course Centre

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## Executive Committee

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### CHAIR

#### **Centre Director**

Overall executive responsibility for Centre performance and success

— **Janeen Baxter (UQ)**

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#### **Deputy Director**

As well as supporting and advising the Director, the Deputy Director is the Chair of the Research Committee

— **Deborah Cobb-Clark (Syd)**

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#### **Chief Operating Officer**

Coordinates and manages the Centre's operations, including planning, reporting, contract management and budgets

— **Lucy Mills (UQ)**

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### Node Directors

Effective functioning of each node, and also representing the interests of the node within the Centre

- **Donna Cross (UWA-TKI)**
- **Guyonne Kalb (Melb)**
- **Simon Smith (UQ)**
- **Deborah Cobb-Clark (Syd)**

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### Portfolio Leaders

Operating across the entire Centre, the Portfolio Leaders have special responsibility for achieving the broader objectives of a Centre of Excellence

- **Hayley Christian (UWA-TKI)**  
Knowledge Transfer Portfolio
- **Cameron Parsell (UQ)**  
Capacity Building Portfolio
- **Matt Sanders (UQ)**  
Research Linkages Portfolio

## Research Committee

### CHAIR

#### Deputy Director

- Deborah Cobb-Clark (Syd)

#### Centre Director

- Janeen Baxter (UQ)

#### Program Leaders\*

##### Program 1: People

- Nick Glozier (Syd)
- Deputy: Agnieszka Tymula (Syd)

##### Program 2: Places

- Brendan Gleeson (Melb)
- Deputy: Sangeetha Chandrashekeran (Melb)

##### Program 3: Opportunities

- Janeen Baxter (UQ)
- Deputy: Wojtek Tomaszewski (UQ)

#### Appointed representatives

- Karen Thorpe (UQ)
- Azhar Potia (UQ)
- Kevin Runions (UWA-TKI)

#### Chief Operating Officer

- Lucy Mills (UQ)

\* The Program Leaders provide intellectual guidance for the three Research Programs and the Centre's research as a whole, and each of them is an internationally recognised leader in the area their Program covers.

## Sub-Committees

The Executive Committee can appoint sub-committees to deal with strategic and targeted areas. This can include:

- Portfolio Committees
- Ethics Committee
- Intellectual Property Committee
- Conference and Research Retreat Organising Committees

The Centre's sub-committees, and the opportunity to serve on the Research Committee, are a critical component of the Centre's succession planning. They provide an opportunity for early- and mid-career researchers to gain experience in strategy, planning and decision making in a major collaborative endeavour, and ensure that talented researchers are working directly with the Centre's Chief Investigators from all nodes and disciplines.