

Working collaboratively to address the social and emotional well-being of older LGBTI people

Wednesday, 27th April 2016, 7:15 – 8:30pm AEDT

Webinar panellists

Professor Mark Hughes (QLD based social worker)

Mark Hughes is a social worker and has worked in health, aged care and mental health settings in both Australia and the UK. He has also worked as a social work academic at the University of Queensland, the University of New South Wales, and Goldsmiths College, University of London.

Mark's research interests centre around ageing and the delivery of health and aged care services to older people. He has completed research projects on conflict and violence in care-giving relationships involving older people, dementia and care-giving, older people's transitions through health and community care systems, and educational initiatives to facilitate reflective practice with older people. In addition to work on ageing, Mark has also published more broadly on social work and social work education.

He is currently engaged in a program of research on ageing in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) communities, which has involved projects on sexual identity expression in health and aged care, lesbian and gay people's experiences and expectations in accessing services, and the care networks of older LGBTI people.

Mark is co-author of six books including, *Organisations and Management in Social Work* (with Michael Wearing) and *Older People, Ageing and Social Work* (with Karen Heycox), as well as a range of journal publications. He is currently Editor of the journal, *Australian Social Work*.



Associate Professor Ruth McNair (VIC based GP)

Ruth is an Honorary Associate Professor at the Department of General Practice, University of Melbourne and a general practitioner in an inner-urban general practice. She has clinical and research interests in lesbian and bisexual women's mental health, sexual health, same-sex parenting, health care access, health care provider cultural competence training, and cultural issues related to alcohol and smoking in the LGBT communities. She is the Co-Chairperson of the Victorian LGBTI Health and Human Services Working group and a member of the LGBTI Taskforce (2015-2018). She is Chairperson of the Gay and Lesbian Foundation of Australia, and is a founding member and previous Convener of the Australian Lesbian Medical Association.



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Associate Professor Lynette MacKenzie (NSW based occupational therapist)

Lynette graduated from the Derby School of Occupational Therapy in the UK in 1981, and worked as an OT in a variety of adult rehabilitation settings and social services programs in Sheffield and London prior to immigrating to Australia in 1986 to work in Newcastle NSW. She worked in orthopaedics, general medicine and managed the Hunter Equipment Service and PADP services before being appointed as the first OT employed by community health services in Newcastle to implement the Home and Community Care home modifications service in the Hunter region. After working as the Head OT at Maitland Hospital, she began academic work as a foundation staff member of the new undergraduate OT program at the University of Newcastle in 1991. She coordinated their fieldwork program for 7 years, as well as teaching and developing the problem based learning curriculum there. Lynette completed her PhD in epidemiology in 2002 by investigating falls amongst older people in NSW and Qld as part of the DVA Preventive Care Trial which formed the basis for the over 75s check later implemented by Medicare. She moved to Sydney in 2007 to co-ordinate the revised MOT program, and is currently involved in several research projects related to older people living in the community, including a NH&MRC Partnership Grant looking at sustainable referral pathways for GPs to engage in multidisciplinary falls prevention for older people living at home in collaboration with allied health providers.



Associate Professor Damien Riggs (SA based psychotherapist)

Damien W. Riggs is an Associate Professor in social work at Flinders University, and an Australian Research Council Future Fellow. He is the author of over 150 publications in the areas of gender/sexuality, family, and mental health, including *Pink Herrings: Fantasy, Object Choice, and Sexuation* (Karnac, 2015). Damien also works as a psychotherapist in private practice, where he specialises in working with young transgender people.



Webinar facilitator

Dr Catherine Boland (NSW based psychologist)

Dr. Catherine Boland is a Clinical Psychologist with expertise in working with children, young people and parents who are experiencing relationship issues and are in situations of family conflict and separation. She is an experienced therapist offering services to families in Court proceedings where children are involved. Catherine holds a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology, a Master of Clinical Psychology (Hons), a Bachelor of Psychology (Clinical, Hons) and a Bachelor of Education. Catherine is a full member of the Australia Psychological Association (APS), the Australian Association for Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (AACBT) and the Association for Contextual Behavioural Science (ACBS).



She has worked in a range of sectors as a clinical psychologist such as hospitals, educational and community settings, prior to working exclusively in private practice as Principal of The Relationspace. Catherine has authored a number of papers in the field of clinical psychology, provides commentary in media and speaks at conferences on child development, parenting and clinical intervention in high conflict families.

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