

2020 AusACPDM Mentoring Program Mentors

Professor Roslyn N Boyd

PhD, MSc (PT), BAppSc (PT), BSc (Anatomy), Pgrad (Biomech)
Current Fellowships: NHMRC Senior Research Fellowship (2016-2020)
Brisbane, QLD, Australia



Professor of Cerebral Palsy and Rehabilitation Research,
Queensland Paediatric Rehabilitation Service,
Queensland Children's Hospital.
Scientific Director, Queensland Cerebral Palsy and
Rehabilitation Research,
Centre for Children's Health Research, Faculty of Medicine,
The University of Queensland.

Professor Boyd is an NHMRC Research fellow, leads an NHMRC CRE and is Scientific Director of the QCPRRC, an internationally recognised team of researchers conducting clinical trials of novel interventions geared to optimising neuroplasticity (17 RCT's), early detection of cerebral palsy, longitudinal comprehensive outcomes linked to brain structure and function. She leads a team of 38 researchers, including 4 NHMRC post docs, and has 12 current PhDs. She has been an invited participant for 3 international summits on Management of CP in high and low resource countries (2013); Early Detection and Early Intervention (2014, 2015) and Management of Neonatal Stroke (2016). She has received >\$37M in grants including 14 NHMRC, 1ARC, 2 NIH. She and her research team have been awarded the most prestigious international prize for CP Research the Gayle Arnold Award on 3 occasions (2010, 2011 and 2014). Dr Boyd graduated as a physiotherapist (BAppSc 1981) from University of Sydney and completed a Postgrad Dip in Biomechanics at the University of Strathclyde (Glasgow 1997), a MSc in Physiotherapy at the University of East London (2001) followed by a PhD in Neuroscience at LaTrobe University (2004). Prof Boyd has >250 peer reviewed publications over her career, with 127 new publications in the last five years (2011-2016). H index=35; (Researcher ID: A-4498-2011).

Honours and Awards

Leader of the year award, 2017, Faculty of Medicine.
Commendation for the Premier's Award for Medical Research (Victoria), June 2004.
QLD Smart State Fellowship July 2007
Gayle Arnold Award for best paper at the American Academy of Cerebral Palsy & Developmental Medicine, in 2011, 2010 and 2014.

Ms Andrea Butler

Physiotherapist

New Plymouth, Taranaki, New Zealand

Andrea completed her Physiotherapy Education at Auckland University of Technology in 1995. On graduating she became a rotational Physiotherapist at Taranaki Base Hospital in New Plymouth. Andrea travelled to the UK and worked predominantly in paediatrics, including a month working in an orphanage in Romania. On returning to NZ in June 1999 Andrea took up the position of Visiting Paediatric Physiotherapist at the Child and Adolescent Centre in New Plymouth, until she had her first child in March 2002. In February 2003 Andrea began work as a Physiotherapist for Ministry of Education in Taranaki, and have continued to work there increasing her position from a 0.2 FTE to now 0.7 (i.e. approx. 29 hours a week). Andrea's work is centred on children with disabilities in the school environment, assisting them to be as included in the school curriculum as possible.



Ms Therese Everton

Physiotherapist

Central Coast, NSW, Australia

Therese Everton is a physiotherapist working for the Cerebral Palsy Alliance at Tuggerah on the central coast of New South Wales, Australia. Therese started work in Birmingham England where she was introduced to the model of multi-disciplinary teamwork to improve the skills and opportunities of all people with a disability, regardless of their severity.

After moving to Australia with her family in 1990, she has worked in a variety of settings with children and adults with a disability.

Therese loves the variety and complexity of working with families to improve the participation and engagement of their children in all the challenges life has to offer.

She particularly enjoys working with infants and younger children and people with profound disabilities.



Dr Noula Gibson

Physiotherapist

Perth, WA, Australia

Dr. Noula Gibson has a background in physiotherapy with research expertise in conducting clinical trials. Noula is the Research Coordinator for the Physiotherapy Department at Perth Children's Hospital, providing leadership to strategically direct the research activities of the physiotherapy department to align with the Child and Adolescent Health research strategy. Since 2000 Noula has maintained a senior clinical role in the area of spasticity management, hip surveillance for children with CP, and inpatient neurology, neurosurgery and acquired brain injury rehabilitation. Noula also currently holds grant funded research positions at Ability Centre Australasia. Her research interests are in evidence based practice; intervention efficacy; promotion of physical activity participation and prevention of respiratory illness in CP. Noula has an interest in registry studies and co-authored the CP Classification form currently in use by the Australian CP Registry.



Prue Golland

Physiotherapist, MPH (Distinction), B.App.Sc. (Physiotherapy)

Sydney, NSW, Australia

Prue is the Senior Manager, Practice Leadership and Clinical Governance at Cerebral Palsy Alliance. She oversees the clinical governance framework to ensure there is a systematic approach to maintaining and improving the quality of client services within CPA. She is active in providing mentoring, education and training at CPA and in the disability sector more broadly. In 2014, Prue completed her Master of Public Health focusing on international aid and development and in 2015, Prue was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to investigate evidence based interventions for maximising gross motor outcomes in children with cerebral palsy. At the completion of this Fellowship, Prue successfully implemented a new intensive therapy program (HABIT-ILE) that had been developed in Belgium, into a CPA service offering for the benefit of Australian children with cerebral palsy. In addition to her work supporting children in both metropolitan and rural settings in Australia, Prue has also provided consultancy, education and training to not-for-profit and community projects in Tanzania, Kenya, China and Vietnam. Her extensive experience as a physiotherapist, clinical consultant and senior management has afforded her extensive experience in supporting evidence based practice and knowledge translation to effect change; experience developing, implementing and evaluating new evidence based services; the ability to work with external partners to meet common objectives in supporting individuals with disability and the disability sector; experience in the development and delivery of cerebral palsy educational materials; and in depth understanding of clinical governance issues pertaining to maintaining professional standards, workforce development (including supervision and mentoring) and quality and safeguarding.



Dr Susan Greaves

B.App.Sc (OT) MOT PhD,

Manager, Occupational Therapy

Melbourne, Vic, Australia

Sue has worked at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne for the past 20 years (and previously with organisations such as CP Alliance in NSW and other groups internationally). She has always had a passion for working with children who have cerebral palsy and their families. Sue has undertaken post graduate study evaluating an upper limb intervention and assessment for children with unilateral CP, and is currently involved as an investigator in three clinical trials and a research translation study for young infants with CP. Sue works locally and internationally, teaching the reliable use of the assessment tool that she developed for her PhD (the Mini-Assisting Hand Assessment) as well as another evaluation of upper limb abilities for children at risk of CP (the Hand Assessment for Infants).



Dr Chris Ingall

Paediatrician

Lismore, NSW, Australia

Chris has worked in General Paediatric practice in Lismore, a regional town near Byron Bay, for 30+ years. He became interested in injecting botulinum toxin about fourteen years ago, with the help of Adam Scheinberg, began an injection service locally for children with cerebral palsy, with an excellent physio (Adrienne Kniha) and OT (Anna Rickard). Chris has found being able to run a fairly comprehensive service, linked with the tertiary sites, enormously satisfying! Chris is pleased to be offering his assistance to young health clinicians through the mentoring program.



Ms Megan Kentish

Senior physiotherapist

Brisbane, QLD

Megan is a senior physiotherapist and the program director for the Queensland Paediatric Rehabilitation Service. This is a multidisciplinary service offering management for children with acquired brain injury, spinal cord injury and disease, limb deficiency and cerebral palsy. She has over 20 years' experience in paediatric rehabilitation with special interest in service development for children with Rehabilitation needs, outreach services and tertiary health programs for children with cerebral palsy. Megan's publications and research areas include Hip Surveillance in CP, physiotherapy and rehab models of service delivery, intrathecal baclofen and botulinum toxin.

Megan's also a keen traveller and walker (see photo of Megan trekking in Bhutan).



Dr Katherine (Kate) Langdon

Consultant in Paediatric Medicine and Paediatrician

Perth, WA

Kate is a consultant in paediatric rehabilitation medicine and also a paediatrician. She has worked in the area for more than 20 years and has enjoyed seeing the positive changes in the field in that time. She has interests in cerebral palsy, early intervention, acquired brain injury, spinal cord injury, spina bifida and achondroplasia. Her research interest lies in the respiratory disease seen in CP, sleep and also the psychological adjustment to disability. She has worked in the RACP on papers regarding the NDIS, the training of rehabilitation physicians and also the service structure of the Faculty of Paediatric Rehabilitation Medicine. She is always keen to learn how other people in other places do things.

Kate hopes you will enjoy the AusACPD Visionaries 2020.



Dr Sarah McIntyre

Senior Research Fellow

Sydney, NSW

Sarah is a Senior Research Fellow at Cerebral Palsy Alliance, University of Sydney, and holds an NHMRC Early Career Fellowship with the Discipline of Child and Adolescent Health, University of Sydney. She is also an honorary researcher at Telethon Kids Institute, Perth and Sydney Children's Hospital Network. Sarah is a Board member of the Australasian Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine. She is responsible for the day to day running of the NSW/ACT CP Register and is the Policy Group Chairperson for the Australian Cerebral Palsy Register. Sarah is the Research Lead of CP Quest: Community and Researchers together. Sarah's research focus is population based aetiology research for cerebral palsy, neonatal encephalopathy and congenital anomalies with the long term aim of identifying avenues for prevention of neurodisability. Additional research interests include evidence based interventions aimed at making and maintaining friends and education opportunities and outcomes for people with a neurodisability.



Associate Professor Gulam Khandaker

MBBS, MPH, DCH, PhD, FAFPHM

Rockhampton, QLD, Australia

Associate Professor Gulam Khandaker is a Public Health physician and an expert on infectious diseases and childhood disability in low- and middle-income countries (LMIC). He is a Fellow of the Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine, Royal Australasian College of Physicians. Dr Khandaker is one of the lead investigators of the Bangladesh Cerebral Palsy Register; the first population based surveillance of children with CP in a LMIC. His research focuses on preventable causes of childhood disability, gaining better understanding of the causal pathways, testing innovative community-based interventions for prevention, early diagnosis and intervention for CP in LMICs.

He is currently working as the Director of Public Health for Central Queensland. He is also the Co-Director of Asian Institute of Disability and Development (www.disabilityasia.org) and Honorary Executive Director of CSF Global (www.csf-global.org); an international NGO working for children with disability. Dr Khandaker is widely published and has over 84 peer reviewed publications. He has established research collaborations in several LMICs including Bangladesh, Ghana, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Vietnam.



Professor Dinah Reddihough

Murdoch Children's Research Institute

Melbourne, Vic, Australia

Professor Dinah Reddihough has appointments at The Royal Children's Hospital and the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, and is also a Professorial Fellow in the Department of Paediatrics, University of Melbourne. Dinah had many years of experience as a paediatrician and is now concentrating on her research program. This is focused on improving the outcomes of children and adolescents with developmental disabilities, particularly cerebral palsy".

<https://www.mcri.edu.au/users/professor-dinah-reddihough>



Professor Adam Scheinberg

Rehab Paediatrician

Melbourne, Vic, Australia

Adam is a rehab paediatrician and Medical Director of the Victorian Paediatric Rehabilitation Service. He is an active researcher and clinician, and has been involved with the AusACPDM for many years in various roles. He is currently Chair of the International relations and Strategic Alliance portfolio. He enjoys bushwalking, golf, skiing and gardening. He lives in Melbourne with his wife, a contemporary artist, 2 energetic teenagers and an Aussie shepherd.



Dr Hayley Smithers-Sheedy

Senior Research Fellow

Sydney, NSW, Australia

Hayley is an NH&MRC Post-Doctoral Fellow with Cerebral Palsy Alliance, The University of Sydney and the Australasian Cerebral Palsy Clinical Trials Network. Hayley's role is to coordinate and support the establishment, maintenance, and execution of research from the Australian Cerebral Palsy Register and to build both local and international research capacity. Hayley is an investigator on the Bangladesh and Sri Lankan Cerebral Palsy Registers. In her doctoral studies Hayley investigated the burden of cerebral palsy amongst children with congenital cytomegalovirus (cCMV). In her post-doctoral research Hayley is investigating opportunities for prevention of maternal infection, early identification of neurodevelopmental disabilities amongst infants with cCMV and the long-term sequelae associated with this common congenital infection. https://twitter.com/hss_1



Ms Clare Stevens

Physiotherapist

Brisbane, QLD, Australia

Clare has been working in the paediatric and disability field for 28 years. She currently works in an Education setting based at a special school and for a not for profit service based in the community.

Her passion is working with students with complex needs and their families. She is particularly interested in children who present with a neurodevelopmental disorder such as CP and are classified at GMFCS IV and V. Clare is very interested in the role of the physiotherapist in facilitating communication for this group of children. She has significant experience in prescription of complex seating, powered mobility, technology and other equipment. Clare has a strong belief in physical activity and any self-initiated movement as a learning experience for all, including those with significant physical challenges.



Dr Rachel Toovey

Lecturer, The University of Melbourne

Melbourne, Vic, Australia

Rachel is a physiotherapist and lecturer with the Physiotherapy Department at the University of Melbourne. Her research interests are cerebral palsy, cycling, motor learning, inclusive participation and Indigenous health. Rachel's PhD developed and tested a task-specific approach to attaining two-wheel bike riding goals in children with cerebral palsy.

Rachel currently teaches into the postgraduate level Doctor of Physiotherapy and Master of Rehabilitation Science at the University of Melbourne. She has worked in paediatrics as a physiotherapist for over 10 years in Melbourne, Alice Springs and Papua New Guinea. Rachel also holds a Master of Public Health and Tropical Medicine (JCU 2015).

Rachel is a member of the International Affairs Portfolio for the AusACPDM and on the Communications Committee for the International Alliance of Academies of Childhood Disabilities. She is also an elected Victorian Branch Councillor for the Australian Physiotherapy Association, a national level para-cycling classifier with Paralympics Australia and was selected for the Inaugural Victorian Government Joan Kirner Young + Emerging Women's Leaders Program in 2017/18.

