

125-Year Anniversary Health Charity Grants



Improving the health outcomes of Australians

Independent Judging Panel

Deidre Mackechnie

Executive Officer, Australian Patient Advocacy Alliance

Commencing her professional life as a nurse, and subsequently nurse educator, Deidre Mackechnie then transitioned to a career in Human Resources, followed by senior management and executive roles within the public health sector. A move into the not-for-profit space saw her working at Multiple Sclerosis Australia (MS Australia), taking on the role of CEO.

With a passion for the importance of the patient voice in federal policy, Ms Mackechnie initially took on the role of Co-Chair of the Australian Patient Advocacy Alliance (APAA), a newly formed collective of peak patient organisations representing people living with chronic and complex disease. A move out of full-time employment created an opportunity to support the Alliance as a consultant, where she continues as Executive Officer.

In addition to her consulting business, Ms Mackechnie is also the Board Chair of St Kilda Mums, a Victorian based charity focused on rehoming pre-loved nursery goods, to support families in challenging circumstances with the opportunity to provide their baby with a safe start in life.



Professor Sanchia Aranda AM

Professor of Health Services Research, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre

A nurse by background, Professor Sanchia Aranda AM has worked in cancer control for over 40 years, most recently as CEO of Cancer Council Australia (2015-2020). She has held roles in healthcare, government, and tertiary education and across the spectrum from prevention, through to treatment and palliative care.

For the last 28 years, Professor Aranda has worked in international cancer control, serving on the boards of the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (President 2006-2010) and the Union for International Cancer Control (President 2016-2018). She is the inaugural Board Chair for the City Cancer Challenge Foundation (2019-current). She holds a part-time appointment as a Professor of Health Services Research at The University of Melbourne and Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre.



Glenys Beauchamp PSM

Former Secretary, Commonwealth Department of Health

Glenys Beauchamp PSM has had an extensive career in the Australian Public Service, serving as Secretary of three Commonwealth Government departments, including the Department of Health from 2017-2020; Department of Industry, Innovation and Science from 2013-2017; and Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport from 2010-2013. She has much experience at senior levels in the Australian Public Service and ACT Public Service across social and economic policy areas and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.



Ms Beauchamp also has extensive Board experience and is currently a Board Member of the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care; Industry Innovation and Science Australia; and McGrath Foundation Ltd. She also serves as Chair of the Australian Building Codes Board and Food Standards Australia New Zealand; and is on the Advisory Boards of Region Group Pty Ltd and Medicines Australia.

Ms Beauchamp has a degree in Economics from the Australian National University (ANU) and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Canberra (UC). She is a National Fellow of the Australian Institute of Public Administration Australia and Member of the Centre for Strategy and Governance.

Marcus Godinho

Executive Director, FareShare

Marcus Godinho is Executive Director of the charity FareShare, and was the organisation's CEO from 2007 to 2021. Previously, Mr Godinho was Executive Director of Environment Victoria and worked in the government, private and not-for-profit sectors.

He is a ProBono Australia 2022 Impact 25 Award Winner, a past recipient of City of Yarra's Local Hero Award, and has been named by *The Age* as one of Melbourne's most influential people.



Mr Godinho is a Director of Lions Club of the Melbourne Markets and has served as a Board Member of Wildlife Victoria and The Wilderness Society. He is married to Lisa, and they have two primary school aged sons, Rafael and Remy. He enjoys nurturing his family's bush block in central Victoria and modern jazz.

Professor Lyn Griffiths

Director, Centre for Genomics and Personalised Health, QUT
Director, Bridge Program and BridgeTech Programs

Professor Lyn Griffiths is Director of QUT's Centre for Genomics and Personalised Health, which aims to discover better methods of diagnosing disease and developing targeted treatments based on genetic information.

She is a molecular geneticist focused on identifying genes involved in common traits and disorders, and her research has resulted in more than 400 publications and led to diagnostic breakthroughs for familial migraine, ataxia, epilepsy and hereditary stroke.

In addition, Professor Griffiths is a passionate advocate of medical research translation and is Director of the MTPConnect-industry led Bridge and BridgeTech programs, undertaking commercialisation training for the pharmaceutical and medtech fields across Australia.

