



Rosemary Bryant AO Research Centre

Capability Statement

The Rosemary Bryant AO Research Centre is located at the University of South Australia. The Centre aims to strengthen the nursing & midwifery workforce across the health system through the development of evidence-based healthcare that translates to improving consumer health outcomes. The RBRC has developed a comprehensive research program focused on advancing the discipline of nursing/midwifery and patient care related to population and public health, workforce reform, safety and quality, clinical practice, patient outcomes, and integration into education. Its objective is to enhance innovative partnerships for healthcare research, to inform strategies for: 1) Extending the capacity and capabilities of nurses and midwives to build a resilient, sustainable and collaborative workforce, 2) health system planning and resourcing, 3) clinical care outcomes, and 4) translation of evidence into practice.



Director

Professor Marion Eckert

Qualifications:

- Master of Public Health
- Doctor of Nursing
- Master of Nursing Science
- Graduate Diploma (Cardiac)
- Diploma of Applied Science (Nursing)

Expertise

Professor Marion Eckert is the inaugural Director, Rosemary Bryant AO Research Centre and Professor of Cancer Nursing in South Australia located at the University of SA. Marion brings over 30 years' experience in health care and has a strong clinical academic background, has published and written book chapters that have informed undergraduate and post graduate curriculums. She does not have the typical academic background, but one that has been grounded in direct health service delivery and translational research. To date she has achieved over \$14 million in research and grant funding in partnership with lead agencies, much of which has been focused on translational research to inform health care delivery, policy and health service reform. As the Director of the RBRC, Marion is focused on quality translational research, technology that can improve health care delivery, reporting, monitoring, evaluation and innovative strategies to support the current and future health workforce.



Research and Strategy Manager

Mr Greg Sharplin

Qualifications:

- Health Informatics (CHIA)
- Master of Science (Epidemiology) (Distance Learning)
- Master in Psychology (Organisational and Human Factors)
- Bachelor of Health Science (Honours)
- Bachelor of Science

Expertise

Mr Greg Sharplin is the Research and Strategy Manager of the Rosemary Bryant AO Research Centre, a Senior Research Fellow in the School of Nursing and Midwifery, and a member of the Safety and Quality in Healthcare Research Group.

Greg has a background in organisational psychology, behavioural science and health service research evaluation.

Greg's role is to oversee the establishment, business and research development, and review of the RBRC. This includes leading the development, implementation and evaluation of the RBRC five year Strategic Plan; fostering national and international links and strategic collaborative relationships with relevant research institutions, universities and community bodies; day-to-day management of the RBRC; and leading research activities associated with the RBRC's research program.

Research Fellows



Ms Pam Adelson

Qualifications:

- Masters Public Health
- Bachelor of Science Degree (Nursing)

Expertise

Ms Pam Adelson is a Research Fellow in the Rosemary Bryant AO Research Centre and a member of the Mothers, Babies and Families Health Research Group.

Pam has an advanced nursing background in emergency and critical care and a research background in public health and epidemiology. She has overseen state-wide government data collections and published widely in maternal/perinatal and cancer epidemiology. Pam works across a variety of nursing and midwifery research areas including trials, workforce, epidemiology and health service evaluation.



Dr Nadia Corsini

Qualifications:

- PhD
- Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)
- Diploma in Language (Italian)

Expertise

Dr Nadia Corsini is a Senior Research Fellow in the Rosemary Bryant AO Research Centre, and a member of the Cancer Care Research Group.

Nadia has a background in behavioural science and health service evaluation. Nadia's role is to coordinate the Quality of Life Research Theme which includes investigating enablers for routine collection of data reported by patients about their health outcomes (e.g, symptoms and impacts on quality of life and experiences of care), the impact of care on patient outcomes, and how patient data can influence improvement in health service delivery. Population-level collection of patient reported outcomes and experiences is important for identifying areas for improvement in health care.



Dr Micah Peters

Qualifications:

- PhD (Anthropology)
- M.A. (Q) (Anthropology)
- Bachelor of Health Science

Expertise

Dr Micah Peters is the inaugural National Policy Research Adviser of the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) and a Senior Research Fellow in the Rosemary Bryant AO Research Centre.

Micah has a background in medical anthropology. Micah's role is to coordinate the ANMF federal level policy research activities and collaborations with the ANMF State and Territory Branches as well as to conduct research activities informed by the national office of the ANMF including analysing the impact of key national health, labour and funding policies, and policy changes on the nursing and midwifery workforce. Micah also supports and contributes to the research activities associated with the RBRC's research program and key projects.

Research Fellows



Dr Kate Davis

Qualifications:

- Doctor of Philosophy (IPHD)
- Master of Clinical Science
- Post-Graduate Bachelor of Nursing

Expertise

Dr Kate Davis is a Post Doc Research Fellow at Rosemary Bryant AO Research Centre.

Kate holds a Masters of Clinical Science, Research from the University of Adelaide. She has experience in clinical nursing education, and held leadership positions in tertiary referral centres, and the private and not for profit sectors in South Australia. She is interested in leadership, nursing roles and workplace culture to inform and drive good clinical care. Kate's PhD research aims to identify the feasibility of implementing a nurse-led clinic across the acute and primary health care settings: an action research study.



Dr Imogen Ramsey

Qualifications:

- Doctor of Philosophy
- Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)
- Diploma of Languages (French)

Expertise

Dr Imogen Ramsey is a Post Doc Research Fellow at the Rosemary Bryant AO Research Centre.

Psychology (Honours) and a Diploma in Languages (French). She has had experience working in university and not-for profit organisational settings across a range of research areas including public health, epidemiology, nursing, health psychology, and population health. Imogen's PhD research aims to develop a core set of patient-reported outcomes for cancer survivorship to inform future population monitoring initiatives.

Research Associates



Ms Kate Kennedy

Qualifications:

- Graduate Certificate in Public Health
- Bachelor of Health Science (with Psychology and Allied Health)

Expertise

Ms Kate Kennedy (nee Beaton) is a Research Assistant in the Rosemary Bryant AO Research Centre. Kate joined the University in 2011, upon completing a Bachelor of Health Science, and has worked across the Schools of Health Sciences, and Nursing and Midwifery on a range of topics including falls, aged care, functional decline, wound care and prevention, cancer and health workforce. Kate is experienced in systematic and rapid reviews, and quantitative data collection and analysis. She has been a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society since 2009, and completed a Graduate Certificate in Public Health in 2015. Kate is currently in charge of coordinating the research and evaluation projects for the Rosemary Bryant AO Research Centre, and contributes to RBRC research activities.



Mr Casey Marnie

Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Commerce (Economics)
- Bachelor of Science (Nanotechnology)

Expertise

Mr Casey Marnie is a Research Assistant in the Rosemary Bryant AO Research Centre. Casey has a science background in chemistry, biology and nanotechnology with his current studies including a Bachelor of Commerce (Economics).

Casey's role within the RBRC involves evaluating federally funded programs, conducting reviews to inform national health frameworks and policy, and assessing the economic implications and value in the adoption of developed health systems or interventions. Through the provision of relevant evidence Casey hopes to facilitate evidence-based decision making that informs safer and more efficient health practice, ultimately leading to improved patient outcomes and health worker satisfaction.



Ms Deborah Forsythe

Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

Expertise

Ms Deborah Forsythe is a Research Assistant at the Rosemary Bryant AO Research Centre. Deborah holds a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy from UniSA and has worked across the Schools of Health Sciences, and Nursing and Midwifery in several multidisciplinary research teams since 2016. She has worked on various qualitative research projects and program evaluations on a range of topics including dementia care, risk management and dignity of risk, community development placement outcomes, and social return on investment methodology. Deborah has experience in conducting systematic and rapid reviews and qualitative data collection and analysis.

Project Officers



Ms Amanda Wright

Qualifications:

- Master of Nutrition and Dietetics
- Bachelor of Health Science (Nutrition)
- Bachelor of Arts (English)

Expertise

Amanda's experience includes health service delivery in dietetics, and a variety of research development and support activities. She has experience in providing pre and post-award support for National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) projects, coordinating research activities, liaising with stakeholders, and working with health care consumers and industry partners. Her background in aged care dietetics includes working one-on-one with older people to diagnose and manage nutritional issues and improve quality of life, and working on nutrition projects in residential aged care facilities such as nutrition and hydration reviews, staff nutrition education, and food service initiatives. In addition to her role at the Centre, Amanda tutors in nutrition and evidence-based practice courses at UniSA Online and in the Allied Health and Human Performance Academic Unit.



Ms Leah Welstead

Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Health & Medical Science (Advanced)

Expertise

Leah is a Project Officer at the Rosemary Bryant AO Research Centre (RBRC) at the University of South Australia (UniSA). She completed a Bachelor of Health & Medical Science in 2019 before embarking on a career in clinical research. Leah has worked across a variety of Phase I-III clinical trials demonstrating experience in high level project coordination, data management, participant engagement, protocol reviews and liaising with a variety of key stakeholders across the pharmaceutical industry. Her passion is in contributing to healthcare and high-quality research. In addition to providing project support for RBRC, Leah is also a Project Officer at the Centre for Pharmaceutical Innovation at UniSA.

Administration Officer



Ms Ashleigh Sandford

Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Tourism and Event Management

Expertise

Ashleigh is an Administration Officer at the Rosemary Bryant AO Research Centre (RBRC) at the University of South Australia (UniSA). She completed a Bachelor of Tourism and Event Management in 2012. Prior to joining UniSA, Ashleigh worked as an Events Administration Manager for several years and has experience in organising small to large scale events. Ashleigh works closely with Marion Eckert to support the activities and events of RBRC.

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