

# Premier's Council on Suicide Prevention

## Member Information

- **Ms Jill Chapman** – Founder and Chairperson of Minimisation of Suicide Harm (MOSH) Australia, which is based in the western suburbs and which is funded by its Op Shops, including one in the CBD called POSH MOSH. Jill has lived experience in suicide through the death of her son a number of years ago. She is also a qualified celebrant who conducts many funerals.
- **Ms Janet Kuys** – Founder and co-ordinator of Silent Ripples, a support group in Murray Bridge for families which have experienced loss through suicide. Silent Ripples has established a memorial garden near the town's Roundhouse where it conducts an annual memorial service. It also conducts meetings in the Riverland communities of Berri and Waikerie. Silent Ripples also co-ordinates the annual ride against suicide where motor bike riders from around the state visit regional towns ending in the main arena of the Royal Adelaide Show. Janet has lived experience in suicide through the death of her son who was a member of the Australian Defence Force.
- **Mr Peter May** is based in Mount Gambier – Founder of the Treasuring Life South East Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Network. An Aboriginal Health Worker for the Limestone Coast, Peter was recognised for his work in establishing Treasuring Life in the LiFE Awards conducted by Suicide Prevention Australia in 2017.
- **Ms Tracey Wanganeen** – Coordinator of Country SA South for StandBy Support after Suicide, which is an arm of Uniting Communities and is one of Australia's largest dedicated suicide postvention programs. Tracey is based at Mount Gambier and has supported suicide prevention and postvention groups in the Murraylands, Riverland, Fleurieu and South East.
- **Ms Chez Curnow** – Assistant Manager of Suicide Prevention and Low Intensity Strategies for Country SA Primary Health Network (PHN). Based in port Augusta, Chez is responsible for managing the Commonwealth Government's National Suicide Prevention trial in SA. Chez (pronounced Shay) was formerly the Country SA North co-ordinator for StandBy Response (now StandBy – Support after Suicide). She is also an active participant in the Suicide Intervention Life Preservation Action Group in Port Augusta.
- **Kelly Vincent** – Former Member of the Legislative Council. Advocate for the rights and needs of people with disabilities. Kelly has always been a strong supporter of John Dawkins' work on suicide prevention.
- **Nathan Bolton** – In 2007, Mr Bolton joined the Australian Defence Force as a Reservist. After special training, Nathan was deployed to Afghanistan and supported the Military Domestic Counter Terrorism Unit as part of the Special Operations Group. After many tours, Nathan was unable to regain combat clearance due to physical injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder and major depression. Through Nathan's appointment to the Premier's Council, he utilises his previous lessons where he spent many years in search of himself to support others to break free of the stigma surrounding Mental Health.

- **Mr Simon Schrapel AM** – CEO of Uniting Communities, which runs Lifeline in Adelaide. Simon is a former Chair of Foodbank SA and Director of Foodbank Australia and is a past president of the Australian Council of Social Service.
- **Rev Peter Sandeman** – CEO of Anglicare SA, which runs Living Beyond Suicide in metropolitan Adelaide. Peter has worked in key roles in Anglicare in other parts of Australia as well as holding senior positions with the SA Government in disability services and primary health.
- **Dr Kate Gunn** – Research Fellow at the University of South Australia and a Clinical Psychologist in a private practice. Having grown up in the Streaky Bay area, Kate has a particular focus on understanding and addressing the psychosocial needs of rural people affected by cancer, rural help-seeking behaviour and working with farmers to improve their health and wellbeing.
- **Ms Lee Martinez** – Lecturer in mental health at the University of South Australia's Department of Rural Health Whyalla campus. Lee is a member of Whyalla's Suicide Prevention Network and an active participant at Network of Networks events.
- **Dr Peter Tyllis** – Former Chief Psychiatrist for SA. In that role Peter was a strong supporter of his office's role in the early development of suicide prevention networks around SA. He is now in private practice in Adelaide.
- **Dr Seema Jain** – in private general practice at Elizabeth Vale for many years. Seema has a particular interest in mental health and its connection to illicit drugs and domestic violence.