

	<p><b>Professor Patrick McNeil - Chair</b></p> <p>Patrick McNeil is Macquarie University's Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Medicine and Health, a role that provides leadership of both the clinical and academic components of MQ Health – the Macquarie University Health Sciences Centre, which represents Australia's first fully integrated academic health sciences enterprise under a university's leadership.</p> <p>Patrick joined Macquarie in November 2014 as its inaugural Executive Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, now the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences, and launched the Macquarie MD in 2018 to create Australia's newest medical school.</p> <p>Patrick's vision for MQ Health is the provision of cutting-edge clinical care, placing the patient as the focus of its operations with a strong emphasis on safety and quality. Over time, Patrick sees MQ Health as being the institution of choice for clinicians and researchers at the top of their fields.</p>
	<p><b>Professor Jeffrey Braithwaite</b></p> <p>Jeffrey Braithwaite is the Founding Director of the Australian Institute of Health Innovation and Director of the Centre for Healthcare Resilience and Implementation Science. He is Immediate Past President of the International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua). In 2021, Jeffrey was awarded the Sidney Sax Medal from the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association for outstanding leadership in health systems research. Theories and ideas Jeffrey has helped shape, formulate or devise, and provided research findings for, are now in common use as a result of his work: multi-method, triangulated approaches to research, the boundary-less hospital, accreditation models in general practice and beyond, clinician-managers as key players in reform initiatives, fundamental principles for the governance of health systems, diversity in clinical professional groups, inter-professional learning and culture change rather than restructuring as a more sustainable strategy for reform.</p> <p>Jeffrey has particular expertise in the culture and structure of acute settings, leadership, management and change in health sector organisations, quality and safety in healthcare, accreditation and surveying processes in international context and the restructuring of health services.</p>
	<p><b>Professor Enrico Coiera</b></p> <p>Enrico Coiera is AIHI Director, Centre for Health Informatics, Director, NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Digital Health, Founder, Australian Alliance for Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare, Professor in Medical Informatics, Macquarie University.</p> <p>Enrico trained in medicine and with a computer science PhD in Artificial Intelligence (AI). He has a research background in both industry and academia and a strong international research reputation for his work on decision support and communication processes in biomedicine.</p> <p>Enrico was elected Foundation Fellow and first President of the Australian College of Health Informatics, is a foundation member of the International Academy of Health Sciences Informatics, and an International Fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics.</p>



### **Professor Henry Cutler**

Henry Cutler is the inaugural Director of the Macquarie University Centre for the Health Economy (MUCHE).

Henry also leads the Macquarie University Evaluation Team, which undertakes economic evaluation for the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee and Medical Services Advisory Committee on behalf of the Department of Health.

Henry's career is focused on enhancing health and aged care policy decisions to improve social welfare. He has led or significantly contributed to over 140 health economic research projects funded by Australian and state governments, multinational healthcare organisations, large not-for-profit organisations and competitive academic grants.

Henry has sat on several national committees, including the National Mental Health Commission's National Workplace Initiative Evaluation Group. He was an expert witness for the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety and sat on the economic research committee for the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System.

Prior to MUCHE, Henry built and led the health economics team at KPMG, and the Sydney Health Economics and Social Policy team at Access Economics.






### **Ms Elizabeth de Somer**



Liz de Somer was appointed as the first female CEO of Medicines Australia in 2018. She is a dedicated advocate and policy expert for the pharmaceutical sector and is well known for her contributions to national policy development.

With over 25 years' experience in healthcare and public policy, Liz contributes her clinical and industry expertise to a number of expert committees providing advice to Government.

Liz brings decades of experience to her role, with postgraduate qualifications in medical science and drug development and clinical expertise as an intensive care nurse, clinical trials coordinator and clinical research manager.

Medicines Australia is the industry peak body, representing research based pharmaceutical companies in Australia, where Liz leads a collaborative team of experts in partnership with governments, patients, clinical, and research communities, to develop sound policies that support access to innovative medicines for Australian patients.

	<p><b>Professor Cliff Hughes AO</b></p> <p>Cliff Hughes is a Past President of the International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua). He is Professor, Patient Safety and Clinical Quality, Macquarie University. Formerly a cardiothoracic surgeon, he was Chief Executive of the NSW Clinical Excellence Commission for ten years and has published widely on cardiothoracic surgery, quality and safety.</p> <p>Cliff holds an Alumni Award from the University of New South Wales (UNSW). He is an Officer in the Order of Australia (AO). In 2014, UNSW conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Science, its highest academic award. The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons awarded him the Sir Hugh Devine Medal in 2015.</p> <p>He is a board member of the Medstar Institute for Quality and Safety in Washington DC, Advisor WHO Policy Roundtable on Quality in Health Services, a Consultant in Quality and Safety, Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital and Visiting Professor at Imperial College, London. He is a founding member of ISQua's International Academy of Quality and Safety in Health Care.</p>
	<p><b>Professor Adam Jaffé</b></p> <p>Adam Jaffé is a Paediatric Respiratory Consultant at Sydney Children's Hospital and the John Beveridge Professor and Head of Paediatrics and Child Health and the Randwick Clinical Campus at the University of New South Wales.</p> <p>Adam trained in London and in Sydney and was consultant at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children for five years before returning to Sydney. He specializes in children who have chest problems such as cough, asthma, chest infections and rare lung diseases. He chairs the NSW Department of Health, Aiming for Asthma Improvement in Children Program, the Scientific and Medical Advisory Committee of Rare Voices Australia and the Research Advisory Committee of Asthma Australia. He is on the board of Rare Voices Australia and the Children's Cancer Institute.</p>
	<p><b>Professor Eric Knight</b></p> <p>Eric Knight is the Executive Dean of Macquarie Business School at Macquarie University, ranked as one of Australia's top business schools in the areas of applied finance, marketing, and management based on the QS World University course rankings.</p> <p>Eric holds a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Oxford, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar, before working in industry for the Boston Consulting Group. He is an internationally recognised scholar in the fields of organisational theory and strategic management, with his work appearing in top-tiered FT50 journals including Strategic Management Journal, Academy of Management Review, Human Relations and Organization Studies.</p> <p>Eric's approach to Design-Led Strategy is captured in a Coursera course and has been applied in a range of financial institutions in the areas of financial wellness and spending behaviours. He is a strong advocate for diversity and inclusion, building resilience and self-agency in student learning, and advancing the technology/business interface in business school research and teaching curricula.</p>

	<p><b>Dr Elizabeth Koff</b></p> <p>Elizabeth Koff is Managing Director of Telstra Health, Australia’s largest digital health company and a subsidiary of Telstra Corporation.</p> <p>Prior to this Elizabeth was Secretary, NSW Health for a six-year term. As Secretary, Elizabeth was responsible for the management of the NSW health system, the largest health system in Australia with a \$30 billion budget and 124,000 FTE. Key strategy achievements include the implementation of value-based care across NSW, the progression of e-Health initiatives and a \$2B/year capital infrastructure program. In 2020/2021 Elizabeth lead the NSW Health system through the COVID-19 pandemic and advised NSW crisis cabinet on the management of COVID-19 in NSW, and the subsequent vaccination roll out.</p> <p>Elizabeth was chair of the Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council (AHMAC) and its subsequent iteration of Health Chief Executives Forum. She is also a member of Chief Executive Women.</p> <p>Elizabeth was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the Queen’s Birthday 2022 Honours.</p>
	<p><b>Ms Catherine Lourey</b></p> <p>Catherine Lourey was appointed NSW Mental Health Commissioner in 2017, retiring in 2024. Catherine brings over 30 years’ experience leading and delivering major strategic and complex mental health projects at the state and national level.</p> <p>Catherine has held positions at the local health district, state government and federal government levels, understands the systemic issues people and services face when accessing and providing support, and is a passionate supporter of lived experience being at the core of mental health reform.</p> <p>Catherine is deeply committed to collaborative working to improving the lives of people living with mental health issues and strengthening the communities that support them, through exploring innovative solutions, evaluation and drawing upon experiential information from people and communities.</p> <p>Catherine has recently led the development of Living Well in Focus 2020-2024, the updated NSW strategic plan for community recovery, wellbeing and mental health in NSW and a set of online indicators of wellbeing and mental health for NSW.</p>



### **Dr Karen Owen**

Karen Owen is a senior executive and CEO with experience in hospital and tertiary education settings. Her most recent position was as Chief Executive of The Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators (RACMA) - a post she held since 2006. Her leadership and influence extended through Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong. When at RACMA she co-founded the World Federation of Medical Managers (WFMM) which aims to engage medical managers and leaders in networking and collaboration around the big issues affecting the provision of health services.

Karen is a leader and change agent and holds postgraduate degrees in education and business administration. A firm believer in collaborative leadership, Karen enjoys the challenges associated with introducing change and working with Boards and stakeholders to progress this change. She is interested in organisational alignment and achieving outcomes.

Since leaving RACMA, Karen has continued her interest in governance and leadership with membership of health and research Boards and community based organisations.





### **Professor Sakkie Pretorius**

Sakkie Pretorius is Macquarie University's Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, and is an internationally recognised pioneer in molecular microbiology, biotechnology and translating research outcomes into innovative industry applications.

Sakkie joined Macquarie in 2013 and in 2014 his passion for academic excellence and research drove the creation of the University's strategic research framework, World-leading research; World-changing impact. Passionate about authentic leadership, prior to taking up his role at Macquarie, Sakkie held the role of Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President: Research and Innovation at the University of South Australia. Prior to this he was the Managing Director and CEO of the Australian Wine Research Institute.

In 2014 Sakkie was able to leverage his extensive expertise in wine yeast genetics to help bring the Yeast 2.0 project to Macquarie University. The ground breaking project involves creating the world's first-ever synthetic complex organism and will open the door to both more robust synthetic biology research at Macquarie as well as applications including more eco-friendly biofuel production and better targeted medication.

	<p><b>Professor Johanna Westbrook</b></p> <p>Johanna Westbrook is AIHI Director of the Centre for Health Systems and Safety Research. In 2020, Johanna was awarded the NHMRC Elizabeth Blackburn Investigator Grant Award for Leadership in Health Services Research; and appointed as a Co-Director of the Safety, Quality, Informatics and Leadership Program for Harvard Medical School.</p> <p>Johanna’s research has led to significant advances in the understanding of how clinical information systems deliver (or fail to deliver) expected benefits and has supported translation of this evidence into policy, practice, and IT system changes. Johanna is currently leading research investigating the role and impact of information communication technologies in the community and aged care sector.</p> <p>Johanna was elected as a Fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics (ACMI) in 2005 and is the first Australian woman to receive this honour. Between 2016-2019, she was a Ministerial appointment to the Board of the Australian Digital Health Agency.</p>
	<p><b>Emeritus Professor Les White AM</b></p> <p>Les White was appointed the inaugural NSW Chief Paediatrician in September 2010, a position he held until his retirement in 2016. He was Executive Director of Sydney Children's Hospital from 1995 to 2010, following a clinical and academic career with emphasis on childhood cancer. Other positions have included President of Children’s Hospitals Australasia (1999-2004) and the John Beveridge Professor of Paediatrics (2005-2010). He has over 140 publications and many more abstracts, awards, grants and invited presentations to his name.</p> <p>Les serves as Director on five not-for-profit Boards relating to children’s health or medical research, along with advisory, consultant and patronage roles on several bodies and organisations. He was awarded a Doctor of Science for research contributions related to childhood cancer and holds a Master of Health Administration. In 2007, he received an Order of Australia award for service to medicine, medical administration and the community in the field of paediatrics.</p> <p>Les holds visiting/emeritus professorial appointments at Macquarie University and UNSW, respectively. He has championed the rights of children and young people in healthcare settings. Other continuing interests include childhood injury, intellectual disability, health services reform and the networking of paediatric services. In 2019, he was awarded a Doctorate of the University (UNSW) honoris causa.</p>

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