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Kim Tolotta (SA) – Chair



Kim is the Public Officer of the Australian Safe Communities Foundation since its establishment in 2004. She is the Director Strategic Alliances and Performance at SafeWork SA, a business unit of the Department of Premier and Cabinet in South Australia. She has over 30 years work experience in the private and public sectors.

Kim's early working life was in the shipping industry in Asia. Her interest in injury prevention started in that period through observations of serious injuries and fatalities in the industry. She was successful in negotiations with shipowners associated with her agency to improve safety through changes in policy and practice that reduced high-risk behaviour.

When she migrated to Australia, Kim's work focussed on workplace health and safety at the South Australian Health Commission, including a major project in prevention of musculoskeletal injuries amongst public sector employees. She was appointed to the South Australian Occupational Health and Safety Commission in 1988 and established the Health and Safety Representatives Database to promote workplace consultation for improved safety performance.

Kim was transferred to WorkCover SA in 1994 and continued her work in safety promotion. She established the Health and Safety Resource Centre, now known as the SafeWork SA Library, to provide an authoritative and accessible collection of occupational health and safety, workers compensation, rehabilitation and return to work resource material for employers, employees, students, trainers, educators and researchers.

In 2001, she promoted the development of Adelaide Safe Community with support from local partners and leaders of Safe Communities in Australia and Safe Communities Canada. Kim was appointed as Project Director in 2004 to manage the establishment of SafeWork SA on 1 January 2006 to deliver the vision of safe, fair productive working lives.

Marilyn Lyford (NSW) – Co -Vice Chair



Marilyn is a Research Fellow with the Injury Division at The George Institute for International Health, Sydney.

Marilyn's background is in health promotion with an earlier career in nursing and has been involved in community injury prevention and safety promotion for the past twelve years - working in both government and non-government organisations in WA and NSW. During this time she has developed injury prevention training resources for community workers, including Aboriginal Health Workers, community health nurses, general practitioners and school teachers.

Marilyn's passion is working with Indigenous communities in urban, rural and remote areas to increase capacity and promote safety through community-based and workforce development strategies and is particularly interested in promoting the Safe Communities Model. She is currently involved in a number of Indigenous injury prevention projects, including an Indigenous Road Injury Study with the Bourke community in rural NSW; a Safe Systems demonstration road safety project with the Bidyadanga Community in remote Western Australia and a child restraint project with two urban Aboriginal Medical Services in the Sydney area.



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Michael Bourne (Vic) – Co -Vice Chair

Michael has over 30 years experience in public sector program management, including 20 years experience in leading crime prevention, road safety and injury prevention programs, as the former Director Crime Prevention Victoria, Secretary Police Board of Victoria, Director Road Safety, Director Traffic Camera Office, Assistant Director Community Safety, and Assistant Director Strategic and Financial Planning.



He has qualifications in industrial chemistry, business administration and public health / safety promotion and brings wide knowledge and experience to his current roles, which include: providing consulting services to community bodies, local government and state agencies; community volunteer on local (since 1992), state (since 2002), national (since 2004) and international (since 2005) community safety partnerships; and conducting research into 'Evaluating the effectiveness of community-based injury prevention and safety promotion programs'. He has published articles on financial management, road safety, injury surveillance and behaviour change interventions, and has presented many conference papers on community safety issues.

As the first Director of the Traffic Camera Office from 1989 to 1992, Michael led the development of Victoria's speed camera program, which remains one of the key components of Victoria's world class road safety program, saving hundreds of lives and injuries over many years. As Director Crime Prevention from 2000 to 2002 Michael was responsible for building a new Crime Prevention Agency, Crime Prevention Victoria and establishing a new crime and violence prevention strategy, "Safer Streets and Homes: 2002 to 2005" which focussed on evidence based programs to reduce family violence, create safer neighbourhoods and divert young people from anti social behaviour, all highly valued public goods.

Michael is an inaugural member of the ASCF, initially as Co Vice-chair from 2004 to 2008, and as Secretary since 2008. He has been a member of the Victorian Safe Community Network since 2002, as Co Chair from 2002 to 2004, and an Executive Member from 2002 to 2008.

Meegan Brotherton (SA) – Secretary



Meegan is the Senior Project Officer, Safe Communities at SafeWork SA a business unit of the Department of Premier and Cabinet in South Australia. Meegan has been involved in the Safe Communities program since 2002.

Meegan was the inaugural Secretary of the Australian Safe Communities Foundation from 2004-2008 and the Treasurer until October 2010.

Meegan is the Manager of the [Passport to Safety](#) program in Australia. *Passport to Safety* is a web-based OHS&W learning and test program that originated in Canada. In 2010, over 130 schools and 18,300 students in South Australia accessed the program. The aim is for all Year 10 Students in South Australia (20,000) to have access to the program via sponsorship from local businesses.



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Meegan has been a member of ASCF Certifying Centre teams who have undertaken site visits in both Australia and PR China.

As Chair of Adelaide Safe Community, Meegan is leading the City towards International Safe Communities designation and is also a member of the Noarlunga Towards a Safe Community Reference Committee – International Safe Community 14.

Dale Hanson (Qld) – Deputy Secretary

Dr Dale Hanson graduated from Flinders University of South Australia in 1982 with a degree in Medicine. He initially pursued a career in General Practice attaining his fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners in 1989 and worked for a number of years a GP in Adelaide. He subsequently returned to hospital-based medicine and commenced training in Emergency Medicine, attaining his Fellowship of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine in 1996.



Since 1996 he has worked as Staff Emergency Physician at Mackay Base Hospital in regional Queensland.

He is heavily involved in teaching undergraduate and postgraduate Medical Practitioners maintaining appointments as a Senior Lecturer with the School of Medicine and Dentistry and the School of Public Health Tropical Medicine and Rehabilitation Science at James Cook University and is the Director of Clinical Training at Mackay Base Hospital. He is a faculty member of Advanced Paediatric Life Support Australia.

Concerned at the high rate of injury he observed during his clinical practice in Mackay he developed an interest in Injury Research and Safety Promotion, completing his Masters Degree in Public Health and Tropical Medicine through James Cook University in 2000 and his Doctorate in Public Health in 2007.

Dr Hanson is a foundation member of the Mackay Safe Communities and is currently the Deputy Secretary of the Australian Safe Communities Foundation. Dr Hanson is a member of the Queensland Injury Prevention Council

In 2003 Dr Hanson's work in Safety Promotion was acknowledged when he received the biennial Australian Injury Prevention Network Award for Meritorious Practice in Injury Prevention at the 6th Australian Injury Prevention Conference held in Perth. His paper describing the development of Social Capital in Mackay Whitsunday Safe Communities was judged the best oral presentation delivered at the 8th International Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Conference held in Durban South Africa, in April 2006. He was awarded a university medal for his doctoral dissertation by James Cook University in 2007.

Tony Morisset (SA) – Treasurer



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Tony Morisset is a management consultant in the agricultural industry in South Australia. He is also a Community Fellow of the Australian Safe Communities Foundation. Tony is a committee member of Noarlunga Safe Community and is also currently studying for a Bachelor of Community Development at Murdoch University.

Until 2007 Tony owned and operated a chemical manufacturing business in Lonsdale and developed a range of sheep products which were sold throughout rural Australia and exported to overseas markets including Europe and North and South America.

As a business operator in Lonsdale, Tony became involved in the Southern Adelaide Health Service's "Safe and Healthy Workplaces" initiative. The Safe and Healthy Workplaces program has been an outstanding success in the South raising awareness of not only occupational health and safety in small business but also of the importance of health intervention at a workplace level.

In 2004, 2005 and 2010 Tony travelled to Bangladesh, assisting with both the eye safety program for Bangladesh metal workers, the tubewell handle injury prevention program and the Textile Workers Hearing Loss Prevention Project.

Peter Collins (SA) – Deputy Treasurer



Peter has extensive experience in Occupational Health and Safety and has a background in Electro Mechanical Engineering and Project Management. Peter has a Graduate Diploma in OHSM from Adelaide University and an associate Diploma in Mechanical Engineering.

Peter has been working as a Safety Practitioner for over 12 years and has worked with a large range of Industries and size of Employers during his time with the WorkCover Corporation in SA. When involved with the SABS Program and the Supplementary Levy Program he was instrumental in the overall improvement of OHS and Injury Management of the Employers he advised.

Peter also worked as a Self Insurance Evaluator with WorkCover evaluating such organizations as the Department of Health, WMC, Fosters Group and Westpac Banking Corporation.

Peter is a self employed Safety Consultant running Dragon Safe Consulting where Peter prides himself in providing innovative and yet simple solutions to Employers in order to achieve a safe yet profitable business.

Peter became involved in the Safe Communities movement when he met Paul Kells on his visit to WorkCover in SA. Living in the Barossa Valley at the time he started the Barossa and Light Safe Community with a few committed community members, the safe community is still moving toward designation.

Deborah Costello (WA) – Committee Member

Deborah Costello is currently the CEO of the Injury Control Council WA. She has almost 20 years experience working with a range of government, non-government and not-for-profit organisations. She has



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worked across the health, community care and injury prevention sectors and has gained experience in areas such as partnership development, community engagement, policy development and analysis, strategic and business planning and program design, management and implementation. Deborah is on the Management Committee of the Australian Safe Communities Foundation Inc and has recently been appointed as Chair of the Injury Prevention Working Group. Deborah also has a strong commitment to volunteering and in her spare time sits on the Board of three community based organisations.



Tess Byrnes (SA) – Committee Member

Tess Byrnes is the Nursing Director, Population Primary Health Care with the Southern Adelaide Health Service in South Australia.

Tess has been practicing in the health promotion field for over 25 years and has a broad base of experience moving from the acute sector in the mid 1980s when health promotion was a new concept in the hospital setting, to a much broader community health setting in the 1990s where health promotion continues to underpin the Primary Health Care approach.



Since then, among a range of other initiatives, Tess has played a key role in the evolution of the injury prevention and safety program – ‘Noarlunga Safe Community’ (NSC) – the 14th International Safe Community, first designated in 1996 and then again in 2003. She is the current Chair of the NSC Reference Committee and has supported the program by sharing knowledge, skills and expertise with colleagues at the state, national and international levels. The second NSC re-designation occurred in December 2009.

Tess has been trained as a member of the ASCF Certifying Centre team, has reviewed a number of documented applications, undertook a site visit in Cairns in 2008 and travelled to Shanghai in March 2010 where she participated in the review of four Chinese communities.

Bill Horman AM APM (Vic) – Committee Member



Bill had a long and distinguished police, law enforcement and emergency services career - including periods as Deputy Commissioner (Operations) with Victoria Police, the inaugural Commissioner of Vanuatu Police, Commissioner of Tasmania Police and Director of Investigations & Criminal Justice with the National Crime Authority.

On secondment from Victoria Police, whilst in Vanuatu, Bill also held the positions of Principal Immigration Officer, Director of Prisons and Commander in Charge of the Vanuatu Mobile Force. He was the Secretary of the Vanuatu Security Council and Chairman of the Vanuatu Residency Permit Committee.



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On return from Vanuatu, again on secondment, Bill took up the position of Deputy Director of the Australian Bureau of Criminal Intelligence.

Whilst Tasmania Police Commissioner, following a change of Government, Bill was also appointed the inaugural Secretary of the Department of Police & Emergency Services, became the Director of the Tasmanian Ambulance Service, Director of the Office of Emergency Services and was responsible for the Tasmanian Fire Service. He was a member of the National Road Trauma Advisory Council and a member of the National Committee on Violence.

Bill has worked for many years on various committees involved with road safety, community safety as well as crime, violence and injury prevention and the promotion of responsible gaming - for which he was appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia.

He is the Immediate Past State President of Neighbourhood Watch. He was one of the long serving members of and subsequently Chaired the Victorian Community Council against Violence. Bill liaises closely with members of the Executive Committee of the Victorian Safer Communities Network.

Bill has been a member of the Community Safety Day/Week and now the Community Safety Month Advisory Committee since the inception of the program in Victoria.

During it's existence, Bill was the Deputy Chairman of the Ministerial Crime Prevention Council, later Co-Chair of the Victoria Crime & Violence Prevention Council, was a member of the Ministerial Burglary Reduction Council and was a member of the Ministerial Multicultural Affairs & Police Advisory Council. Bill is a member of the Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Day Community Council.

Bill has recently retired from Crown Casino as it's General Manager Community Affairs. In that position he served as Vice-President of the National Association of Gambling Studies and worked on various committees of the Australian Gaming Council and the Australian Casinos association. He was a founding member of the Responsible Gambling Ministerial Advisory Council (RGMAC).

Although he has retired from Crown, Bill continues to be a member of the RGMAC Pathways to Treatment Working Group and is a member of the Problem Gambling Research & Treatment Advisory Board.

Bill is a founding member of the Melbourne Safe City Leadership Committee, the Melbourne Moomba Advisory Board, is Chairman of the Melbourne Injury Prevention Advisory Committee. and is an inaugural member of the Chaplains Without Borders Advisory Board. He currently runs a Consultancy & Network Service."

Jan McGannon (Vic) – Committee Member



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Jan has extensive experience in community safety, crime prevention, human resources and social research, with a particular interest in using research to inform evidence based policy development. Jan has qualifications in English and Social sciences (Sociology and psychology). Her roles have included as a secondary English teacher, as well as significant roles in Organisation Development and as Senior Industrial Relations Officer for Victoria Police, during a major period of organisational transformation.

For the last 11 years, Jan has been the director of a successful consultancy company, MGN Consultancy. In this role, Jan has had extensive experience in working on crime prevention projects, and evaluating significant government pilot projects which have underpinned progress in behaviour change intervention responses. Jan is very experienced in all components of social research and facilitating groups through change management issues.

MGN Consultancy is a leader in working with communities to assess the need for, and the suitable process for, introducing and managing CCTV as a community safety tool. Using an integrated approach, Jan addresses the importance of determining community support for CCTV, introducing appropriate governance arrangements, and building a strong, data driven partnership with leading stakeholders. Jan has undertaken evaluations of major CCTV systems, such as the Melbourne City Council before the commencement of the Melbourne Commonwealth Games 2006.