

The new members:

Peter Fitzpatrick

Peter Fitzpatrick is widely respected and recognised for the outstanding contributions made during his professional life. He is chairman of the Waste Authority and was at the helm of two peak bodies as the CEO for the legal profession and the motor industry. Prior to this, Peter had a distinguished 20-year career as an Australian Army Officer, including service with the elite Special Air Service Regiment, the British Army in Germany and a multi-national force in Singapore. His involvement with suicide prevention extends from his role as the inaugural chair of Youth Focus, a position which he held for seven years from 1990-97 and chair of the Youth Focus Foundation from 2004-08. He has also been exposed to suicide issues that impact on indigenous and veteran's communities. He is currently a coach and mentor of a group of 19 high-performing CEOs that are committed to leading profitable and effective organisations while maintaining balanced personal lives. He also mentors a group of business development managers with responsibilities for high-value client relationships. Peter serves on a number of charitable, not-for-profit and industry boards. He was appointed a member of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in June 1984 and was a State finalist for Australian of the Year in 2008-09.

Rob Donovan

Rob Donovan is Professor of Behavioural Research in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Curtin University, adjunct Professor of Social Marketing in the School of Marketing, and principal of Mentally Healthy WA's Act-Belong-Commit campaign. A registered psychologist, he has held academic positions in psychology and marketing in Australia and the USA and been a Visiting Scientist at the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia. In the 1970s he founded a social and market research company that served both State and national commercial and government clients. Since the 1990s he has established an international reputation in social marketing and health promotion. His broad range of interests includes alcohol, tobacco and drugs, child abuse, domestic violence, racism and mental health. He has served on a variety of State and national committees with respect to health and social issues, and been a reference group member for Suicide Prevention Australia's position papers on Stigma and Suicide and Mental Illness and Suicide. He is a member of Suicide Prevention Australia's Roundtable on the development of a national suicide prevention awareness campaign, a vice-president of the Board of Relationships Australia WA, and represents the Federal Government on the World Anti-Doping Agency's Education Committee.

Darryl Kickett

Darryl Kickett was born in Narrogin and raised and schooled in the area. He represented WA in boxing and loves Aussie Rules football. He has worked in government and non-government agencies across Australia and completed a university degree in Social Science at Curtin University where he contributed significantly to education as head of the Centre for Aboriginal Studies. He worked with a Minister of Parliament in Canberra as an adviser. His main achievements are in the developments of Aboriginal organisations such as the Kimberley Land Council and the superseded Nyungar Land Council. More recently he worked as the CEO of Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia for a few years and provided strong support to Aboriginal Medical Services. He worked in partnership with many government departments at State, Federal and local government. His greatest challenge will be closing the gap in life expectancy of Aboriginal peoples. He is currently employed with Anglicare WA as manager of Aboriginal Services. He works tirelessly helping families and community people deal with suicide and its prevention and associated issues.

Estelle Dragun

Estelle Dragun studied Music and Drama at UWA and Edith Cowan University, gaining a Bachelor of Music and Associate Diploma in performance. She has been involved in education for almost 40 years and in particular Music and Drama. She has held a number of senior teaching roles, including co-ordinator of Drama studies at Corpus Christi College, director of Music at Mercedes College and head of Music Curriculum at Presbyterian Ladies College before she retired in 2009. It has always been an interest of hers to observe the creative side of students and to follow the development of their talents in both Music and Drama. In 2004 Estelle took the Mercedes Select choir to the Youth and Music Festival in Vienna and they were very successful. As a result of her daughter Charmaine passing away in 2007 from suicide, she has been very keen to become an advocate of good mental health and wellbeing. She has devoted a large part of her time to bringing about awareness of the issues surrounding mental health and finding out more about mental health and wellbeing through attending conferences and doing research. It is her aim to make a positive contribution to the further development of good Mental Health care and management.

Amanda Wheeler

Since February 2008, Amanda Wheeler has been CEO of Lifeline WA, part of the national Lifeline network; the leading provider of suicide prevention services in Australia. Prior to her Lifeline WA appointment, Amanda's career path has included providing not-for-profit and corporate organisations with advice on business strategy, governance, risk management and organisational culture. She has also held a variety of leadership and executive positions including Mission Leader for MercyCare, director of Student Affairs of the University of Notre Dame Australia and executive director of WA Netball. Amanda has also served on the board of the Western Australian Institute of Sport and the Edmund Rice Centre for Social Justice. Passionate about helping people to feel engaged with life and part of their community, Amanda describes her Lifeline role as a privilege. The vision and mission of Lifeline WA is to reach out to those in distress, reduce the social stigma surrounding mental illness and to encourage the community to play a role in preventing suicide.

Jenny Allen

Taking the helm in 2000 as CEO of Youth Focus, Jenny has built the not-for-profit organisation from a staff of three with a budget of \$240,000 to 32 staff and a budget of \$4.2million. Youth Focus is a community organisation providing therapeutic services and support to young people at risk of suicide, depression and self-harm.

Her dedication in preventing youth suicide in WA was recognised at the 2009 Local Chambers Business Person of the Year and in 2008 she was awarded the Ernst & Young 'WA Social Entrepreneur of the Year'. Last year, Jenny presented to the Senate Community Affairs Reference Committee on Inquiry into Suicide as well as the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health and Ageing on youth suicide and again in January presented to House of Representatives Standing Committee on youth suicide. Jenny is a board member of Youth Focus, as well as Suicide Prevention Australia, the national peak body for suicide prevention. She is actively involved in several committees, including Economic Audit Committee Mental Health Outcomes Working Group and the Anti Stigma Campaign reference group formed by Mental Health Commissioner.