

Supporting the Families of Veterans: understanding the Impact of Veterans' Mental Health on their Families, Partners and Children (part 2)

Speaker biographies:



Associate Professor Dr Brad Murphy
General Practitioner, QLD

Brad is an Aboriginal man of the Kamilaroi people of North West NSW and currently owns a private General Practice on the outskirts of Bundaberg, Queensland with a focus on Veteran and Indigenous Health as well as mainstream general practice.

Brad joined the Royal Australian Navy as a Junior Recruit at the age of 15 and served for 6 years reaching the rank of Leading Seaman Medical before advancing his career as an Intensive Care Paramedic and ultimately pursuing a career in medicine at the age of 35.

He has been involved in many activities within his career aimed at advancing aspects of healthcare for the rural/remote, indigenous and veteran & family communities. He has been actively involved in the CVC Mental Health Pilot of DVA and has a passion for the general and mental health and wellbeing of veterans and those who support them.

He holds various posts in leadership roles within the medical community including Honorary Adjunct Associate Professor in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health at Bond University and Founding Chair and current Provost of the RACGP National Faculty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health. He is the proud recipient of the 2016 Indigenous Doctor of the Year and in 2003 as a medical student was awarded the AMA Best Individual Contribution

to Healthcare in Australia. Brad and his team at Ashfield Country Practice have been recognised nationally by the RACGP 2019 Practice of the Year award.



Ms Joy Jenkins
Lived Experience Advocate, NSW

Joy has lifelong experience with Defence as both the daughter of a Vietnam veteran and wife to an ex-serving Defence member who is a veteran of both Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. This experience gives Joy insight into the unique aspects of Service life for partners and their families. She has personal experience in supporting veterans with PTSD, Parkinson's disease, depression, and anxiety as well as the range of issues supporting four children through the turbulence of nine relocations overseas and throughout Australia.

Joy has qualifications in business management and life coaching. She is passionate about issues related to PTSD-afflicted serving and separated service members and a strong advocate of the value of local small-group associations to support their families.



Dr Atsumi Fukui
Psychiatrist, NSW

Dr Atsumi Fukui obtained her medical degree from the University of New South Wales and also completed her Bachelor of Science at the University of Sydney. She is a

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Fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (FRANZCP) and is a member of RANZCP Section for Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry. She has also worked in senior management roles in the pharmaceutical industry.

She has extensive clinical experience in public teaching hospitals and in private practice. She is a consulting specialist to the Australian Defence Force; a Council Appointed Psychiatrist to the Health Professional Councils Authority; and a Medical Assessor for the State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) in providing assessments and reports.

Her clinical interests include mood disorders, anxiety disorders, military psychiatry, women's mental health, cross-cultural issues and consultation-liaison psychiatry.



Ms Karen Green
Social Worker, Qld

Karen Green is the North Queensland Assistant Director Clinical Coordination with Open Arms Veterans and Families Counselling.

Karen is an accredited Mental Health Social Worker with over 25 years of clinical, organisational, supervisory and executive leadership experience. For the past two decades, she has specialised in the provision, development and coordination of evidence informed, recovery-oriented, veteran and family centred mental health services for Australian Defence Force (ADF) members, veterans and families in locations around Australia.

Karen has been awarded three international scholarships, one of which resulted in her engaging as a research / practice consultant with Fordham University Graduate School of Social Services (New York) working on an study of the scope of international military social work practice in over 25 countries. Her specialist subject matter knowledge of military social work has provided her with opportunities to present to audiences in Canada, USA, Italy, France, Singapore and at conferences across Australia.

Facilitator:



Professor Mark Creamer
Clinical Psychologist, Vic

health.

Professor Mark Creamer is a clinical and consulting psychologist with over 30 years' experience in the field of posttraumatic mental

Mark is internationally recognised for his work in the field; providing policy advice, training and research consultancy to government and non-government organisations, with the aim of improving the recognition, prevention and treatment of psychological problems following stressful life events.

Mark is a Professorial Fellow in the Department of Psychiatry at The University of Melbourne, and has an impressive research record with over 180 publications.

Mark is an accomplished speaker and has given numerous invited addresses at national and international conferences.