



Knowledge Translation

A/Professor Belinda Goodenough

Belinda manages the Knowledge Translation Programs for the DCRC and the DTSCs. In these two roles she connects knowledge generators (researchers and outputs from the DCRCs) with knowledge users (health professionals and educators via the DTSCs).

Her background training is behavioural science, and she has worked in public health in a variety of areas over the past two decades including pain, cancer, children's health, healthy ageing, and dementia.

Belinda has held senior research appointments in the academic and public health settings, including Senior Lecturer at UNSW (Health Psychology) and Research Fellow on the SMILE Study (DCRC-ABC research project).

Furthering her interests in evidence-based practice and applied research, Belinda spent time at the Sax Institute, in the role of Operations Director for the 45 and Up Study. She continues her link with the Sax Institute as a Knowledge Broker in the knowledge exchange program - helping to link policy makers with best evidence.



Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia

Ms Kim Burns

Kim's background as a clinical nurse specialist in psychogeriatrics has led to her work in dementia research. Since commencing work with Professor Henry Brodaty at the Academic Department for Old Age Psychiatry at the Prince of Wales Hospital in 2004, Kim has been involved in many research projects looking at interventions to improve quality of life and quality of care for people with dementia. As a registered psychologist, Kim's roles have also included working in multiple clinical trials for dementia with the Sydney Centre for Clinical Cognitive Research and the Behavioural Assessment Intervention and Services (BASIS). Since 2011 Kim has worked as project manager for the BPSD team at the Dementia Collaborative Research Centre - Assessment and Better Care (DCRC-ABC). The team was funded by the Australian Government to develop the document *Behaviour Management, A Guide to Good Practice, Managing Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia* (BPSD). The *Guide* was developed to provide guidance for Dementia Behaviour Management Advisory Service (DBMAS) and other clinicians in their role of assisting residential aged care facility staff, community care staff and family members caring for people with dementia, who present with BPSD. Further resources, based on the *BPSD Guide* have since been developed specifically to support clinicians in the field, frontline care staff, family carers and Aboriginal communities in remote areas.

Environmental Design

Ms Kirsty Bennett



Kirsty Bennett is an architect who has pursued her commitment to improving the design of environments for people living with dementia through architectural practice, writing, research and speaking engagements. Kirsty has been responsible for the briefing, design, documentation and contract administration of a range of residential aged care projects in diverse parts of Australia. She has spent time with people living with dementia and their families, has worked as a volunteer care giver, and has undertaken study tours in Australia, Canada, Europe and Japan, talking extensively with aged care providers. Kirsty has written a number of magazine articles and has contributed to books on designing for people with dementia. She is a co-author of the Environmental Audit Tool and the EAT Handbook. Kirsty is currently the Manager of Environmental Design Education Services at the NSW/ACT DTSC University of Wollongong.