

Caroline Elliott (Chair)

Caroline Elliott started her working life as a paralegal specialising in workers compensation case management with a particular interest in education and training. After taking time away from career to focus on family, she realized her passion for helping people by graduating as a registered nurse and applying that training to the field of community nursing whilst working for Silver Chain (WA).

Having recently completed post graduate studies in Clinical Nursing (specialising in Primary Health Care and Community Nursing), her interest in education and training has been reinvigorated which encouraged her to apply for a seat on the recently formed Education Portfolio of Wounds Australia, culminating in her being appointed as the committee chairperson.

Caroline is particularly keen on the way new technologies and social media can assist with education and training and believes these are valuable tools which can be used to inform the wider community in the current advancements in wound care.



Melinda Brooks (Deputy Chair) has worked in wound management for more than 20 years in a variety of settings from the Victorian Adult Burns Unit, to community nursing, research and lecturing in wound care at both Monash and Latrobe Universities.

Melinda works in private practice as a Nurse Practitioner in wound management, following her endorsement in 2013. Her work is mainly in aged care and the community. Melinda has presented at many state and national conferences and thrives on teaching others about the importance of holistic wound management. Melinda was a committee member of AWMA (Vic) from 2004 – 2006 and is thrilled to be a part of the Wounds Australia Education Committee.

Kylie Elder has been a community nurse for the past 20 years, most of those as a Clinical Nurse Consultant in Wound Management. She currently works for RSLCare+RDNS as the Senior Clinical Nurse Advisor in wound management. She has experience with project management, research and publications and is currently a member on the Wounds Australia aseptic technique working party. BN Sci, Grad Dip Adv Nursing, Grad Dip Nursing Ed, MN Sci.





Dr. Christina Parker has been a Registered Nurse for twenty-five years, including fifteen years working clinically across hospital and community settings. She has worked within the Wound Healing Research Team at Queensland University of Technology (QUT) since 2008, completing her PhD in December 2014. She is a member of the Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation (IHBI) at QUT and was awarded a National Health & Medical Research Primary Care Postgraduate Scholarship in 2013 to complete her studies. She has been a member of Wounds Australia (QLD) committee for 4 years serving as editorial officer, research officer and vice president.

In 2015, Dr. Parker accepted a lecturer position in the School of Nursing as part of Early Career Academic Recruitment and Development program that is specifically designed for the professional development of early-career academics. This position involves teaching across multiple theory and clinical undergraduate and postgraduate nursing units and the development of an undergraduate wound care unit in addition to continuing her research as part of the QUT Wound Healing Research Group with her expertise in wound management, community/primary care and ageing.

Lynette Rodriguez is a Registered Nurse with a Masters of Nursing - Nurse Practitioner. Lynette over 20 years of experience in wound management. Her clinical experience has encompassed wound management in acute plastic and orthopaedic surgical units and leg ulcer and plastic surgical outpatient clinics. For the past 4 years Lynette has provided a Wound Advisory Service on behalf of WoundsWest and the Wound Healing Institute Australia. In this role Lynette provides advice and support to clinicians on all aspects of wound management, particularly acute and chronic or complex wounds in patients in rural and remote communities using e-health record processes, clinical information systems and digital images of wounds. Promotion of inter-professional evidence-based practice is a key component of the role. Lynette currently provides wound education to health professionals at a variety of stages within their training programs and to across a diverse range of clinical settings. In addition, Lynette has facilitated St Johns Ambulance first aid training in the community.





Margaret Allwood is a Paediatric Nurse Educator at the John Hunter Children's Hospital in Newcastle, NSW. She has her Masters of Nursing (Advanced Practice), and has a special interest in wound care as it relates to the paediatric population. Margaret's background includes paediatric surgery, oncology and intensive care. Margaret has also been involved in charity work in The Philippines, providing basic wound care and education to the urban poor in Manila.

Sue Templeton works as the Nurse Practitioner Wound Management for RDNS SA. Sue has worked in wound management since 1987 and has extensive clinical experience managing a variety of acute and chronic wounds. She has been involved in AWMA/Wounds Australia at national and local levels for a number of years. Sue has published and presented locally, nationally and internationally. She has been involved in the development of several national guidelines and is active in a number of state and national committees. Sue is passionate about improving the life of persons with a wound and empowering others to deliver best practice in wound management.

