**Dr Stephen Gourley (Chair)**

Stephen has been the Director of Emergency Medicine, Alice Springs Hospital since 2010. Stephen has a Master in Health Management (NSW), a Graduate Diploma in Medical Education (Flinders) and is completing a Master in Public Health (UNSW). He has led the ASH Emergency Department through the transition into the new facility, stabilised the medical workforce and achieved 18 months’ accreditation for advanced training with the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine.

**Professor Alan Cass (Deputy Chair)**

Alan is the Director of Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies). A nephrologist, his research on the prevention and management of chronic disease has focused on developing, implementing and evaluating strategies to improve access to care, health service delivery, the patient journey and health outcomes. He was President of the ANZ Society of Nephrology (2014-16), a Board Director for the Australian Clinical Trials Alliance (2012-17) and of Top End Health and Hospital Services (2015-17), and Chair of the MBS Review Renal Medicine Clinical Committee (2017-2018). He is Chair of the Advisory Committee and Executive Member for the Australia and New Zealand Dialysis and Transplant Registry and a member of the Management Committee for the Central Australia Academic Health Science Network.

**Ms Alexis (Alex) Jackson**

Alex is a social worker with over 20 years’ experience including management and team leader roles in child protection, domestic and family violence; Aboriginal Community Controlled Health and is currently a TEHS Senior Allied Health Clinician at Katherine Hospital and the TEHS Social Work Profession Lead and a member of the TEHS Clinical Advisory Group. Alexis has a very strong interest in and strives for the provision of quality patient centred care, which when provided in a sensitive, respectful, safe and culturally sensitive manner, she believes improves the patient care experience, resulting in cost decreases and provider and patient satisfaction.

**Ms Amanda O’Keefe**

Amanda is currently the manager of speech pathology and audiology at Royal Darwin Hospital and the speech pathology profession lead for Top End Health Service. She has over 20 year experience, working in a variety of community and hospital settings. Amanda has an interest in improving allied health service models in the Territory, including the delivery of allied health services via telehealth. Amanda is a board member of the National Rural Health Alliance and is a member of the Top End Clinical Council for the NT Primary Health Network.

**Dr Andrew (Drew) Chea**

Drew is a Remote Dentist Manager/ Senior-principle dentist with Katherine Dental Clinic- Oral Health Services. He provides dental services to remote communities of Katherine and support to visiting dentists as well as mentors dental therapists and also liaises with local Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations. Working in Katherine as well as satellite remote clinics and communities providing critical care has enabled Drew to understand the challenges that clinicians on the frontline are faced with and believes that clinical Territorians are frontier practitioners and have the responsibility and opportunity to lead with innovative applications and the implementation of ideas.

**Mr Andrew Thomas**

Andrew has been involved with ambulance operations for over thirty years, working previously in SA Ambulance Service and in the NT for RFDS, he commenced as the Director of Ambulance Services with St John NT in December 2019. He had been involved with development and implementation of alternative care pathways and care models such as Community Paramedics and Extended Care paramedics. He is a practicing Intensive Care Paramedic and has a strong focus on education and collaboration across health disciplines to provide best care for patients.

**Dr Angela Wilson**

Angela is a consultant paediatrician based at Alice Springs Hospital. She has special interests in Indigenous Child Health, specialist training pathways and clinical research. Angela has lived and worked in the Northern Territory for over five years in Alice Springs and Darwin. Angela is passionate about improving the health and wellbeing of vulnerable young people in rural and remote areas.

**Associate Professor Bhavini Patel**

Bhavini is an Advanced Practice Pharmacist and the Executive Director (ED) of Medicines Management for the NT Department of Health and the ED Transformation and Change for Top End Health Service. Bhavini has well developed skills in implementing change within clinical teams, and has an interest in how the use of information technology can assist in the delivery of clinical services and improve equity of access to health care. Bhavini was the Director of Pharmacy at the Royal Darwin Hospital from 2001 to 2012 and has been the member of the Pharmacy Board of Australia since 2009.

**Ms Cassandra (Cassie) Holland**

Cassandra is a nurse with 40 years of clinical experience in primary care and chronic disease management, working in hospitals, medical centres, Multi-Purpose Health Services, universities, and isolated community health centres. She has been a clinical lecturer and educator for medical and nursing students and facilitated the medical registrar training programme. She is an AHPRA Endorsed Nurse Practitioner, Rural and Isolated Practice Endorsed Nurse, and has spent many years working with remote aboriginal communities in Northern Queensland and the Northern Territory, and is currently based in Yulara. Cassandra is a Diabetes and Cardiac educator, has a Master’s of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) and the Masters of Health (Rural and Remote practice), and is currently studying for the Masters of Public health.

**Dr Charles Pain**

Charles is currently the Executive Director Medical Services and Executive Director Clinical Governance and Health Systems Improvement for the Top End Health Service and the Acting Deputy Chief Health Officer with NT Health. Charles is a public health physician and medical administrator whose 35 year career in medicine has become increasingly focused over the past 20 years on improving health systems to improve patient care. Charles has worked in four public health systems, in Australia, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Qatar, in a variety of clinical, academic and administrative roles, at national, state, regional and hospital level. Charles brings people together from diverse professional disciplines and backgrounds and builds consensus as a foundation for system change. Like many others in his profession around the world, he is committed to building high-reliability health care systems that are patient-centered.

**Mr Charlie Gunabarra**

Charlie Gunabarra commenced working as a young man in Maningrida with the NT Department of Health on the 5 December 1977. He has been working as an Aboriginal Health Practitioner at the Maningrida Health Centre with 44 years of service by the end of 2021. In addition to his extensive traditional knowledge and skills, Charlie has a wealth of knowledge and experience in rural and remote Aboriginal Health Primary Health Care Practice which is evident in his work assisting many research students achieve their masters and PHD in Aboriginal and/or Indigenous Health Work. During his time Charlie has been awarded with the Order of Australia award in 2007 and the Chief Ministers Medal in 2018 for his commendable service to NT Health.

**Ms Diana Baseley**

Diana has worked for the Department of Health for the past 27 years in various roles at Alice Springs Hospital, from Clinical Nurse Specialist in Paediatrics to Nursing Resource Co-ordinator and Clinical Nurse Specialist in Maternity before her current role as the Midwife Management Consultant for Maternity and the Midwifery Group Practice. Diana is interested in improving the links between the Alice Springs Hospital and the Remote Health Clinics with regard to maternal and child health services for all remotely located women and their families.

**Professor** **Dianne Stephens OAM**

Dianne commenced as the Medical Director of the National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre in February 2017 and was the Director of Royal Darwin Hospital Intensive Care Unit from 1998 until 2017 developing the service into a well-respected academic tertiary level training unit. Her role includes clinical governance, research, regional engagement and capacity building programs and academic partnerships. In 2020, she was promoted to Adjunct Professor at Charles Darwin University in recognition of her contribution to the COVID-19 response and the ongoing development of new health emergency related postgraduate programs. Dianne was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 2003 for her clinical leadership during the response to the Bali Bombings in 2002.

**Associate Professor Didier Palmer OAM**

Didier is the Network Director of Emergency Medicine Services for the Top End Health Service. Didier has professional and academic interests in health leadership, medical informatics and health systems development in the domains of trauma, retrieval, emergency medicine and disaster response. Didier has been the chair of the Standards Committee of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM) for the last 10 years and sits as a director on the board of ACEM. Over the last 17 years Didier has led the development of Royal Darwin Hospital Department of Emergency Medicine from a single specialist, unaccredited practice to a multi-specialist, maximally accredited, tertiary ED with a national reputation for excellence in emergency care and education.

**Ms Eva Williams**

Eva is a Tiwi woman. She has been a Registered Nurse since 1977. Eva moved back to her mother’s country in 2003. I worked as the Child Health Nurse and The Primary Health Care Manager of the Julanimawu and Pirlangimpi Health Centres. In 2010 I became a Continuous Quality Improvement Facilitator for the Tiwi Islands and Belyuen to ensure we are implementing proactive improvements in processes of care to provide quality health care outcomes.

**Associate Professor (Adjunct) Heather Malcolm**

Heather is the Chief Allied Health Advisor, based in Darwin within the Department of Health. An experienced Sports Physiotherapist who has lived in Darwin since 1993, she commenced into the Department of Health in 2012. Heather has held roles in strategic policy, clinical quality, clinician supervision and support, as well as managing diverse medical portfolios including blood supply, genomics, health technology and cancer care in the Public Health and Clinical Excellence Division, before moving to the Allied Health leadership role in 2019. In 2020, Heather has also taken on The Functional Lead role guiding the implementation of the NT Health Virtual Care Strategy. She undertakes national accreditation work for the Australian Physiotherapy Council and is a panel member for Ahpra.

**Mr Howard Punchard**

Howard is an experienced Pharmacist and has extensive experience in providing Quality Use of Medicines (QUM) services to organisations, including the Aboriginal Medical Services in East Arnhem region, and individuals. The QUM services include medication review, health professional education and systematic medication management support and design. Howard was the Chairman of Far North Queensland Medicare Local from 2013 to 2016. He is passionate about Quality and Safety, a health service focus on patient outcomes as the driver, building “Learning Organisations” and translation of health reforms.

**Dr Hugh Heggie**

Hugh is currently is the Chief Health Officer for the NT Department of Health, a portfolio that includes Office of the Chief Health Officer, Public Health Directorate, Territory Pathology, Clinical Excellence and Patient Safety, Restrictive Practices Authority and a small legal team. He is on the National Health and Medical Research Council, the Clinical Safety and Technical Committee of the Australian Digital Health Authority and the Radiation Health Safety Advisory Council as well as representing the NT on the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee. He is passionately involved in the digital health reforms across the NT and provides strategic leadership and advice to the other professional heads in the area of clinical governance, workforce development, education, service delivery strategy, planning and delivery plus disaster responses. Hugh has been a Medical Practitioner practising as a rural generalist with advanced skills in obstetrics and emergency medicine since 1980 having worked in remote settings in the Northern Territory as well as holding a Bachelor of Science – Pharmacology and a Graduate Certificate Health Professional Education.

**Ms Iris Raye**

Iris has spent nearly 40 years employed in various positions travelling to many rural and remote communities across the NT. Her career in health started with the oral health team where she was inspired to become a registered Aboriginal Health Worker now titled Aboriginal Health Practitioner. Iris is the current Chief Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner for NT Health.

**Ms Jade Gooding**

As the Executive Manager Mental Health at Anglicare NT, Jade is a Clinical Psychologist with a passion for innovative, evidence-based, person-led mental health approaches. With extensive experience in primary and tertiary health services, Jade is responsible for a range of clinical mental health services, including headspace Darwin and Katherine. As a representative from the non-government sector, Jade aims to increase collaboration and communication across all of health in the Northern Territory. Jade is a Board member of the NT Mental Health Coalition and former Chair of the Australian Psychological Society NT Branch.

**Ms Jill Huck – TEHS HAC Chair**

Jill worked as the NT Manager for the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency until she retired in December 2016. She has held previous roles as Director and Registrar of the NT Health Professions Licensing Authority, NT Director of the Social Security Appeals Tribunal, NT Director of Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission,  Executive Director of the YWCA Darwin Course Coordinator and Lecturer at Charles Darwin University/ Northern Territory University, Senior Policy Officer in mental health with the Department of Health and Community Services and a social worker in a variety of settings at the Royal Darwin Hospital and the NT Department of Education.   Jill has a Bachelor of Social Work, Master in Social Policy and Certificate of Mediation. She is currently a member of the NT Mental Health Tribunal, the NT Civil and Administrative Appeals Tribunal, NT Architects Board and is the Chairperson of the TEHS Health Advisory Committee.

**Associate Professor (Adjunct) Dr John Boffa**

John is currently the Chief Medical Officer Public Health for Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (CAAC); he graduated from Monash University in 1985 and has worked for CAAC since 1994.

He was a founding member of the Central Australian Rural Practitioners Association (CARPA) Core Group and has experience in implementing evidence-based care, remote health workforce planning, Aboriginal health planning and General Practitioner education and has been awarded NHMRC grants for research in remote communities. He has provided leadership on the new alcohol and other drugs treatment model at CAAC and in alcohol policy in the Central Australian region. His leadership has been recognised through a number of awards including the 2012 NT Australian of the Year.

**Dr Kate Raymond**

Kate is the Principal Dental Advisor for the NT Department of Health (System Strategic Policy and Planning Division) and also holds the position of NT Practitioner Member for the Dental Board of Australia. Kate oversees evidence-based policy in respect of population oral health in the NT. Kate holds a Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Dentistry, Diploma of Management, Master of Health Law and is currently completing a Doctorate of Public Health with the University of New South Wales, where she is researching Guiding Principles for Health Policy Evaluation in the NT.

**Ms Kathy Arthurs**

Kathy has been employed with the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Central Operations) since 2004, and has been in the role of a Senior Flight Nurse with responsibility of the NT nursing team who are based in Alice Springs since 2013. Her work requires her to respond to patient medical needs a solo practitioner in remote areas of Central Australia as well as being involved in the transfer of critically ill patients to Adelaide and Darwin. She is a Remote Emergency Care, Paediatric Emergency Care, Pre-Hospital Care and Advanced Life Support Course Facilitator and Assessor for CRANAplus.

**Ms Kylee St George**

Kylee has been a Registered Nurse for over a decade, and is currently the a/Director of Nursing & Operations for the Division of Emergency Medicine (Top End Health Service). Kylee has been the Nursing lead through significant service and clinical redesign with the opening of the Extended Emergency Medicine Unit, the Palmerston Regional Hospital and the RDPH COVID response. Kylee has a background in education and implementing safety systems in the public & private setting and is a trainer in Disaster Preparedness and Response.

**Professor Len Notaras AM**

Len is the Executive Director of National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre and was previously the Chief Executive of the NT Department of Health in 2014-16, after 20 years in Medical Superintendent and General Managerial roles at the Royal Darwin Hospital. He was directly involved in the development of the NT Medical Program and was a member of the NT Medical Board 1996-2012, as well as past Chair of the Pharmacy, Optometry and Radiographers Boards. Professor Notaras was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 2003 for his leadership and coordination of the response to the victims of the Bali Disaster in 2002. Len is also the current President of the Australian Council on Health Care Standards (ACHS) and its international branch ACHSI, as well as NT Chair of ACHSM.

**Professor Louise Maple-Brown**

Louise is the Head of Department of Endocrinology, Royal Darwin Hospital and a Senior Principal Research Fellow with Menzies School of Health Research. Louise leads a clinical research program within the Wellbeing and Preventable Chronic Diseases division of Menzies, with a focus on diabetes and related conditions among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Louise established and leads the *Diabetes across the Lifecourse: Northern Australian Partnership*. The partnership includes several large NHMRC-funded projects, including the Northern Territory and Far North Queensland Diabetes in Pregnancy Partnership and The PANDORA (Pregnancy And Neonatal Diabetes Outcomes in Remote Australia) Cohort Study. Louise has been providing clinical diabetes services to urban and remote NT communities for over 19 years, and is currently a Board member of the Australian Diabetes Society Council and was previously a member of the Council of the Australasian Diabetes in Pregnancy Society.

**Associate Professor Marco Briceno**

Marco is a Rural Generalist Surgeon who has been in Nhulunbuy since 2008. He has been the Director of Medical Services of Gove District Hospital and the East Arnhem Region since 2015. He is determined to enhance and modernise medical training to equip emerging generations of Rural Generalists with the holistic knowledge and skills required to deliver high quality care to our communities. Marco is committed to excellence in, Rural Generalist Medicine, and he has contributed to make Nhulunbuy, one of the epicentres of Rural Generalism in the NT and in Remote Australia. He has applied continuous effort to building capacity at Gove District Hospital with a view to furthering its recognition as centre of excellence in rural and remote medicine. More recently, Marco was appointed at DoH to lead the NT Rural Generalist Pathway project, to provide medical leadership for the NT Prevocational Medical Assurance Service (PMAS), and to provide advice on medical workforce matters, as well as broader policy topics. Marco remains based in Nhulunbuy where he works clinically at GDH and in Mainstream General Practice.

**Ms Maricar (Mica) Alcedo**

Mica has extensive experience in various hospital and primary care nursing roles, working for the NT Department of Health in Central Australia since 2005. Currently she is the Community Child Health Nurse for the Barkly region based in Tennant Creek. In supporting continuous quality improvement measures she has been able to evaluate child health standards that meet the Aboriginal Health Key Performance Indicators and the Central Australia Health Service Strategic Plan in development and evaluation of programs such as Healthy Under Five Kids health checks, Healthy School Aged Kids and Childhood Vaccination program. She has two postgraduate qualifications in audiometry and child and family health, and is currently finishing a Master in Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) at Charles Darwin University.

**Dr Michelle Smith**

Michele is the General Manager/Director of Nursing for Tennant Creek Hospital and has been in this role since 2014.  Michele has held senior nursing roles in both acute and Primary Health Care Settings and has completed a Masters of Health Administration. Michele is an Associate Fellow of the Australasian College of Health Service Management and until recently was the Chair for the Australian College of Nursing for the Central region.  Michele was also the recipient of the NT Nursing and Midwifery award in the category of Remote Nurse of the Year in 2013.  Michele is passionate about the delivery of health services in rural and remote areas.

**Mish Hill**

Mish is a registered Nurse and Midwife with her Masters in Science (Midwifery). Having worked in remote and regional services in Australia, and a number of overseas countries, successfully contributing in roles of Executive Director of Nursing for Al Wakra Hospital, Qatar and Joint Chief Nursing Officer for Hamad Medical Corporation, Qatar which encompassed 15 hospitals. Currently, Mish is the Acting Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer for the Department of Health, NT; whilst continuing in her nominal role as the Executive Director of Nursing and Midwifery for the Top End Health Service. Mish is an energetic, pro-active and committed health care leader, focused on strategically planning and executing continually improving systems and processes to ensure effective, accessible, safe and compassionate patient cantered care.

**Associate Professor Nadarajah Kangaharan (Dr Kanga)**

Dr Kanga is the Medical Co-Director of the Division of Medicine and a practising senior staff specialist clinician in the fields of Cardiology and General Medicine based at Royal Darwin Hospital. He also provides outreach and telehealth specialist support to Top End remote clinics and Danila Dilba Heallth Service and Darwin Holtze Prison. He also works as private specialist at Darwin Private Hospital and at NT Cardiac who provide specialist cardiology investigations to public patients. Kanga has academic afflictions with Flinders University as Associate Professor in Medicine, Menzies School of Health Research as Honorary Clinical Fellow and he was the immediate past Chair of the Indigenous Health Council for the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand. Dr Kanga is the Clinical Sponsor for the Core Clinical Systems Replacement Program (CCSRP) which is a major health business transformational project to create a single Integrated Electronic Health Record (“Acacia”) for Territorians.​ He has been recognised as the NT clinical educator of the year 2020 by the NT Prevocational Medical Assurance Services.

**Dr Paul Burgess**

Paul is the acting Chief Clinical Information Officer at the NT Department of Health and a Director of the NT Primary Health Network. Paul is a Senior Remote General Practitioner and Public Health Physician, and holds a PhD in Health Services Research. He is the acting Director of the Population and Digital Health branch, undertaking work across the disciplines of epidemiology, health economics, health informatics, digital health and innovation. Over more than 20 years in the NT, he has worked as a registrar in Paediatrics at Royal Darwin Hospital, the Centre for Disease Control, Aboriginal Medical Services, as a remote medical practitioner in Arnhem Land, and is actively involved in the implementation and evaluation of National and Territory health reforms.

**Dr Penelope (Penny) Stewart**

**Penny Stewart is the Director of the Intensive Care Unit in Alice Springs Hospital and is a representative on the board of the Intensive Care College addressing the rural matters. As an intensivist she always tried to reduce the number of people requiring intensive care as the need for Intensive care often means the systems to reduce the severity of disease or prevent serious disease have failed. Penny has led several clinical audits to identify chronic conditions underlying intensive care admission. Penny has led work analysing perceptions of care in the critically ill patient using this work to produce DVDs to improve communication to Aboriginal people and training podcasts for clinicians.**

**Mr Raymond Anderson**

Raymond Anderson is a Garawa/Yanuwa man from Borroloola and is an emerging leader. Raymond is well respected in his community and is an advocator for Borroloola as a Local Authority Member whom sits on the Borroloola Roper Gulf Council Board and is also Vice President of the Borroloola Show Committee. Raymond is currently employed by NT Health as a Registered Aboriginal Health practitioner, providing culturally appropriate health care practices to his community. This work and connection with community has enabled him to successfully coordinate and assist many community events and programs with great success and highlighted outcomes, whether it was health incorporated, community driven, empowering men or advocating for the benefits of Borroloola as a town to grow, develop and thrive.

**Ms Rhiannon Robinson**

Rhiannon is a Registered Nurse and a team member of Katherine Hospital’s Perioperative Department. Rhiannon qualified in Nursing in 2010 and obtained a Graduate Diploma of Perioperative Nursing from Charles Darwin University in 2015. She has been a member of the NT Perioperative Nurses Association (NTPNA) since February 2015, and is a team member of the Australian College Perioperative Nurses (ACORN) Standards Review team for the 2016-2017 standards. She has presented at both the ACORN and NTPNA perioperative conferences.

**Associate Professor Robert Parker**

Rob is the Director of Psychiatry for Top End Mental Health Services and Consultation Liaison Psychiatrist for Royal Darwin Hospital. He is an Associate Professor with Flinders University Medical School and the NT Medical Program. Rob is the current President of Australian Medical Association– NT Branch.

**Dr Samuel Goodwin**

Samuel is the Executive Director of Medical and Clinical Services with the Central Australian Health Service in Alice Springs in the Northern Territory. Samuel maintains his clinical practice as a rural generalist at the Tennant Creek Hospital, GP anaesthetist at the Alice Springs Hospital and mainstream general practitioner.

**Dr Tamsin Cockayne**

Tamsin is a General Practitioner (GP) and health manager with 19 years’ experience in the NT with particular interests in health system reform and remote and Indigenous health. Tamsin’s current roles include the Director of Primary Care Retrievals, TEHS and a GP visiting Pirlangimpi (Tiwi Islands). This builds on her extensive training and experience across many facets of the NT Primary Health Care system including clinical GP roles in remote, regional and urban settings and executive and management positions as previous Director of Medical Services at Gove Hospital, Director of Training at NTGPE, the NT’s regional GP training organisation and Executive Manager at NT PHN. Tamsin is a Member of the NT Board of the Medical Board of Australia, holds a dual Masters of Health Management and Public Health and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

**Mr Tobias Speare**

Tobias is a pharmacist with experience across a range of areas, including acute care, primary care and education/research, in remote, rural and metropolitan Australia and internationally. He is currently working at the Centre for Remote Health in Alice Springs, where he is involved in the education and research. Tobias is involved in the development and governance of the Remote Primary Health Care Manuals as chair of the Pharmacy Working Group and treasurer of Central Australian Rural Practitioners Association.