

# BRETT TINDALL

## MEMORIAL LECTURE 2019

**Kirby Institute** Special Event

### Applying evidence to the hepatitis C and HIV response

Dr Kerry Chant

NSW Chief Health Officer and Deputy Secretary of the Population and  
Public Health Division, NSW Ministry of Health

**Wednesday 23 October**

Berg Family Foundation Seminar Room,  
Level 6, Wallace Wurth Building, Kensington Campus

#### Program

- 4:30pm** Brett Tindall Memorial Lecture:  
Dr Kerry Chant
- 5:15pm** Panel discussion
- 5:45pm** Cocktail reception



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### Dr Kerry Chant

NSW Ministry of Health

**Dr Kerry Chant** is Chief Health Officer and leads the Population and Public Health Division of NSW Ministry of Health, which has accountabilities for a broad portfolio of issues, including tobacco control, reduction of risk drinking and obesity, the promotion of physical activity, end of life care and organ donation.

The Population and Public Health Division coordinates the strategic direction, planning, monitoring and performance of population health services across the State. The Division is responsible for improving health and reducing health inequity through measures that prevent disease and injury. Population health services aim to create social and physical environments that promote health and provide people with accessible information to encourage healthier choices.

As Chief Health Officer, Dr Chant also works closely with the Office for Health and Medical Research which supports the State's leading health and medical research efforts. The Office for Health and Medical Research collaborates with the health and medical research communities, the higher education sector and business to promote growth and innovation in research to achieve better health, environmental and economic outcomes for the people of NSW.

Dr Chant was first appointed to the role of Chief Health Officer on 1 February 2009. She has a particular interest in the response to HIV, hepatitis C and hepatitis B, Aboriginal health and obesity.



### Professor Andrew Grulich

Kirby Institute

**Professor Andrew Grulich** leads the HIV Epidemiology and Prevention Program at the Kirby Institute. He is a public health physician and epidemiologist, and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences. In his research in HIV and STI prevention, he has worked closely with clinicians, government and the community, and has held a number of senior roles in state and federal policy committees.



### Mr Nicolas Parkhill

ACON

**Mr Nicolas Parkhill** has over 22 years of experience in the public and community health sectors. Since 2009 he has been the CEO of ACON, Australia's largest health promotion organisation specialising in HIV and LGBTI health. Prior to this role Nicolas worked in a variety of senior management and policy roles for NSW Health and the NSW Cabinet Office. Nicolas currently serves on the board of APCOM, the peak body in the Asia Pacific region for men who have sex with men in relation to HIV, sexual health and human rights.



### Dr Mary Ellen Harrod

NUAA

**Dr Mary Ellen Harrod** is the CEO of the NSW Users and AIDS Association (NUAA). She joined NUAA in 2005 with a focus on community empowerment. In the past five years, NUAA's work has expanded from its core business of hepatitis C prevention and treatment into alcohol and other drug consumer participation and festival harm reduction. NUAA is now seen as a key stakeholder across multiple policy spaces in NSW as evident in the extensive input into the current Special Inquiry into the drug ice.



### Scientia Professor Carla Treloar

Centre for Social Research in Health

**Scientia Professor Carla Treloar** is Director of the Centre for Social Research in Health and the Social Policy Research Centre at UNSW Sydney. Her work crosses disciplines of health psychology, sociology, public health and health services research in the fields of drug use, hepatitis C, experience of incarceration, and in Aboriginal health. She has been a member of more than 50 advisory committees for government, health agencies and non-government organisations.



Host

### Professor Anthony Kelleher

Kirby Institute

**Professor Anthony (Tony) Kelleher** is the Director of the Kirby Institute and a clinician scientist who has been working in the field of HIV research and immunology for over 30 years. He is internationally renowned, having been involved with every HIV vaccine trial conducted in Australia as well as a number of phase I-IV clinical trials, especially those involving patients with primary infection. He has been with the Kirby Institute since 2001, serving as head of the Immunovirology and Pathogenesis Program since 2005.



Welcome

### Scientia Professor Vlado Perkovic

UNSW Medicine

**Professor Vlado Perkovic** is the Dean of Medicine at UNSW Sydney. Prior to this, he was the Executive Director of The George Institute. He is Staff Specialist in Nephrology at the Royal North Shore Hospital. His research focus is in clinical trials and epidemiology, particularly in preventing the progression of kidney disease. He leads several international clinical trials and is involved in developing Australian and global treatment guidelines. He has played a central role in the development of an affordable dialysis system, which was a Eureka Prize finalist in 2017.



**Dr Brett Tindall** was one of the most prolific figures in the fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic when it swept Australia, and the world, in the 1980s. As a skilled researcher, Brett dedicated his life's work to the scientific and community responses to HIV/AIDS, and when he himself learned of his HIV positive status, he made it his mission to find a cure. He was a close colleague and friend to many at the Kirby Institute, including our inaugural Director, Professor David Cooper, and Patron, the Honourable Michael Kirby, and was deeply involved during the Kirby Institute's early years as a researcher and in the establishment of the Institute.

In 1988, he caught the attention of the World Health Organization and was often called on by Dr Jonathan Mann, Director of the Global Programme on AIDS, for his expertise and insight. Brett served as a consultant for the WHO to governments in the Western Pacific region to assist in the establishment of HIV surveillance and policy in 1991 and 1992.

Brett passed away in 1994, aged just 33. We welcome you to the 8th Brett Tindall Memorial Lecture. Today, we remain inspired by his tenacity and determination as we strive to find a cure for HIV.

**The Brett Tindall Memorial Lecture is an annual lecture awarded by the Kirby Institute to an outstanding contributor to infectious disease treatment, prevention or cure.**

It is awarded in memory of Dr Brett Tindall, who was one of the Kirby Institute's first researchers in the 1980s.

He died of AIDS in 1994.

Brett's research focussed on the process of seroconversion and the body's responses to the entry of HIV.

*"Who can tell?" said the Badger.  
"People come – they stay for a while, they flourish, they build – and they go. It is their way. But we remain. There were badgers here, I've been told, long before that same city ever came to be. And now there are badgers here again. We are an enduring lot, and we may move out for a time, but we wait, and we are patient, and back we come.*

*And so it will ever be."*

— Wind in the Willows

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