



**ONEMDA INDUCTION  
2026**



## Onemda History Project

### History

Established in 1999 with five years of core funding from the [Victorian Health Promotion Foundation](#) and the [Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing \(now Department of Health\)](#), Onemda was originally named the VicHealth Koori Health Research and Community Development Unit, and was located in the [Centre for Health and Society](#) in the University of Melbourne's [Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences \(MDHS\)](#). In 2014 it was renamed the VicHealth Koori Health Group, and re-located in the [Indigenous Health Equity Unit](#) in the [Centre for Health Equity](#) within the [Melbourne School of Population and Global Health](#).

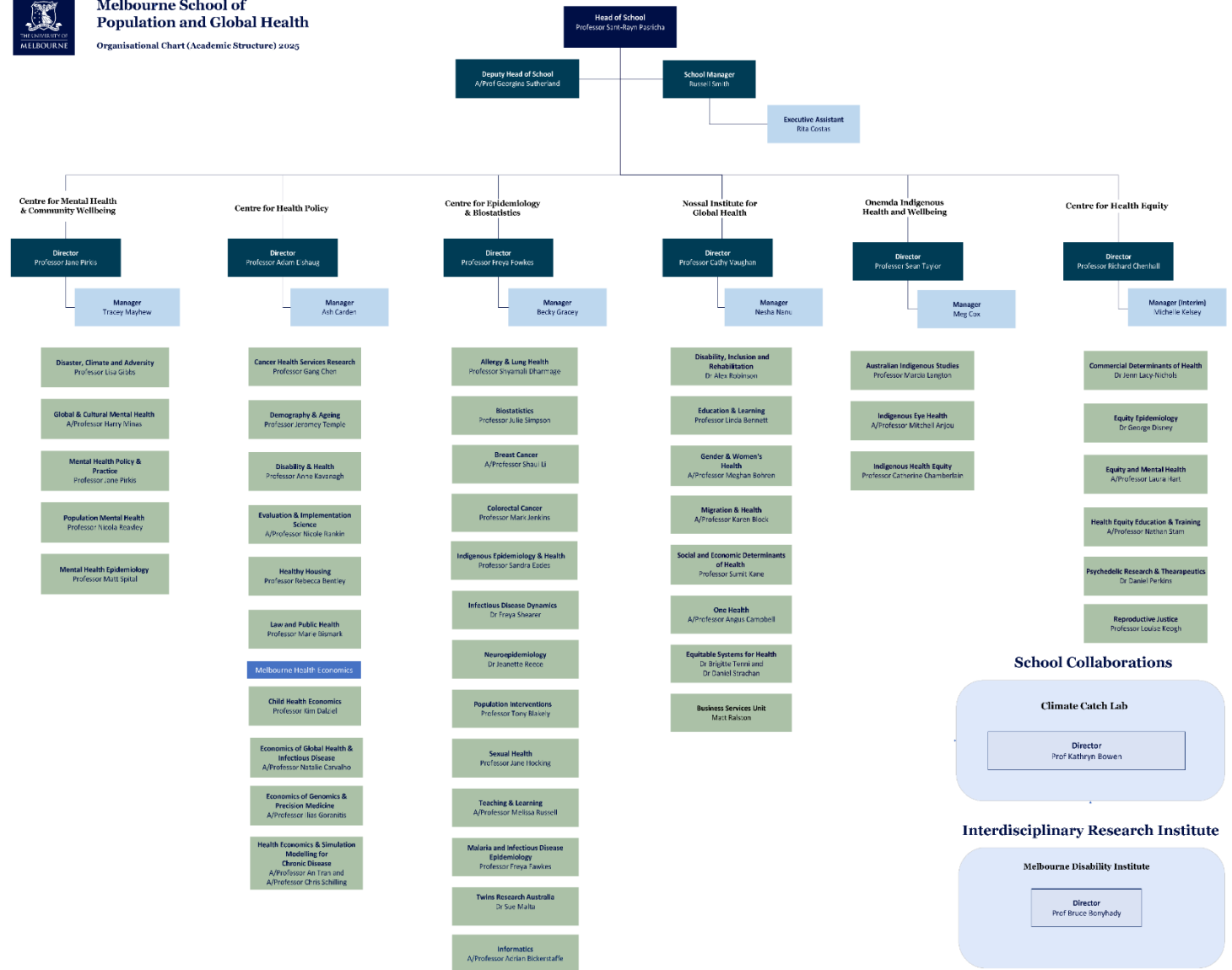
**Onemda: Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander Health and Wellbeing**

**\*\* MSPGH Change Plan currently underway**

# MELBOURNE SCHOOL OF POPULATION AND GLOBAL HEALTH



**Melbourne School of Population and Global Health**  
Organisational Chart (Academic Structure) 2025



# School Executive Structure

Head of School  
*Prof Sant-Rayn Pasricha*

School Manager  
*Russell Smith*

Finance BP  
*Nancy Palamara*

Executive  
Assistant  
*Rita Costas*

School Executive  
Committee

# ONEMDA

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Wellbeing Centre

Professor Sean Taylor (Onemda Director)

### Onemda Staff (not within Units)

#### Operations:

Ms Meg Cox, *Centre Manager*  
Ms Ruth Hentschel, *Centre Ops & EA to Director*  
TBC, *Communications Strategist*

*Onemda Honorary Staff*  
Emeritus Professor Hugh Taylor  
Professor Warwick Anderson

#### Research, Teaching & Cultural Governance

Aunty Dr Doseena Fergie, *Cultural Lead (casual)*  
Mr Warwick Padgham, *Research Fellow*  
Dr Jo Luke, *Senior Research Fellow*  
Abe Ropitini, *Senior Research Fellow, MSHS*  
A/Prof David Gallant, *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Curriculum Development Lead*

### Committees & Advisory Groups

#### Onemda Executive

Onemda Director  
Unit Heads  
Centre Manager

#### Teaching and Learning

TBC

#### Workforce

TBC

#### Communications

Comms Strategist  
TBC

#### Patrons Advisory Group

Prof Ian Anderson  
Aunty Di Kerr  
Aunty Dr Doseena Fergie

### INDIGENOUS STUDIES UNIT Prof Marcia Langton (Unit Head)



A/Prof Kristen Smith (Research Director)  
Dr Andrea Clarke (Snr Research Fellow)  
Dr Rebecca Ritte (Research Fellow)  
A/Prof Ross Jones (Snr Research Fellow)  
Ms Sandy Lowres (Exec Officer)  
Ms Awhina Gray (Project Manager)  
Ms Mayanna Tagaloa (Project Manager)

Ms Isy Oderberg (Comms Strategy)  
Ms Louise Murray (Manager, Digital Archives and Collections)  
Mr Casey Haseloff (Indigenous Data Officer)  
Mr Jamie Feiss (Data Infrastructure Developer)

#### ISU HONORARY STAFF

Dr Arnaud Morvan  
Abdi Karya  
Nurabdiansyah

Dr Suzanne Spinner  
Craig Ritchie

#### Major funded projects:

Improving Indigenous Research Capabilities (ARDC, 2024-2028)  
IDN Community Data Project (NIAA, 2021-2025)  
Improving understandings and responses to Alcohol-related family violence for Aboriginal People (NHMRC, 2020-2026)

### MINUM BARRENG (INDIGENOUS EYE HEALTH UNIT) A/Prof Mitchell Anjou (Unit Head)



Ms Emma Stanford (Deputy Head)  
Mr Shaun Tatipata (Deputy Head)  
Ms Makkaillah Ridgeway (Admin Officer)

#### IEHU Honorary Staff

Prof Emeritus Hugh Taylor  
A/Prof Kris Rallah-Baker  
Dr Guy Gillor

#### Major funded projects:

Trachoma Health Promotion - including transition (Australian Government 2025-2026)  
Improving First Nations Eye Health (philanthropy [various] 2025-2029)

### INDIGENOUS HEALTH EQUITY UNIT Prof Cath Chamberlain (Unit Head)



Dr Elise Davis (Snr Research Fellow)  
Ms Ellen McEvoy (Research Assistant)  
Ms Maddy Lyon (Research Assistant)  
Ms Storm Henry (casual)  
Ms Skye Stewart (Research Assistant)  
Dr Claire Gallagher (Research Fellow)  
Dr Kim Jones (Snr Research Fellow)  
Ms Leanne Slade (Admin)  
Ms Rebekah Julian (Research Assistant)

Dr Helen Henderson (Research Fellow)  
Ms Kelsey Madden (Research Assistant)  
Ms Neve Bue (Research Assistant)  
Ms Isabella Freijah (Research Fellow)  
Dr Shakira Onwuka (Research Fellow)  
Ms Kristy Meiselbach (Research Assistant)  
Ms Erin Alexander (Research Fellow)  
Dr Nusrat Khan (Research Fellow)  
Dr Mandy Truong (Snr Research Fellow)  
Dr Tiffany Phillips (Research Fellow)

#### IEHU Honorary Staff

Dr Jacyntha Krakouer  
Prof Naomi Priest  
A/Prof Caroline Atkinson

#### Major funded projects:

Healing the Past by Nurturing the Future (MRFF, 2018-2026)  
Replanting the Birthing Trees (MRFF, 2022-2027)  
Relighting the Firesticks (MRFF, 2024-2029)  
NHMRC Investigator (2024-2028)  
Healing the Past by Nurturing the Future – reducing Birth Trauma (MRFF, 2026 – 2031)

# Onemda Professional Staff



**Meg Cox**  
Centre Manager

**Agreement Administrator**

Support across governance, HR and finance activities for the following units:

**Indigenous Studies**

**Indigenous Eye Health**

**Indigenous Health Equity**

- Centre budget management
- Strategic and business planning
- Professional staff team management and leadership
- Teaching and learning planning (Onemda coordinated subjects)
- Escalated problem resolution
- Represents Onemda at School /Faculty/Uni Committees
- Process improvement
- Fixed Term and casual renewal oversight
- Recruitment process



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**Ruth Hentschel**  
Centre  
Administrator/EA

- Centre Administrator
- Centre Director EA activities
- Secretariat – Onemda Executive Group
- Onemda website maintenance
- Academic promotions
- Honorary contract management
- Induction activities
- Stationery management
- Process improvement
- Onemda events and activities coordinator
- Casual contracts and renewals



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# Key Induction reminders & links...

- **UOM STAFF SELF SERVICE** provides assistance with finance, HR/payroll & IT issues...
  - Phone 8344 0888 OR
  - Visit [Staff Services \(service-now.com\)](http://service-now.com)
  - Knowledge based articles (KBAs) can also be found via the above link which may assist with your query.
- **UOM** uses [Workday](#) for HR, finance and post-award research and [Cayuse](#) for pre- award research. The [Staff Hub](#) is a useful page to link you to KBAs on how to interact with both Workday and Cayuse.
- **RESEARCH GATEWAY** provides resources relating to funding schemes, costing & pricing, ethics [Research Gateway](#)
- All documents requiring **HoD approval must go via Meg/Ruth.**
- **Internal approval** is required for many processes (e.gs below) so please **contact Meg to progress..**
  - *Research:* Grant/contract funding submissions, research/consultancy agreement set up
  - *HR:* recruitment, contract extensions, FTE changes, promotions, honorary appointments
  - *Finance:* Purchasing Card requests, invoices for payment, independent contractor

## OTHER USEFUL LINKS...

### Onemda

Homepage: <https://mspgh.unimelb.edu.au/centres-institutes/onemda>

Intranet: <https://mspgh.unimelb.edu.au/centres-institutes/onemda/intranet/onemda-staff-student-intranet>

New Staff Resources: <https://mspgh.unimelb.edu.au/centres-institutes/onemda/onemda-staff-news/onemda-staff-news/new-staff-resources>

### MSPGH

Homepage: <https://mspgh.unimelb.edu.au>

Intranet: <https://staff.unimelb.edu.au/mdhs/mspgh>

### UOM

Staff Hub: <https://staff.unimelb.edu.au>

Staff Services: <https://unimelb.edu.service-now.com/sp>

Workday: <https://wd105.myworkday.com/unimelb/d/home.html>

CayUse: <https://uom.prod-au.cayuse.com/sp/proposals>