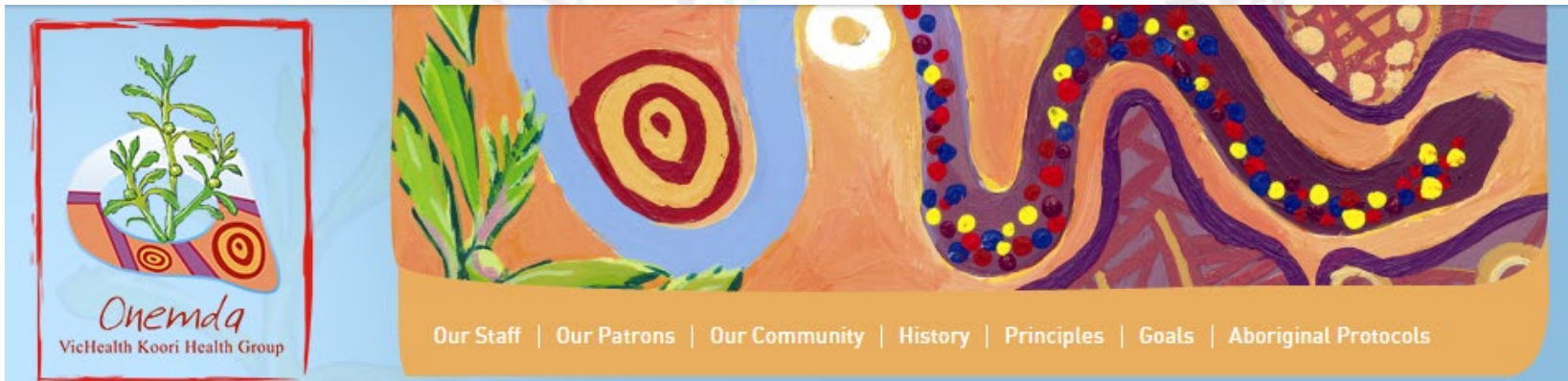




ONEMDA INDUCTION

2023



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](#).

Unfortunately the Onemda VicHealth Group was defunded in 2016. As such, much of the content on this website is out of date. The website remains active as a source of resources and information.



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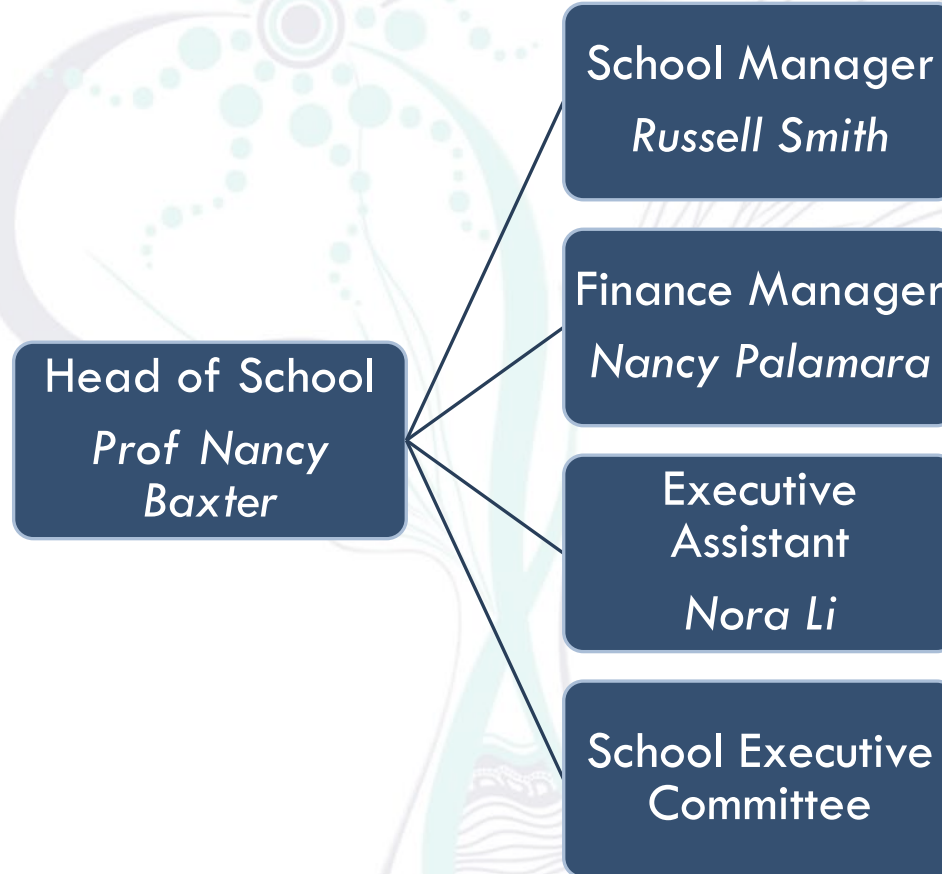
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School Executive Structure



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Director: Prof Cath Chamberlain

Unit

Indigenous Eye Health

Indigenous Health Equity

Australian Indigenous Studies

Head

A/Prof Mitchell Anjou

Prof Cath Chamberlain

Prof Marcia Langton

Programs

Roadmap to Close the Gap for Vision

Elimination of Trachoma

Diabetes Eye Care

Healing the Past by Nurturing the Future

Developing culturally responsive public health emergency response framework for First Nations communities during COVID-19

Replanting the Birthing Trees

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Is Curricula Project
Aboriginal Remote Narrowcast Tv & AV Archive
Agreements, Treaties & Negotiated Settlements
Alcohol management in Indigenous communities
Cultural Heritage
Indigenous Data Network
Indigenous Family Violence
Local Aboriginal Community Archives
Reclaiming Performance Under Assimilation in Southeast Australia 1935-75 (2018-21)
Representation, Remembrance and the Memorial
Return, Reconcile, Review: Understanding the history, effects & opportunities of repatriation and building an evidence base for the future (2014-2017)



ONEMDA: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Wellbeing Centre

OPERATIONS

Meg Cox
Ruth Hentschel
Kerrie Armstrong

COMMITTEES & ADVISORY GROUPS

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Unit Heads and senior
staff/committee
representatives

Teaching and Learning
Committee

Research and Grants
Committee

Community Engagement
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Committee

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Head: Prof Marcia Langton

Indigenous Eye Health Unit
Head: A/Prof Mitchell Anjou

Indigenous Health Equity Unit
Head: Prof Cath Chamberlain

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Dr Carlie Atkinson

Major funded projects:

ARDC Improving Indigenous Research Capabilities (2021-2022)
IDN Community Data Project (2021-2024)
NHMRC Alcohol-related family violence (2020-2024)
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Curricula Project

Major funded projects:

The elimination of Trachoma in Australia
The Roadmap to Close the Gap for Vision
End avoidable vision loss and blindness in Aboriginal communities

Major funded projects:

Healing the Past by Nurturing the Future (2018-2026)
Replanting the Birthing Trees (2022-2027)

ONEMDA STRATEGIC PLAN OVERVIEW

Our Purpose: Onemda is an Indigenous centre specialising in public health with a focus on research and teaching aimed at improving health and wellbeing outcomes in Australia and elsewhere through partnerships and collaborations and strong ethical foundations.

Our Theme:

R	<i>Relationships</i>
E	<i>Empowerment</i>
S	<i>Safe Place</i>
P	<i>Prioritization of Indigenous Perspectives</i>
E	<i>Establishment</i>
C	<i>Collaboration</i>
T	<i>Thriving</i>



Our Units:

Indigenous Studies Unit (Head: Prof Marcia Langton)

The Indigenous Studies Unit undertakes research aiming to improve outcomes in Indigenous health and wellbeing, particularly in relation to alcohol misuse and family violence, Indigenous data governance, digital archives, cultural heritage, technology and resource management. We make regular contributions to Parliamentary reviews and Inquiries, cross-platform media, and policy development.

Indigenous Eye Health Unit (Head: A/Prof Mitchell Anjou)

IEH aims to Close the Gap for Vision for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through world-leading research, policy formation, advocacy and implementation. Research has established the state of Indigenous eye health in Australia and current service availability and explored barriers and enablers to the delivery of eye health services for Indigenous peoples. The evidence gathered has guided the development of a comprehensive policy framework that is supported by the Indigenous and mainstream health sectors and government. IEH is currently actively engaged in providing the necessary advocacy and technical support to Close the Gap for Vision.

Indigenous Health Equity Unit (Head: Prof Catherine Chamberlain)

The Indigenous Health Equity Unit is a research and teaching unit at The University of Melbourne committed to partnering with and producing research for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. We do rigorous, innovative research and teaching, centred on the strength and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, to promote wellbeing. Our work is underpinned by the principles of self-determination. We work in partnership with communities and appreciate the support of Community Elders.

Our Patrons:

Prof Ian Anderson
Aunty Di Kerr
Aunty Doseena Fergie

Our Committees:

Research and Grants
Community Engagement & Knowledge Exchange
Teaching and Learning

Our Objectives:

Cultural Governance	Innovation	Teaching and Learning	Impact	Collaboration	Indigenous Influence	Cultural Safety	Sustainability
Develop strong cultural governance by engaging outstanding leaders as patrons and establishing an advisory group to provide cultural and strategic guidance.	Lead and collaborate, within MSPGH and with external partners, to build collaborative research, teaching and supervision teams that drive innovative research and increase competitive grant success, to develop and inform effective health policy, programs, and teaching programs.	Provide a nurturing learning environment and teaching programs with multiple pathways that incorporate Indigenous ways of knowing, doing and being to undertake public health research and programs.	Build wise leadership and communication capability among staff and students to become strong advocates, validated by appropriate community authority, for policy and program impact.	Build and maintain strong, transparent partnerships with communities, health services, policy makers and other academic institutions, as well as within the University of Melbourne, that demonstrate respect for self-determination and trust.	Be ambitious in recruitment and retention of Indigenous students and staff (50%) positions to foster Indigenous leadership and two-way learning within the academy.	Provide ongoing learning opportunities to foster a workplace free of racism where students and staff can develop expertise, cultural safety and knowledge to work effectively within Indigenous public health.	Build a sustainable recognisable Centre with strong leadership to attract staff, students, partners and funding.

Onemda Professional Staff 2024



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
- Represent Onemda at School/Faculty/Uni Committees
- Process improvement
- Fixed Term and casual renewal oversight
- Recruitment processes



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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...

- **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.
- **THEMIS** houses all HR, finance & research detail. Visit Themis for payslip/payment summary detail, leave applications, changes to FTE/work pattern [Themis](#)
- **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.g.s 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...

MSPGH Website: <https://mspgh.unimelb.edu.au>

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

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

Onemda Intranet: [Onemda Staff-Student Intranet \(unimelb.edu.au\)](https://staff.unimelb.edu.au/onemda)

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

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