

Head of Health Care Safety and Quality Unit

Vicki Bennett

Vicki Bennett joined the AIHW in June 2007, after spending almost two years in Fiji on an AusAID development assignment, working as the manager for health information services.

Prior to Fiji she worked at Medicare Australia and was responsible for internal and external requests for Medicare and PBS data and worked very closely with the AIHW.

Ms Bennett has over 17 years experience in health information and has worked in every part of the health sector from government departments and agencies



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through to urban and rural hospitals and acute and sub-acute health care.

As head of the Health Care Safety and Quality Unit, Ms Bennett has responsibility to develop and maintain a national system of information that enhances the safety and quality of health care across Australia. ■

Head of Finance and Commercial Services Unit

Andrew Tharle



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Andrew Tharle has excellent financial and strategic budget experience, with over 10 years experience as a senior financial officer in an Australian Government agency.

He has relevant experience in a small agency under a Board, having been at the Australian Fisheries Management Authority for 10 years prior to joining the AIHW. Mr Tharle

has previously worked for a couple of small accounting firms and is CPA qualified with a Bachelor of Commerce from the Australian National University.

Andrew heads up the Finance and Commercial Services Unit, which provides services that support the Institute's financial and business operations. The key responsibilities of the Unit are advising on strategies and policies for the optimal use of the Institute's financial resources to achieve its business objectives. ■

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Head of Housing Assistance Unit

Tracie Ennis

Tracie Ennis, a self confessed science/math's nerd, heads up the Housing Assistance Unit (HAU). With a background in human biology, Tracie mostly worked in the public sector in a range of departments including Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Immigration, and Health and Community Services. She has also worked as a laboratory technician, a pharmaceutical representative, a debt collector and a nursery owner/manager.

Tracie has over five years experience in the HAU, which has provided her with a sense of history and understanding of the issues relating to the area.

The Housing Assistance Unit is broadly responsible for data development, collection and annual reporting against



the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement. The HAU also recently took on responsibility for Indigenous community housing and is currently waiting to see what the new National Affordable Housing Agreement will look like, as it will have quite an impact on the work the Unit does. ■

Head of Mental Health Services Unit

Gary Hanson



As a registered psychologist in the ACT, Gary Hanson brings to the AIHW a wealth of experience, from his 22 years as a military psychologist and a further 8 years in a civilian position as the Senior Research Manager with the Directorate of Strategic Personnel and Planning with the Department of Defence.

Mr Hanson has extensive experience in survey design and analysis, project management, optical scanning and text recognition, web surveying, text and data mining, applied personnel research and quantitative and qualitative analysis.

As Head of the Mental Health Services Unit, Mr Hanson is responsible for the three National Minimum Datasets (NMDS)—the Mental Health Establishments NMDS, the Residential Mental Health Care NMDS and the Community Mental Health Care NMDS. His unit also publishes the *Mental health services in Australia* report annually, an important national resource discussing the characteristics and activity of Australia's mental health services. ■

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