

The WorkHealth Advisory Group

The WorkHealth Advisory Group has been established to oversee the development and implementation of the WorkHealth initiative to ensure the best possible outcome for the initiative.

Membership of the WorkHealth Advisory Group is determined by the Board of the Victorian WorkCover Authority. External members of the group are drawn from a range of backgrounds including employer, employee groups and the health sector.

<p>Elana Rubin <i>Chair</i></p> <p><i>Victorian WorkCover Authority</i></p>	<p>Elana was appointed a Director of the Victorian WorkCover Authority in December 2001 and as Chair of the Board of Management in February 2006. Elana is also Chair of Australian Super, one of the largest superannuation funds in Australia. Elana has extensive experience in superannuation, investments and financial services.</p> <p>Elana is also Chair of Victorian Rail Track Corporation and a Director of Bravura Solutions Limited, Industry Super Property Trust, Tower Australia Limited and the Transport Accident Commission (TAC).</p>
<p>Kathy Bell <i>CEO</i></p> <p><i>Heart Foundation (Victoria)</i></p>	<p>Kathy Bell has held senior positions in health at a national and state level for over sixteen years, including over five years at the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing.</p> <p>She also has extensive experience in the not-for-profit sector where her work has included a senior role with the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, founding Executive Officer of the Australian Rural Health Education Network, and CEO of General Practice and Primary Health Care Northern Territory.</p> <p>Since taking up her current position as CEO of the Heart Foundation (Victoria), Kathy has focussed on building partnerships with other health organisations, government bodies and corporate supporters, with the aim of working together to prevent and better manage cardiovascular disease.</p> <p>Kathy's qualifications include Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Graduate Certificate in Health Economics, and Master of Public Health</p>
<p>Brian Boyd <i>Secretary</i></p> <p><i>Victorian Trades Hall Council</i></p>	<p>Brian Boyd's career in worker representation spans nearly 30 years. He was elected secretary of the Victorian Trades Hall Council in May 2005, having been an industrial officer with the council from 1988 onwards.</p> <p>From 1979 to 1988, he was a Victorian organiser and an industrial officer for the Builders Labourers Federation. He is currently a member of the Victorian WorkCover Authority Advisory Committee, the Building Industry Consultative Council, the Manufacturing Industry Consultative Council and the ACTU executive.</p> <p>Brian is a current member of Foundations for Safety, the peak tripartite forum for construction safety in Victoria. He is also a member of WorkSafe Victoria's Occupational Health and Safety Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Brian holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree and Diploma of Education from Latrobe University in Melbourne.</p>
<p>Dr Chris Brook <i>Executive Director</i></p> <p><i>Department Human Services, Victoria</i></p>	<p>As Executive Director, Rural & Regional Health & Aged Care Services, Chris is responsible for all rural and regional health and aged care services which includes Public Health, Primary and Community Health, Dental Health, Rural and Regional specific health policy and statewide quality and safety.</p> <p>Chris' original postgraduate training was as a specialist physician but he has subsequently gained specialist qualifications in public health medicine, and in medical administration.</p> <p>Chris is deputy chair of the Jurisdictional Blood Committee; a member of the National Health Development Principal Committee; and co-chairs the Population Health Information Development Committee.</p> <p>He is former president and an honorary life member of the International Society for Quality in Healthcare (ISQua), and a Fellow of the Victorian Division of the Institute of Public Administration, Australia (IPAA).</p>

<p>Professor John Catford <i>Dean of the Faculty of Health, Medicine, Nursing and Behavioural Sciences</i> Deakin University</p>	<p>Professor John Catford brings to WorkHealth over 20 years of experience in the planning, management, and evaluation of health services, both in Australia and overseas and is highly respected in the field of health promotion.</p> <p>His areas of expertise and interest include chronic disease prevention, child and youth health, health workforce development, rural and regional health, whole of government approaches and mainstreaming public health approaches into health services.</p> <p>Professor Catford was the state's Chief Health/Medical Officer and Executive Director of Public Health before being appointed Dean of the Faculty of Health, Medicine, Nursing and Behavioural Sciences and Professor of Health Development at Deakin University. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Monash University</p> <p>Professor Catford is Editor-in Chief of the journal Health Promotion International, has been widely published in more than 300 publications and holds a number of board and advisory committee positions.</p>
<p>Todd Harper CEO <i>VicHealth</i></p>	<p>Todd has a long standing career in public health and health promotion and a strong commitment to cooperative approaches to achieving improved health outcomes. Todd commenced his position at VicHealth in April 2007, following many years in tobacco control and HIV/AIDS.</p> <p>As Quit Victoria's Executive Director from 1999 to 2007, he led Quit and the VicHealth Centre for Tobacco Control to a position of national and international recognition for their work on tobacco control.</p> <p>Following various positions for Tasmania's Department of Health and Human Services, including in the area of community housing, Todd held the position of Executive Director of the Tasmanian Council on AIDS and Related Diseases.</p> <p>He has a degree in economics, a postgraduate diploma in health promotion and in 2008 completed requirements for a Masters in health economics.</p>
<p>Wayne Kayler-Thomson Chief Executive Officer VECCI</p>	<p>As Chief Executive Officer of VECCI, Australia's largest Chamber of Commerce, Wayne brings an important industry perspective to WorkHealth. He has extensive private and public sector management and business experience in tourism, regional economic development and manufacturing.</p> <p>Wayne is also currently Chief Executive Officer of the Victoria Tourism Industry Council (VTIC) and the Victoria Events Industry Council (VEIC). These are Victoria's peak industry organisations providing advocacy, representation and industry development services for the tourism and events industry.</p>
<p>Tim Piper Director <i>Victoria, Australian Industry Group</i></p>	<p>Tim Piper is the Victorian Director of the Australian Industry Group (Ai Group) and brings to the WorkHealth Initiative a wealth of industry knowledge and experience across a wide range of sectors.</p> <p>Ai Group represents nearly 10,000 manufacturing, IT, telecommunications, construction and utility companies across Australia, with almost 4,000 members in Victoria. Tim was previously Executive Director of the Australian Retailers Association Victoria for five years.</p> <p>Tim is a member of the Victorian WorkCover Advisory Committee and the Ministerial Climate Change Reference Council. He chairs the Manufacturing Skills and Training Taskforce and the Industry Capacity Network (ICN). He has also been an Australia Day Ambassador for the past three years.</p> <p>Tim has practised as a barrister and solicitor in Australia and the UK and worked as a journalist in television, radio and newspapers. He has also completed an MBA. He is a director of a number of companies, included the Microsurgery Foundation.</p>
<p>Fran Thorn Secretary <i>Department Human Services, Victoria</i></p>	<p>Fran was appointed Secretary of the Department of Human Services in March 2007. As Secretary, Fran is responsible for a portfolio which encompasses health, community services, housing, aged care and disability.</p> <p>Previously, Fran was Secretary of the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development, Under Secretary of the Department of Sustainability and Environment and Deputy Secretary of the Policy and Cabinet Group in the Department of Premier and Cabinet.</p> <p>A former Director of KPMG Consulting Pty Ltd, in Australia and Hong Kong, .Fran consulted to the education sector and Government, providing advice on policy implementation, program evaluation strategy, costing and service delivery.</p> <p>Fran also brings 17 years experience in public sector administration and has been actively involved in managing implementation of reforms in government service delivery in education and training at a system-wide level and in the management of human resources at a public sector-wide level.</p>

