

MR VINCENT DE GIOVANNI

FORENSIC OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST

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QUALIFICATIONS

B.A. (Psychology) Macquarie University
M.Ed. (Adult Education)-[Specialising in Vocational Psychology and Career Counselling] University of Technology Sydney
Post-graduate studies in counselling Mitchell CAE [Now Charles Sturt University]
Certificate in Cognitive Behaviour Therapy Cognitive Behaviour Therapy Australia
Certificate in Rational Emotive Behaviour Therapy Cognitive Behaviour Therapy Australia
Primary Certificate in Rational Emotive Behaviour Therapy Albert Ellis Institute, New York

ACCREDITATIONS

Australian Psychology Registration Board No. PSY0001398043
State Australian Psychological Society (Member) Insurance Regulatory Authority NSW (SIRA) Authorised Health Practitioner
Fellow APS College of Forensic Psychologists.
Career Development Association of Australia (Professional Member).
American Psychological Association Division 17 Counselling Psychology (International Member).
Society for Vocational Psychology (International Member).

SUB-SPECIALTIES

CURRENT POSITIONS

Consultant Forensic & Occupational Psychologist in private practice (1992-Current)

Student Counsellor (1992-Current)
Mt Druitt Campus of the NSW OneTAFE Western Sydney

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NSW Dept Industrial Relations Vocational Guidance Bureau Six months specialist inservice training in psychometrics, test administration and interpretation; vocational psychology, vocational guidance, and individual and group counselling. (1980)

Vocational Guidance Officer (1980-1982)
Maitland

Vocational Guidance Officer/Youth Counsellor (1982-1983)
Newcastle

District Guidance Officer (1983-1987)
Albury

Program Director (1987-1988)
HESP Centre, Sydney

Consultant psychologist in vocational and clinical psychology and pain management counselling (1988-1990)
CPS Rehabilitation Services

Recruited to establish the AssessAbility Centre in the role of Principal Psychologist and Manager (1990-1992)

Consultant Forensic & Occupational Psychologist in private practice (March 1992)

BIOGRAPHY

Vocational psychology associates pty ltd (and its former entity MECA Consultants) is my own medicolegal civil forensic and occupational psychology consulting group established in October 1992 (as MECA) after the AssessAbility Centre ceased operating in this area. I and my associates work with paramedical specialists in the area of medico-legal civil forensic assessment and vocational rehabilitation assessment and consulting in NSW and the ACT for matters dealt with under workers compensation (Common Law proceedings), motor vehicle accident, public liability, medical negligence; superannuation and other personal injury legislations

LOCATION

Sydney

ADDITIONAL INFO

EMPLOYMENT AND EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW

1980 NSW Dept Industrial Relations Vocational Guidance Bureau. Six months specialist inservice training in psychometrics, test administration and interpretation; vocational psychology, vocational guidance, and individual and group counselling.

1980-1982 Vocational Guidance Officer Maitland, provision of vocational psychology and counselling services to departmental school age and adult clients, and other state and federal government departments, including the Dept. of Social Security,

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and the Commonwealth Employment Service.

1982-1983 Vocational Guidance Officer/Youth Counsellor Newcastle, functions as above with emphasis on adolescents, young adults and older retrenched steelworks workers. Headed a specially designed program for delinquent junior secondary students as the head of a state/federal interdepartmental team. Began post-graduate training in counselling at Mitchell CAE.

1983-1987 District Guidance Officer Albury. Duties and functions of a vocational psychologist and counsellor, with responsibility for provision of services to South-East NSW.

Registered in 1984 with Victorian Psychological Council as a Vocational and Counselling psychologist. Involved in the provision of psychological services to residents of North-East Victoria. Responsible for the provision of vocational psychology services in lieu of the Occupational Psychologist for the Albury Commonwealth Employment Service. Provided rehabilitation and psychological assessments for the Albury Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service. Provided psychological assessment services to a variety of state and non-state bodies including the Dept. of Probation and Parole; NSW Education Dept.; NSW TAFE; Victoria TAFE; NSW Dept. of Health - Community Health Services; Catholic Education Office; private denominational high schools; and a drug rehabilitation facility.

Co-researcher in the research and development of Australian norms for the Wesman Personnel Classification Test (unpublished) with A/Prof. J Athanasou PhD. MAPS. Collaborator on aspects of research related to the development of the Work Aspect Preference Scale with Prof. R Pryor PhD. MAPS.

1987-1988 HESP Centre (Sydney) Program Director. Management (including delivery) of professional services and administration of a community based rehabilitation and training centre for intellectually disabled young adults from English and non-English speaking backgrounds.

1988-1990 Consultant psychologist in vocational and clinical psychology and pain management counselling with CPS Rehabilitation Services. Provision of vocational assessments, neuropsychological assessments, vocational and educational

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counselling, behaviour modification and chronic pain disorder treatment.

Specialised in medico-legal vocational/psychological assessment. Pioneered the provision of Section 40 assessments from the new WorkCover Act to insurers, developing the general reporting format and structure that still remains in use today. Use of computer technology in vocational rehabilitation psychology.

1990-1992 Recruited to establish the AssessAbility Centre in the role of Principal Psychologist and Manager. Specialised in medico-legal psychological /vocational /rehabilitation assessments for Supreme Court common law proceedings in both workers compensation and third party motor vehicle accident claims.

Assessment of head injuries and neuropsychological aspects of head injury with Prof H Dickson FRACP FACRM (Professor in Rehabilitation Medicine).

March 1992 Consultant Forensic & Occupational Psychologist in private practice.

Provision of assessment services to vocational psychology associates pty ltd (formerly MECA Consultants), and clinical co-ordinator for medico-legal assessments.

Former Consultant Vocational & Clinical Psychologist to the Illawarra Occupational Health Rehabilitation Service, Mt Wilga Private Rehabilitation Hospital, WorkRight Occupational Rehabilitation Service, Valley Rehabilitation Service Newcastle, and Rehabilitation Unit Tamworth Base Hospital.

Former Case Manager for NSW head office of Comcare Australia; sessional Vocational Psychologist to the CRS Ashfield Regional Unit; Consultant Vocational Psychologist to the Liverpool Area Rehabilitation Clinic, and CRS Liverpool Regional Unit.

Past provider of (group) counselling services to Ferguson Lodge, Lidcombe Hospital's Residential Unit for Severely Spinally Injured.

Former sessional rehabilitation counsellor on the Acquired Brain Injury Team of the CRS Parramatta Regional Unit.

Currently in addition to private practice I also work at the Mt Druitt Campus of the NSW OneTAFE Western Sydney as a student counsellor.