

PROFESSOR GARRY WALTER

PSYCHIATRY

AM, MB BS, BMEDSC, PHD, FRANZCP, CERT. CHILD ADOL. PSYCH

QUALIFICATIONS

B. Med. Sc. UNSW (1980)

MB BS UNSW (1982)

PhD, University of Sydney (2002)

Diploma in Clinical Hypnotherapy, NSW School of Hypnotic Sciences (1986)

Fellow, Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP)
(elected 1996)

Certificate in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, RANZCP (1997)

ACCREDITATIONS

SUB-SPECIALTIES

Depression

Anxiety

ADHD

CURRENT POSITIONS

Honorary Professor (appointed 2016)

Sydney Medical School

Adjunct Professor (appointed 2011)

Department of Psychiatry, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada

Visiting Professorial Fellow (appointed 2015)

Sydney Jewish Museum

Psychiatrist in private practice (clinical and medicolegal) (2014 onwards)

Northshore Kidspace (Chatswood) and Total Health Care (Bondi Junction), Sydney

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Intern (1982)
Sydney Hospital

RMO (1983)
Royal North Shore Hospital

RMO (1984)
Ryde Hospital

Registrar in Accident & Emergency Medicine (1985-1986)
Ryde Hospital

Registrar in Psychiatry (1987 - July 1995)
Northern Sydney Region

Child Psychiatry Fellow (July 1995 - July 1996)
Thomas Walker Hospital ("Rivendell")

Staff Specialist Psychiatrist (July 1996 - August 2002)
Rivendell Hospital, Sydney

Inpatient Director (1998 - Jan 2000)
Rivendell Hospital

Acting Director (Jan 2000 - June 2001)
Rivendell Hospital and Area Child, Adolescent and Family Mental Health Services,
Central Sydney Area Health Service

Director (2001- January 2006)
Rivendell Hospital and Area Child, Adolescent and Family Mental Health Services,
Sydney South West Area Health Service, Eastern Zone (formerly Central Sydney
Area Health Service)

Acting Director (May 2005 - January 2006)
Area Infant, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, Sydney South West Area
Health Service, Western Zone (formerly South West Sydney Area Health Service)

Senior Staff Specialist (2003-2006)
Sydney South West Area Health Service, Eastern Zone

Area Clinical Director (2006-2012)
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, Northern Sydney Central Coast Area
Health Service

Senior Staff Specialist (2006-2012)
Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service

Clinical Director (2012-2016)
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, Northern Sydney Local Health
District

Senior Staff Specialist (2012-2016)
Northern Sydney Local Health District

Clinical Lecturer (1996-2001)

University of Sydney

Clinical Senior Lecturer (2001-2003)

University of Sydney

Visiting Fellow (October 2002)

Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada

Clinical Associate Professor (2003-2005)

University of Sydney

Professor and Chair of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (2005-2016)

University of Sydney

Professor (2013-2016)

Sydney Health Ethics (previously known as Centre for Values, Ethics and the Law in Medicine), University of Sydney

Foundation Medical Director (2016-2019)

NSW Doctors' Health Advisory Service (DHAS) (DHAS is a nationally-funded service for medical practitioners and medical students with psychiatric problems)

BIOGRAPHY

LOCATION

ADDITIONAL INFO

Professional Affiliations

1. Fellow, RANZCP
2. Member, RANZCP Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
3. Member, RANZCP Faculty of Adult Psychiatry
4. Member, World Association of Medical Editors
5. Member, Australasian Jewish Medical Federation
6. Corresponding Member, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Consultancies

1. To World Psychiatric Association global project to counter the stigma and discrimination associated with schizophrenia, 1998-2001
2. To American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, in relation to its "Practice Parameters" for the use of ECT in adolescents, 1998-2003 (Parameters published 2004)
3. To New Zealand Health Ministry, regarding class action of former residents of an adolescent residential unit, 2000-2002
4. To Medical Practitioners Board of Victoria, regarding alleged abuses in a psychiatric hospital, 2005-2006.
5. To Northern Sydney Central Coast Health Service (to conduct a review of one of its units), 2005-2006
6. To World Psychiatric Association Executive Committee, regarding WPA Publications Program, 2008-2014
7. To Mental Health Commission of Canada, to assist in development of a Child and Youth Mental Health Framework for Canada, 2008 onwards (invitation via Professor Stan Kutcher)
8. To Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, regarding the performance and behavior of health practitioners, 2011 onwards
9. To New Zealand Government, regarding alleged abuse of ECT, 2019.
10. To Tasmanian Health Service, to review its child and adolescent mental health service, 2019-2020.

Prizes and Awards

Service to medicine:

Appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for "service to medicine in the field of adolescent mental health, to medical education, and as a contributor to professional publications", 2012

Service to psychiatry:

1. "College Citation", presented by RANZCP at its Annual College Ceremony, for "a remarkable contribution to the College and the profession of psychiatry through his exceptional and tireless work as Editor of Australasian Psychiatry, and as a leading investigator, educator, administrator and clinician", 2009
2. "Catcher in the Rye Award", presented by the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) at its Annual Meeting in San Francisco to the AACAP Ethics Committee (of which I have been a member since 2004), for its "advocacy and ongoing efforts to help guide the professional conduct of child and adolescent psychiatrists and its provision of ethical standards", 2012

Research:

1. RANZCP Pfizer Award for Best Poster, 32nd RANZCP Congress, Sydney 1997
2. RANZCP Pfizer Award for Best Poster, 33rd RANZCP Congress, Melbourne 1998
3. (Major) RANZCP Pfizer Award for Best Oral Paper, 33rd RANZCP Congress, Melbourne 1998 (Value: \$A10,000)
4. RANZCP Pfizer Award for Best Poster, 34th RANZCP Congress, Perth 1999
5. RANZCP Organon Junior Research Award, 1999
(annual award for the most outstanding body of research within 5 years of election to RANZCP)
6. RANZCP Pfizer Award for Best Poster, 35th RANZCP Congress, Adelaide 2000
7. RANZCP Pfizer Award for Best Poster, 37th RANZCP Congress, Brisbane 2002

Teaching:

"Excellence in Teaching" Award, Central Clinical School, Faculty of Medicine, University of Sydney 2001

Publishing:

"President's Certificate of Appreciation", awarded by RANZCP for my role as Editor of Australasian Psychiatry, 2004

Health Service:

1. Central Sydney Area Health Service "Quality Award" for presentation during Australian Council on Healthcare Standards Accreditation Survey, 1999
2. Central Sydney Area Health Service "Certificates of Appreciation" for two presentations during "Quality Week 2000"
3. Central Sydney Area Health Service "Certificates of Appreciation" for two presentations during "Quality Week 2001"
4. Central Sydney Area Health Service "Certificate of Appreciation" for presentation during "Quality Week 2002"

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