

Education/Qualifications:

Ph.D. Conferred 20th July, 2007

Griffith University, Mt. Gravatt, Brisbane: School of Criminology & Criminal Justice:

Research Thesis: Symbolism in the Courtroom: An examination of the influence of non-verbal cues in a District Court setting on juror ability to focus on the evidence.

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B.Psych (Hons). Conferred 1st May, 1999

James Cook University, Cairns: Psychology Department: School of Arts, Education & Social Sciences:

Honours Thesis: Jurisprudence; Lay –v- Professional Attributions: An examination of lay attributions about the legal system and issues of justice in comparison to those of legal professionals.

Current Employment & Projects:

Dr. Chris Richardson Ph.D. Psychologist: AHPRA # PSY0001616114

Psychologist: Forensic | Organisational | Trans Cultural | Environmental | Mental Health | Counselling |

2013 - date ***Medicare Funded Counselling, Open Arms & Case Management:*** Since mid-2013 I have provided counselling to forensic clients and other clinical clients as required. This had not been an aspect of my practice previously because of the amount of time spent travelling for Parole Board meetings and client assessments in the Cape and other isolated communities. This travel is no longer an aspect of my practice. I now received referrals from GPs and Open Arms for clinical intervention with individuals, couples and family therapy.

I currently work at 6 McKinley Street North Ward: – Medicare Provider # 4127446A

I have previously worked in the following clinics located in Townsville:

- ***Bundock Street Clinic:*** 98 Bundock St, Belgian Gardens
- ***Healthlink Family Medical Centre*** 533 Ross River Rd, Cranbrook
- ***Northern Beaches GP Super Clinic*** 12 Deeragun Rd, Deeragun

1999 - date: ***Pre-Sentence Reports*** [PSR] for all levels of Court. PSRs are prepared for defense lawyers, Legal Aid Qld & Vic, Indigenous Legal Aid, Community Corrections; DPP; Court Ordered, private contracts & in early stages Qld Parole Board. This involves a broad range of knowledge relating to the influence of mental health issues on offending behaviour and vice versa, the ability to interview assess and write a report for Court which explains the behaviours, events and psychological state of the offender in an objective, nonjudgmental and sensitive manner. The reports are presented to Court to assist judicial sentencing decisions.

Mens Toolbox: Co Founder - An Online Resource for Men:

2018 - date **The Mens Toolbox** originated from an observation throughout my practice in the forensic setting that there are few services available for men who experience domestic violence and family breakdown. **The Mens Toolbox** is a developing business with an online presence on Social Media and upcoming web and other resources content. We provide a forum for men to access coaching, therapy and other resources that are targeted to their particular needs.

Past Employment - Psychological:

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1999 - 2015 ***Victim of Crime Reports*** mainly for Indigenous individuals living in the Cape and Western regions of Qld. This involved travel to the isolated communities for two weeks every month for six years [until mid-2005]. Again these reports were presented to Court however for these matters report content was used to assist in quantifying compensation value of victim psychological injuries.

2009 - 2015: ***Family & Social Assessments:*** Appointed as a Family Consultant in May, 2009 by the Federal Magistrates Court pursuant to Regulation 7 of the Family Law Act, 1975. This allowed me to complete Family & Social assessments & appear as Expert Witness as per a Court Order by Federal Magistrates or Family Court or the Independent Children's Lawyer [ICL].

Federal Magistrates Court [FMC] Brisbane: From: January, 2010 – January, 2011.

Family Consultant ***In-house Brisbane Federal Magistrates Court:*** Contracted by FMC Brisbane to complete Family Reports, Appear as an Expert Witness in Court, psychological assessment, interview children & represent their views to the Court, Mediate complex matters, provide the Court with opinion & recommendations regarding risk to children, likelihood of settlement, likelihood of engagement in programs, Court Orders, etc. by the parties involved.

Shelter Housing Access Cairns [SHAC]: From: January, 1999 – June, 1999.

A Crisis Housing Organisation: Providing short term housing & support to families at risk of becoming homeless.

Support Worker: As a support worker I provided psychological assistance and support to individuals adults and children experiencing financial, social, psychological distress, generally as a result of domestic violence, offending behaviours, substance abuse, entrenched & generational reliance on social support etc. This position involved initial assessment of individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless, facilitating access to support and providing ongoing therapeutic interventions for the period of time they were engaged with the agency. Home visits and outreach were the dominant methods of client contact.

Past Board Positions:

2009 - 2015: ***International Crime Court – The Hague: Nominated on the List of Experts – Forensic Psychologist.*** Initial nomination was in 2009 and then again in August, 2012.

2010 - 2015: ***Psychologist's Panel of Assessor:*** I

2004 - 2012: ***Central & FNQ Parole Boards – One 2year & two 3year Appointments*** originally monthly meetings then three meetings a month involved travel to Townsville. Responsibilities were to assist in the determination of offender suitability for release from custody.

1999 - 2010: ***Member & Director*** on Management Committee for Access Community Housing Company Ltd. A not-for-profit Organisation.

2009 - 2009: ***Queensland Psychologist Registration Board*** - attended monthly meetings in Brisbane to assist in determining suitability of applicants for registration. Also took part in assessment of University Programs for suitability for inclusion in Australian Psychological Society [APS] Accreditation.

Abstracts, Publications & Presentations:

- Richardson, CR. (2012).** *Reframing Being Sent to Jail*: Abstract accepted for presentation at Oxford University in Sept, 2012 Conference about Reframing Punishment.
- Richardson, CR. (2009).** *Monster or Clown: Bad or Crazy: Who can tell the difference?* Abstract, Presentation & Journal Article for the 7th Global Conference – Monsters & the Monstrous: Myths & Metaphors of Enduring Evil. Mansfield College, Oxford University, 14th-17th September, 2009. ‘
- Richardson, CR. (2008).** *Symbolism in the Courtroom: An examination of the influence of non-verbal cues in a District Court setting on juror ability to focus on the evidence.* VDM, Verlag, Dr. Muller, Germany.
- Richardson, CR. (2007).** *Transcultural issues when assessing Indigenous individuals as a non-Indigenous psychologist.* Abstract & Presentation at *Healing Our Way Conference: A celebration of culture and healing*. Run by the Australian First Nation Cultural Family Therapists & Counsellors Association Inaugural Conference. Cairns Convention Centre, Cairns 26th-28th November, 2007.
- Richardson, CR. (2005).** *The Effects of Court Environments on Jurors.* Abstract & Presentation at *Justice Environments Conference.*, Law School, University of Melbourne, 20th April, 2005.
- Richardson, CR. (2003).** *Juries: What they think of us.* Qld Bar News, 14, Dec, pgs. 16-17.
- Richardson, CR. (2003).** *The effects of Symbolism in the Courtroom on juror ability to focus on evidence.* Abstract & Presentation at *Jury Research Conference – A one-day conference about current issues in jury research*, Sydney, 17th October, 2003.
- Richardson, CR. (2003).** *Writing psycho/legal reports for Courts with an emphasis on Indigenous issues.* Presented at Griffith University, Mt. Gravatt Campus – School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, April, 2003.
- Richardson, CR. (2003).** *Stress! Signs & Symptoms: How to deal with a stressed jumper.* A one day workshop. Presented for the *Australian Parachutist Conference*, Cairns in August, 1999 and again in March, 2003.
- Richardson, CR. (2001).** *Writing Psycho/Legal Reports for Courts.* Presented at *Addiction Help Agency*, Cairns, May, 2001.
- Bovey, CR., Wortley, R. & Reser, J.P. (2001).** *Jurisprudence: Lay –v- Professional Attributions about Legal Issues.* Abstract & Presentation at *Australia's 1st Forensic Psychology Conference*, Sydney, 7th-11th February, 2001.
- Bovey, CR. (1998).** *Lay –v- Professional Attributions: An examination of Lay attributions about the legal system and issues of justice in comparison to those of legal practitioners.* Honours Thesis, James Cook University, Cairns, Australia.

Interviews:

- Atkinson, S. (2004).** *Sentenced to Serve.* The Courier Mail, 6 May, p.15.
- ABC. (2004).** PM with Petria Wallace 6th May, 2004. *Is the jury system in need of reform?*
- ABC. (2004).** The World Today with Petria Wallace 6th May, 2004. *Psychologist conducts research into Jurors' experiences.*