

ewba Evaluation Academic Team

The *ewba* Evaluation Coordinator was located within the *ewba* team (based at Southern Primary Health, Noarlunga Health Village and visiting Murray Mallee Community Health Service) providing unique access to the day-to-day functioning of the program and interventions allowing greater flexibility and responsiveness. To ensure independence in the evaluation of *ewba* the Evaluation Academic Team was contracted to provide expert advice, ensure academic rigour and ongoing support to the Evaluation Coordinator. The Evaluation Academic Team was responsible for the development and implementation of all aspects of *ewba*'s evaluation and provided support to ensure the programs operated according to the best available evidence.

Three academics from universities across South Australia worked collaboratively on the Evaluation Academic Team. Their expertise included the areas of nutrition, physical activity and community development, Meetings were held bimonthly. The academics were Dr Anthea Magarey, Dr Jim Dollman, and Dr Fiona Verity.

Dr Anthea Magarey,

BSc (Hons), Dip Nut & Diet, PhD, Grad Cert Tert Educ
Flinders University



Biography

Anthea Magarey is an Accredited Practising Dietitian who has spent the majority of her dietetic career working in the research arena. She has a long term interest in child and adolescent health with particular emphasis on the role of diet in prevention of adult disease.

Early in Anthea's career she managed the Adelaide Nutrition Study (ANS) a longitudinal study of growth and nutrition in a group of normal Adelaide children (N=140-250) first enrolled in 1975/6 and followed until 1994. Over 30 refereed publications and numerous abstracts resulted from this study.

Anthea recently completed an NHMRC funded RCT (as Chief Investigator A) investigating the effectiveness of a weight management intervention for pre-pubertal children (the PEACH study). This program is currently being developed for community wide implementation. Anthea is currently Chief Investigator B on an NHMRC Primary Health Care Grant titled 'Positive feeding practices and food preferences in very young children: an innovative approach to obesity prevention (the Nourish study) and Chief Investigator D on an NHMRC Project grant 'Risk indicators of Periodontal disease in an Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander population'. She also manages or contributes to a number of other research projects in the area of prevention and management of overweight and obesity in children.

Anthea has a strong interest in dietary intake methodology: development of tools and assessment of their reliability and validity. Anthea is also a member of the SA Fruit and Vegetable Coalition and the Technical Reference Group for Right Bite healthy food and drink Supply Strategy for SA Schools and Pre-schools.

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Dr Jim Dollman,

BSc.MSc.DipEd. Level 3 Anthropometrist, University of South Australia

Professional Experience:

Jim's main contributions to the area of children's physical activity research have been:

- > Manager of Physical Activity and Anthropometry Measures for the \$3.6 million National Children's Nutrition and Physical Activity Survey, 2007.
- > Since 1997, Jim has co-ordinated 4 South Australia-wide surveys of children's physical activity and fitness.
- > Supported by the Department of Health, and in association with Professor Kevin Norton, Jim has developed a physical activity intervention for use in Out-of-School Hours Centres in the northern suburbs (low SES) of Adelaide.
- > Jim is currently the evaluator for the Human Race, a physical activity intervention designed by the Centre for Health Promotion and the Women's and Children's Hospital, for implementation in low SES schools. He developed a computer-delivered physical activity questionnaire for the purpose of this evaluation.
- > Jim is also currently co-chair of the Physical Activity Measurement Special Interest Group, within the Australian Child Obesity Research Network (ACAORN).



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Associate Professor Fiona Verity

BA (Adelaide), BSocAdmin (Flinders), PhD (Newcastle), Flinders University



Research Interests:

Fiona's current recent research (all of which is collaborative) is in the following areas:

- > Impacts of the closure of an Automotive Plant (ARC funded)
- > Insurance and the unravelling of civil society
- > Community capacity building

Fiona joined the School in early 2004 after holding a similar position at the University of South Australia. She holds a PhD in Sociology from Newcastle University (2000). She worked for many years in community development and community health areas in Adelaide.

Fiona currently teaches social planning and social policy and is the co-ordinator of the Honours program.

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