



CURRICULUM VITAE

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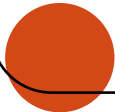
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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2019-2020	Grad. Dip. (Clinical Psychiatry), University of Southern Wales
1998-2008	Doctor of Psychology (Clinical), University of Ballarat
1996-1997	Graduate Diploma in Psychology, Deakin University
1989-1995	Bachelor of Arts (Social Science), Major Psychology, Monash University
1995	Diploma of Professional Counselling Australian Institute of Professional Counselling
1986	Diploma in Intellectual Disability Endeavour Foundation, Queensland
1985	Division 4 (Intellectual Disability) & Division 2 (State Enrolled) Nursing Certificate, St. Nicholas Hospital.

Trained at doctoral level in child and adult psychopathology and has 30 plus years experience working in Mental Health and Forensic Settings.

Recognised both nationally and internationally as a leader in sex offender assessment and treatment and is regularly called upon to provide expert evidence in the Supreme, County and Melbourne Magistrates, Federal Circuit Court, Magistrates and Children's Courts on sexual offence issues.



CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Private Practice focusing on;

- Assessment and Treatment of Sexual and Violent Offenders
- Assessment and Treatment in relation to Family Court & Department of Health and Human Services matters
- Clinical assessment and treatment in the context of forensic issues
- Training and Consultancy of related issues

July 2008–Current

- Consultant- Department of Justice, Corrections Victoria, Post Sentence Branch
- Provision of Assessments under the Serious Offender Monitoring Act 2018

APPOINTMENTS

- Regulation 7 Family Consultant Family Court & Federal Circuit Court of Australia (2007-2018).
- Past Chair Elect, Victorian Offender Treatment Association (VOTA)
- Honorary Fellow Melbourne University (2001 to 2007)
- Victorian Representative National Correctional Ministers Advisory Committee on Inter-jurisdictional Sex Offender Management (2004-2007)

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

- Registered Psychologist: Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) No. PSY0001122718
- Member College of Forensic Psychologists, Australian Psychological Society.
- Member College of Clinical Psychologists, Australian Psychological Society
- Full Member Australian Psychological Society. Number 019025

AWARDS

2007

Public Service Medal

Queens Birthday Honours List - *For outstanding public service in the development of policy and the management, treatment and rehabilitation of sex offenders.*

“Ms Owen has made a significant and outstanding contribution to the development and implementation of policies in relation to sex offender management, treatment and rehabilitation, not only in Victoria but other jurisdictions throughout Australia. It has been acknowledged that sex offender programs delivered in Victoria are the best in the country, and this is due largely to the outstanding clinical skills and leadership qualities she has displayed in her role as Manager, Sex Offender Programs, Corrections Victoria, within the Department of Justice. Ms Owen has been involved in the management and service delivery of sex offender programs since their inception in the Victorian justice system some 11 years ago. Her leadership and continued involvement in the field have fostered the recruitment and retention of staff and have ensured the transfer of knowledge and

the promotion of ongoing program development and enhancement. Ms Owen is an expert in her field, and her knowledge and expertise is acknowledged internationally. Her efforts have contributed significantly to community protection by ensuring the sex offender programs in Victoria are consistent with international best practice, and by educating the community in relation to the management, treatment and rehabilitation of these offenders”.

2007

Justice Award

For the development of the Sex Offender Management Branch, Corrections Victoria

MEMBERSHIP PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Clinical Member Association Treatment of Sexual Abusers (USA)
- Member Centre for Sex Offender Management, Department of Justice, USA
- Member Australian and New Zealand Association for Psychiatry, Psychology and Law
- Member American Association for Correctional and Forensic Psychology
- Member International Association for Treatment of Sexual Offenders
- Graduate Member Australian Institute of Professional Counsellors

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS & TRAINING

- 2018 May Foundational Violence Risk Assessment using the HCR 20 V3: The SARA V3: B-Safer; and the SAM (Stalking Assessment & Management)
Presenters: Professor Steve Hart, Dr Kelly Watt, Dr Randall Cropp & Dr Kevin Douglas. Protec International Risk Management Services
Vancouver; British Columbia, Canada
- 2017 Dec Static 99-R Accreditation Training Pre-Conference Workshop
Presenter: L. Maaik Helmus
ANZATSA 8th International Conference
Auckland, New Zealand
- 2017 March Dialectical Behaviour Practical Skills Training
Presenter: Marsha Leinahan
Melbourne, Australia
- 2017 May Assessing Sexual Assault Allegations
Presenters: Cleo Brand
National Police Force (Netherlands)
Facilitated by ANZAPPL
Melbourne Victoria
- 2016 Master Class. Assessment and Treatment of Sexual Offending Certificate
Presenters: Global Institute of Forensic Research

- 2015 SAPRO; HCR-20 V3 and HARE Psychopathy Checklist
Presenters: Professor James Ogloff & Dr Michael Davies
Forensicare Summer Institute
Melbourne, Australia

- 2012 Stalking Risk Profile
The Assessment and Management of Stalkers
Presenters: McKenzie & McEwan
Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science

- 2010 Intellectually Disabled Offender: General Violence & Sexual Violence Risk
Assessment & Management Training
Presenter: Doug Boer, Cairns, QLD

- 2010 Indigenous Offenders: General, Family & Sexual
Violence Risk Assessment & Risk Management
Presenter: Doug Boer, Brisbane, QLD

- 2008 Upgrade of Certificate IV Workplace Training and Assessment
Holmesglen TAFE

- 1998 Certificate IV Workplace Training and Assessment
Box Hill Institute of Technical and Further Education

- 1990 Advanced Behaviour Intervention Certificate
Phillip Institute of Technology

- 1996 Professional Assault Response Training Trainer Accreditation

WORK HISTORY

- 2007– 2018 Appointed as a Regulation 7 Family Consultant for the Family Court & Federal
Circuit Court of Australia and has extensive experience in conduct of family
assessment

- 2000 –July 2008 Forensic Psychologist / Manager
Corrections Victoria - Sex Offender Programs
Department of Justice, Victoria

- Duties Responsible for the development and provision of Sex Offender Treatment
Programs across both Victorian Prison Services and Community Correctional
Services.
This included;

- Provide direction, supervision and strategic management related to provision of assessment, treatment and research of sexual offenders.
- Provide authoritative advice to Corrections Victoria on policy and treatment issues.
- Senior clinician providing direct service provision to more complex clinical issues.
- Conduct risk assessments of high risk sex offenders and provide expert evidence in court under the requirements of the *Serious Sex Offender Monitoring Act, 2005*

Internship

Jan 2000 – May 2000	Coordinator Wimmera Treatment Unit Sex Offender Programs CORE-the public correctional enterprise HM Prison Ararat, Department of Justice
1997 - 2000	Coordinator Program Consultancy Unit Sex Offender Programs CORE-the public correctional enterprise Department of Justice
1997	Professor William Marshall Kingston University, Kingston Canada / Kingston Penitentiary Sexual Offenders Treatment Program.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in a training internship sponsored by Corrections Victoria to be trained by Professor Marshall. He is an internationally recognised expert in assessment and treatment of sexual offenders with 35 years experience.
1994 –97	Manager Intensive Supervision Program Statewide Forensic Services Department of Human Services
1993	Manager (secondment) Eastern Region Residential Services Department of Human Services
1990- 1996	Advanced Practitioner, Behaviour Intervention Support Team Northern Region Department of Human Services
1986 – 1990	Division 4 Registered Nurse Northern Region Department of Human Services (formally Health and Community Services)

Worked in various capacities including:

- RMRN Level 5
Deputy Director of Nursing (Night Supervisor)
- RMRN Level 4
Clinical Teacher – Staff training and Development Unit
Supervisor Northern Residential Services
- RMRN Level 3
Unit Manager Female Challenging Behaviour Unit
Unit Manager Adolescent Male Dual Disability Unit
Unit Coordinator Recourses Management Training
- RMRN Level 2
Deputy Unit Manager Psycho-geriatric Unit
Deputy Unit Manager Infant Admissions Unit

EXAMPLE OF NATIONAL CONSULTANCY PROVIDED

2011	Department of Justice, Correctional Services, Northern Territory on Sex Offender Assessment and Treatment
2008- Current	Ongoing consultancy to Department of Health and Human Services in Victoria and Tasmania
2007- Current	Ongoing consultancy to Corrections Victoria on sex offender related issues.
2003	Prisoner Assessment, South Australian Department of Justice on implementing sex offender specific static and dynamic assessment processes.
2003	Director Prison Treatment Services, Policy Branch, Queensland.
2002/03	Department of Human Services on Interfamilial Child Sex Offender Risk Assessment.
2003	Victoria Police on development of a training package for effective interview strategies in sex offender interrogation.
2002	Australian Capital Territory (Canberra) on the development of an Adult Sex Offender Treatment Program – 5 days
2002	Queensland Prison Service on development of Sex Offender Treatment Program Manual content.
2001	Tasmanian Department of Justice in relation to development of a prison based sex offender treatment program -2 days
2001	Northern Territory Department (Alice Springs and Darwin) of Corrections on Program Development and intervention with sexual offenders - 8 days

PUBLICATIONS

- 2008 Owen, K.
The sexual beliefs, attitudes and script of men convicted of sexual offences against children: An empirical investigation
Unpublished thesis
- 2007 Co-authored book chapter
Authors Eccleston, L and Owen K

Cognitive Treatment “Just for Rapists” Recent Developments
In *Aggressive Offenders Cognition, Theory Research and Practice* (edited by Gannon, T; Ward T; Beech A; & Fisher D) 2007
John Riley and Sons
- 2007 *A Preliminary Evaluation of Recidivism*
Owen, K, Coates, H, Wickham, A, Jellett, J, Teuma, R, and Noakes, S,
Corrections Victoria, Sex Offender Programs
- 2006 Owen, K & Raymond, B
Development of a nationally accredited training program for Correctional Officers: Facilitating Organisational Cultural Change.
Submitted for Publication
- 2006 Raymond, B, & Owen, K.
Inter-agency cooperation in the management of sex offenders in the community
Submitted for publication
- 2005 *Therapeutic Communities in the Correctional Context; can they exist?*
An Evaluation of Wimmera Treatment Unit
Unpublished paper: University of Ballarat
- 2003 Co-authored book chapter
Birgden, A., Owen, K. & Raymond, B.
Enhancing relapse prevention through the effective management of sex offenders in the community. In *Theoretical issues and controversies in sexual deviance* (edited by Ward, Laws, & Hudson) 2003

PAPERS PRESENTED

October 2013

Australian and New Zealand Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers Conference Hobart, Tasmania

Paper: *The Ups and Downs of Deviant Sexual Arousal Assessment: The Australian Context*
Owen, K., Raymond, B.

Paper: *Vicarious Trauma – Working with Sexual Offenders*
Owen, K., Raymond, B.

September 2013

Australian Institute of Sexual Health Medicine Inaugural Conference Sydney, Australia

Paper: “*Models for treatment of Sexual offenders in private practice*”
Keynote Speaker

May 2013

The Goulding Institute Conference 2013

“ADDICTIONS, COMPULSIONS & OBSESSIONS: Pathways to Recovery”

Melbourne, Australia

Papers: *Sexual Addiction and
Continuum of Sexual Aggression*
Keynote Speaker

October 2009

Victorian Offender Treatment Association Melbourne, Australia

Paper: *Technological Advances in the Objective Measurement of Deviant sexual arousal; the
ASSI-2, ABID and Diana Screen. Application of the Objective Measurement of Deviant
Sexual Arousal and Results of a Preliminary Study of the Arousal in an Australian
Population.*
Owen, K., Raymond, B., Ryan, T.

Paper: *But I was never convicted; the complexity of Risk Assessment for contact with children
following unsubstantiated allegations of Sexual Abuse.*
Owen, K., Raymond, B.

Symposium: *Internet Child Pornography*
Dr Karen Owen (Vicpsychplus), Dr Jonathon Clough (Monash University),
Brad Shallies (Australian Federal Police)

November 2007

**Victorian Offender Treatment Association
Melbourne, Australia**

- Paper: *Sexual Dysfunction and Sexual Offending; Incorporating Healthy Sexuality into Sexual Offender Treatment Programs*
Owen, K., McCann, B., & Rockford, M.
- Workshop: *Experiential Therapies: Literature, Global Use, Practical Answers to your Treatment Issues. A Problem-solving Action-Panel*
Bergman, J., Owen, K., & Tidmarsh, P.

November 2006

The Third International Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Association for Treatment of Sexual Offenders – Sydney, Australia

- Workshop: *An Empirical Evaluation of Wards Deviant Sexual Scripts Pathway Model of Child Sexual Offenders. Is there such a thing as an Australian Way of Treatment*
Bergman, J., Owen, K., Tidmarsh, P., & McCarthy, J.
- Paper: *When is protecting the community putting the community at risk – RISK or RISKDICULOUS*
Owen, K., Jellett, J., & Freeland, J.
- Paper: *Sexual Scripts of Child Sex Offenders. An Evaluation of Ward's Pathways Model*
Owen, K.

October 2006

The Third National Probation, Parole and Correctional Officers Association- Darling Harbour, Sydney, Australia

Community Protection or False Sense of Security – and Evaluation of three strategies Working with Sexual Offenders – An integrated practice model. (Post Conference full day workshop)
Owen, K. and Raymond, B.

July 2004

Fifth Australian and New Zealand Association for the treatment of Sexual Abusers - Auckland, New Zealand

- Paper 1 *Finding X Factor – the development of an assessment centre for the recruitment of sex offender therapist.*
Raymond, B. & Owen, K.
- Paper 2: *Issues and Innovations in service delivery to regionally isolated sex offenders*
Jellett, J., & Owen, K.

2003 *Complexity and Understanding of the Continuum of Sexual Aggression*
Presentation on behalf of Victorian Offender Treatment Association

April 2002

Fourth Australian and New Zealand Association for the treatment of Sexual Abusers - Sydney, Australia

Paper 1: *Harnessing the correctional system – the use of experiential training to facilitate cultural change*

Owen, K., Bergman, J., Raymond, B., and Freeland, J.

Paper 2: *Inter-agency cooperation in the management of sex offenders in the community*

Owen, K., and Raymond, B

Paper 3: *The Continuum of Sexual Aggression*

Mulday, N., and Owen, K. on behalf of The Victorian Offender Treatment Association.

2001

Australia and New Zealand Society of Criminology (ANZSOC)–Melbourne, Australia

Paper: *Maximising therapeutic effects of sex offender treatment programs: Harnessing the correctional service system*

Owen, K. and Raymond, B.

2000

Third National Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers. Theme: Reducing Recidivism What Works - Hobart, Australia

Workshop: *An applied model of training for community corrections and prison officers*

Owen, K.

Paper: *The use of action-based learning in group therapy programs*

Owen, K.

1999

Second National Conference of the Victorian Offender Treatment Association–Melbourne, Australia

Workshop: *Meeting the assessment, management and intervention needs of convicted male sex offenders: The Victorian Experience of a Continuum of Care Model*

Owen, K. and Raymond, B.

1999

The Second Australian and New Zealand Conference, Professional Misconduct, Exploitation and Offending by Health care professionals, therapists and other trusted practitioners including clergy- Melbourne, Australia

Paper: *Treatment of convicted male sex offenders: Development of the Victorian Continuum of care model*

Owen, K. and Raymond, B.

Paper: *Effective Management and Intervention with Sexual Offenders*
Owen, K. and Raymond, B.

1998

First National conference of the Victorian Offender Treatment Association

Theme: New Approaches To Working With Sex Offenders–Melbourne, Australia

Workshop: *A new approach to working with sex offender denial* - Owen, K

REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF TRAINING DELIVERED

- 2018 *Understanding Sexual Offences and Risk Assessment in Allegations of Sexual Abuse and Assessing Protective Behaviours of Non-offending Care Givers in Allegations of Sexual Assault* -Two days
Sexual Assault Investigations Team
Department of Health and Human Services - Victoria
- 2017 *Sexual Offending and Vicarious Trauma and Working With Sexual Offenders (Advanced Workshop)* - Two days
Court Integrated Services Program (CISP)
- 2017 *Managing Complex Offenders Presentations*
Corrections Victoria
Department of Justice and Regulation
- 2013 *Working with Sexual Offenders and Vicarious Trauma*
Audience: Melbourne Magistrates Court Case Managers
- 2013 *Vicarious Trauma / Impact of the Job*
Audience: Refugee Minors Program, Department of Human Services - Victoria
- 2012 *Risk Assessment in regard to Allegations of Sexual Assault and Assessing Protective behaviour of non-offending caregivers*
Audience: Department of Human Services Child Protection Practitioners and Melbourne Magistrates Court Case Managers
- 2012 November Provision of 2 days training to Melbourne Magistrates Case Workers on *Working with Sexual Offenders and Vicarious Trauma*
- 2011 May *Sex Offender Treatment – Practical Approach to Rolling Groups*
Audience: Correctional prison and community case managers, psychologists and clinicians
5 days training to the Northern Territory, Department of Justice, Correctional Services in Darwin
- 2006 - Current *Risk Assessment in Allegations of Sexual Abuse*

- A practical model for Protective Services Workers*
Audience: Department of Human Services
- 2006 – Current *Assessing Protective Behaviour of Non-offending Care Givers in Allegations of Sexual Abuse*
Audience: Department of Human Services
- 2005-2007 *Sex Offender Risk Assessment and Management*
Audience: Magistrates & Judges
Judicial College of Victoria
- 2003 *Interviewing Techniques for Sex Offence Suspects*
Audience: Sex Offences & Child Abuse Units Training Program,
Victoria Police
- 2003 *Professional Development Program – Clinical Services*
Offence Related Clinical Intervention with Complex Sex Offenders
Audience: Psychologists, Corrections Victoria (40 participants)
- 2002 *Introduction to Understanding Sexual Offending*
Audience: court network volunteers
- 2002 *Interviewing Techniques for Sex Offence Suspects*
Audience: National Conference for Police Investigators,
Watsonia Army Barracks
- 2002 *Offender Intervention and Management: Clergy and female sex offenders*
Audience: Anglicare Clergy and church associates
- 2001 *Offender Intervention and Management*
(8 days) run in conjunction with Turning Point
Audience: Corrections Officers working in drug addictions field
- 1997-2008 *Training (Level 1 & Level 2 Sex Offender Supervision and Management)*
Audience: Community Corrections Officer and Prison Officers
Trained in excess of 500 Officers
- 1997 *Management of Sexual Offenders in the Community*
Facilitated for Correctional Services Tasmania
Audience: Community Corrections Officers and Prison Officers,
2 days, Hobart, Australia