

CURRICULUM VITAE – Dr Brooke Kooymans

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Qualifications: Bachelor Social Work (1998) – The University Of QLD

Bachelor Arts (1998) – The University of QLD
(Psychology and Sociology)

Master of Social Work (2004) – The University of QLD
(Advanced Counseling, Professional Leadership, Human Service Mgt)

Graduate Certificate Rehabilitation Case Management (2007) – Griffith

PhD (2024) Griffith University

Memberships: Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) No.201979
Case Management Society of Australia - Certified Practicing Case Manager
Australian Society of the Study of Brain Impairment (ASSBI)
Member Association for Positive Behaviour Support Australia
Member Australian Institute of Company Directors (MAICD)

Accredited Provider: TAC (Transport Accident Commission) – Victoria
icare NSW (Lifetime Care and Support Authority) – New South Wales
NIISQ (National Injury Insurance Scheme QLD) – Queensland
Department Veteran Affairs (DVA) no. 9874771
AMHSW / Medicare Provider no. 4875461K
Accredited Disability Social Worker (AASW)
NDIS Provider no. 4-3LLK-149
NDIS Behavior Support Provider no. P1380802

Board Positions: 2018-2021 National Director – AASW (elected for 3-year term)
2021-2023 National Director – AASW (elected for 3-year term)
2023-2024 National Vice President (1 year position)
2024 National Director – AASW (elected for 3 year-term)

Employment History:

Current Position: Director Rehability Australia Pty Ltd (2004-Present)
Senior Social Worker/ Case Manager/ Specialist Support Coordinator/Behaviour Support Practitioner/ Supervisor
Expert Witness -Social Work/ Case Manager - (2004- Present)

Previous Positions: Assessor for YPIRAC (Young Persons in Residential Aged Care) – DSQ (2009)
Social Worker – Princess Alexandra Hospital (1999-2003/ 2004-2010)
Case Manager/Rehabilitation Coordinator –ABIOS (2003-2004)
Family Services Officer- Department of Child Safety (1998-1999)
Social Worker – Mater Children’s Hospital (1998-1999)

Student Supervisor: 2001-2005 - Bachelor of Social Work students – University of QLD
2014 – Master of Social Work Student – Griffith University
2016 - Bachelor of Social Work students – University of QLD
2017 - 2025 Bachelor & Master of Social Work Student – Griffith Uni/ QUT/UQ

Research projects:

- “Codesigning family involvement in traumatic brain injury rehabilitation with consumers to enhance service delivery” – research underway (Sept 2025)
- “Social Work and the psychosocial: Understanding the practice challenges at the policy/practice interface in community neuro-rehabilitation” – to be presented at national ASSBI Conference (May 2018)
- “Defining ‘Psychosocial in Brain Injury’ - A critical appraisal of professional approaches” - poster presentation to be presented at national ASSBI Conference (July 2015)
- “Moving Rehabilitation into the Community: the positive effects of participation in meaningful activity on individuals’ sense of purpose, life satisfaction and functional skills” – poster presentation to be presented at national ASSBI Conference (May 2014)
- “Gen Y- Traditional Rehab vs New technologies – the use of Ipad as a new therapy tool” –Poster Presentation at national ASSBI conference (2011)
- “Patient Peer Support Group – effectiveness of group work in rehabilitation setting” oral presentation at national ASSBI conference (2003)

Published Abstracts:

- ‘Navigating the Policy/Practice Nexus: the development of a frontline social work practice model’ – presented at National Allied Health Conference, Adelaide (August 2025)
- ‘Navigating the Policy/Practice Nexus: frontline social work practice model for community neurorehabilitation – presented at ASSBI conference, Brisbane’, Australia (June 2025)
- ‘National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) – the changing landscape for social work and the untapped potential’ to be presented at the 10th International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health, Melbourne, Australia (2024).
- ‘Navigating the Policy/Practice Nexus: the development of a frontline social work practice model for psychosocial needs in acquired brain injury’ at the 10th ICSWHMH, Melbourne, Australia (2024).

- 'The ambiguity of psychosocial needs in acquired brain injury: understanding from the grass roots up- a social work perspective' presented at the 10th ICSWHMH, Melbourne, Australia (2024).
- From Practice to Research: Understanding the practice challenges for social work at the policy/practice interface [paper presentation]. *Social Work and the Sustainable Development Goals. 26th Asia-Pacific Regional Social Work Conference*, Online. November (2021)
- From Practice to Research: Understanding the practice challenges for social work at the policy/practice interface of the National Disability Insurance Scheme [Paper presentation]. *5th International Conference of Practice Research*, Online. May (2021)
- 'Disability: a global agenda - understanding the practice challenges for social work at the policy/practice interface' presented at the International Federation of Social Work Global online conference, July (2020)
- "Acquired Brain Injury and the NDIS: Understanding the practice challenges and shaping the future for individuals with ABI, through a social work lens' presented at the International Conference for Social Work, York UK (2019)
- 'Social Work and the Psychosocial – Understanding the practice challenges at the policy/ practice interface in neuro-rehabilitation' presented at the International Conference for Social Work, York UK (2019)
- Social Work and the Psychosocial – Understanding the practice challenges at the policy/ practice interface" presented at AASW National Conference, Adelaide (2019)
- Funded Social Work: understanding acquired disability and the practice challenges in disability" presented at AASW National Conference, Adelaide (2019)
- Social Work = Support Coordination – the new frontier for Social Work' presented at the National AASW Conference, Hobart (2017)
- Negotiating the Policy/ Practice Nexus: a review of need' presented at the National AASW Conference, Hobart (2017)
- 'Living with Brain Injury – a veterans journey on the road to recovery after ABI- the struggles and the triumphs' – presented at National Brain Injury Conference (2017)
- 'Our time to Shine – the evolution of social work practitioners working for the NDIS" – presented at Queensland AASW conference (2016)
- "Defining 'Psychosocial in Brain Injury'- A critical appraisal of professional approaches"- poster presentation to be presented at national ASSBI Conference (July 2015)
- "Social Work in Private Practice – the evolution of private practice in a commercial setting – a practitioners perspective: - presented at the National AASW Conference, Sydney (2015)
- Moving Rehabilitation into the Community: the positive effects of participation in meaningful activity on individuals' sense of purpose, life satisfaction and functional skills – poster presentation at national ASSBI Conference, Perth (2014)
- Breaking down the Barriers: collaborative approach to managing ABI for school age children" presented at Paediatric Rehab Conference, Brisbane (2013)
- Breaking down the Barriers: collaborative approach to managing ABI for school age children presented at HELP Conference, Gold Coast (2013)
- Case Management – what does it mean and how does it work? presented at Paediatric Rehabilitation Conference (2011) QPRS
- Gen Y- Traditional Rehab vs New technologies – the use of Ipad as a new therapy tool" – Poster Presentation at national ASSBI conference (2011)
- Patient Peer Support Group – effectiveness of group work in rehabilitation setting presented at national ASSBI conference (2003).