**BIOGRAPHIES OF ACART MEMBERS – ASSOCIATED PAPER 1**

**Alison Douglass (Deputy Chair to 30 June 2014, Acting Chair from 1 July 2014)**

Membership role: Expertise in relevant areas of the law.

Alison Douglass was appointed to ACART in May 2011 for three years. Members selected her as Deputy Chair in July 2013, and she became Acting Chair from 1 July 2014.

Alison is a barrister, practising out of Wellington and Dunedin. She has been a practising lawyer since 1985, and specialises in health and disability law. Prior to moving to the independent bar in 2008, Ms Douglass was a partner, then consultant, to a Wellington law firm, Tripe Matthews and Feist. She completed an LLB at University of Canterbury (1984) and a Master of Bioethics and Health Law at University of Otago (1999).

Alison is the Convenor of the New Zealand Law Society Health Law Committee, which provides submissions on health law reform and until July 2014 Alison was co-chair of the ACC Research Ethics Committee. She was the legal member to the Interim, then National Ethics Committee on Assisted Human Reproduction (1993–2002) prior to the enactment of the HART Act, and is a former chair of the Wellington Ethics Committee.

She has worked part-time as a senior lecturer in health law and bioethics at the University of Otago, Wellington. In July 2014 Alison was appointed Adjunct Senior Lecturer to the Bioethics Centre, University of Otago.

Alison has published journal articles on assisted reproductive technology, and in 2006 prepared the *Report on the* *Regulatory Framework Governing Assisted Reproductive Technologies in New Zealand* for the Ministry of Health.

She lives in Dunedin and is married with three children.

**John Angus MNZM (Chair till 30 June 2014, continuing as member)**

Membership role: Articulate interests of children.

Dr John Angus was appointed as an ACART member in November 2010 for three years, and re-appointed in November 2013 for a further three years. He was appointed as Chair in October 2011 for one year. In April 2013 his term as Chair was extended until December 2013. He was re-appointed as Chair in March 2014 but resigned as Chair for health reasons at the end of June 2014. He remains on the Committee as a member, and his term will expire in December 2016.

John was Children’s Commissioner from 2009 to 2011. Prior to that, he had a long career as a senior social policy advisor within the Ministry of Social Development and its predecessors (1987–2006), and then as a social policy consultant (2006–2009). John began his career as a historian after obtaining a BA (Hons) (1971) and then a doctorate in history from the University of Otago (1977). He went on to spend almost 10 years as a social worker in Dunedin for the Department of Social Welfare, and completed a Diploma in Social Work (Victoria University of Wellington 1982). John then moved into social policy. He has led work on a wide range of child and family policy including the care and protection of children, child support and support for vulnerable families.

John is married with two adult sons and four granddaughters. He lives in Central Otago.

**Karen Buckingham**

Membership role: Expertise in assisted reproductive procedures.

Dr Karen Buckingham was appointed to ACART in November 2010 and is currently serving her second term on ACART. Her term expires in December 2016.

Karen is a graduate of the Auckland School of Medicine and trained as an obstetrician and gynaecologist in both New Zealand and the United Kingdom. She worked as a senior lecturer at the University of Auckland from 2003 to 2008 and as a consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist for the Auckland District Health Board from 2003 to 2012. For the past 14 years she has worked mainly in the field of reproductive endocrinology and infertility. She now works in private practice for Repromed and Auckland Gynaecology Group.

Karen has held a wide range of clinical, teaching and research roles in New Zealand and overseas. Her research interests include recurrent pregnancy loss, polycystic ovarian syndrome and antiphospholipid antibodies in infertility.

She lives in Auckland with her husband and three children.

**Jonathan Darby**

Membership role: Disability perspective.

Mr Jonathan Darby was appointed to ACART in April 2013 for three years.

Jonathan is an enrolled barrister and solicitor of the High Court who has recently been involved in volunteer work with Christchurch Hospital (2010–present), and the International Paralympic Committee Athletics World Championships (2011). He holds a Bachelor of Laws (2007), a Bachelor of Arts (2007), a New Zealand Diploma in Business, and a Diploma in Management. He is a member of the Disability Law Team at Community Law Canterbury and is currently studying at Otago University towards a Graduate Diploma in Bioethics and Health Law.

**Nikki Horne**

Membership role: Consumer perspective.

Nikki Horne was appointed to ACART in November 2010 for two years, and has since been reappointed until December 2015.

Nikki is a member of Fertility New Zealand, the national group for consumers of fertility services. She has served as a committee member of the Auckland Group for over six years and is also a representative on the Fertility New Zealand Board. Her specific roles have included facilitating consumer contact support groups, organising information evenings, and clinic liaison. Nikki was appointed as an independent trustee of The Fertility Funding Charitable Trust in 2014.

Nikki currently works part time as the Social Media and Event Manager at Career Engagement Group in Auckland. Before this role she worked for eight years as Events Manager for Obex Medical Ltd.

Nikki is married with two daughters, both born after years of IVF treatment and recurrent miscarriage. After completing her family Nikki was an egg donor for another couple.

**Michael Legge**

Membership roles: Expertise in human reproductive research, and expertise in ethics.

Associate Professor Michael Legge was initially appointed to ACART in October 2011 for one year with the role of expertise in ethics. When he was reappointed in 2013 for two years he took on the additional role of expertise in human reproductive research. He has been appointed until October 2015.

Michael recently retired as Associate Professor of Biochemistry, Associate Dean of Medical Education and Director of Medical Laboratory Science at the University of Otago, and holds an Honorary Associate Professorship with the university. He was previously National President of the Infertility Society of New Zealand (1995–1998).

Michael was a member of the University of Otago Human Ethics Committee (2000–2011). He is a member of the European Commission Ethical Review Panel (2006–present) and the European Commission Life Science Expert Panel (2003–present).

 Michael completed a PhD in Experimental Embryology at the University of Essex (1988) and a Bachelor of Science in Mammalian Physiology at London South Bank University, United Kingdom (1972). He also completed a Fellowship with the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (2010), and is a Fellow of both The New Zealand Institute of Medical Laboratory Science (1978) and the Institute of Biomedical Science United Kingdom (1973).

**Sue McKenzie**

Membership role: General layperson.

Mrs Sue McKenzie was appointed to ACART in April 2013 for three years.

Sue McKenzie has had two careers over the last 30 years: lecturing as a senior academic at tertiary level and a private business consultancy advising corporate and small business clients. She also has a long voluntary association with various business and community groups at local and national level.

Sue is a Trustee of the Canterbury Community Trust. Her current responsibilities include Chair of the Housing Committee, Member of the Managed Investment Committee and Member of the Direct Investment Committee. She is also Deputy Chair of the Greater Canterbury Community Response Forum working with and advising the Ministry of Social Development re transforming Social Services.

At a national level Sue is a member of the Medical Radiation Technologists Board. She is Convenor of the Education Committee and a member of the Accreditation Panel for Graduate and Postgraduate Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy programmes. She is also a member of the Professional Standards Committee.

Sue lives at Charing Cross (near Christchurch), and is married with adult children and six grandchildren.

Sue is also a Justice of the Peace (JP).

**Barry Smith QSM**

Membership role: Expertise in Māori customary values and perspectives.

Dr Barry Smith (Te Rarawa, Ngāti Kahu) was appointed to ACART in April 2013 for three years. Barry is a Population Health Analyst with the Lakes District Health Board based in Rotorua. He was a contract analyst and assessor with the Ministry of Health. Barry is a member of the Health Research Council College of Experts and chairs the Health Research Council Ethics Committee and the Lakes DHB Research and Ethics Committee. He is a member of the Middlemore Tissue Bank Governance Committee and the Podiatrists’ Board of New Zealand.

He was a member of the 2014 National Science Challenge international health assessment panels organised through the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. Barry’s current research work on ethics in Maori contexts is supported by the Royal Society of New Zealand Marsden Fund. He holds a BSc in chemistry and mathematics, an MPhil and PhD in sociology, a Grad Dip Arts in music and a Dip Tchg. He was awarded the Queens Service Medal in 2008.