Notes on Contributors

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Bindi Bennett is a Kamilaroi woman who graduated from her Bachelor of Social Work in 1997. She has worked as a social worker in the areas of child and adolescent mental health, school social work, youth work and community development. She has also worked as a Lecturer at the School of Social Work and in the Djurawang programme at Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga. She has published in the area of domestic violence and Indigenous communities and has co-researched, presented and published with Joanna Zubrzycki about Aboriginal social work. She is an active member of her own Indigenous community as well as the local Indigenous community in which she currently works.

**Robert Bland**
Robert Bland is a Professor of Social Work at the University of Tasmania. He completed his undergraduate and postgraduate studies at the University of Queensland and worked for many years for Queensland Health. He has extensive experience as a social worker, administrator, teacher and researcher in the area of mental health. His research interests include the spirituality of mental health, housing, and families and mental illness. He is a life member of Association of Relatives and Friends of the Mentally Ill (ARAFMI).

**Helen Cameron**
Dr Helen Cameron has a psychology and education background. She is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Social Work and Social Policy at the University of South Australia. She has worked collaboratively with the South Australian Department for Correctional Services in developing training packages for correctional workers and she has presented conference papers and has published in the area of correctional rehabilitation. Her primary areas of teaching are in counselling and interviewing skills and in conflict management. A major theme in her research activities concerns the life-chances of disadvantaged people. She currently holds responsibility for Australian Research Council funded research grant, focused on the experiences of families from disadvantaged backgrounds.

**Lesley Chenoweth**
Lesley Chenoweth is a Professor of Social Work at Griffith University and has more than thirty years experience as a social work practitioner and academic, twenty of these in the disability area. Her current research interests span disability issues, human services and rural communities. Lesley has conducted research on disability policy analysis, deinstitutionalization, families, violence and abuse and delivering human services to people in rural communities. She is a regular consultant to government and community organizations and has served on numerous boards and committees for disability, legal and family welfare agencies. Lesley is a regular invited speaker at conferences both in Australia and overseas.

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Dr Wing Hong Chui is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Social Science and the Programme Director of Bachelor of Social Science at the University of Queensland. Prior to this, he held lecturing positions in the Department of Social Work and Probation Studies at the University of Exeter, UK, in the School of Social Work and Social Policy at the University of Queensland, and in the School of Law at the City University of Hong Kong. His areas of interest include youth studies, criminology and criminal justice, social work, and migration studies. He has published articles in British Journal of Social Work, International Social Work, Journal of Social Work Practice, Howard Journal of Criminal Justice, European Journal of Criminology and Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology. He is the co-editor of two books, Moving Probation Forward: Evidence, Arguments and Practice (2003, Pearson Education) and Experiences of Transnational Chinese Migrants in the Asia-Pacific (2006, Nova Science).

**Ros Darracott**
Ros Darracott is based in Charleville, South West Queensland and has lived and worked in the region for the past 12 years, with prior experience in the Riverina. Her practice has involved providing generalist, generic services across large regional areas and the management of a broad variety of social care programmes, including disability, child protection and family counselling services delivered across South West Queensland. Her Masters research explored the application of grief and loss frameworks to working with primary producers and she has a current interest in domain location and its implication for practice.

**Bob Lonne**
Dr Bob Lonne is a Senior Lecturer with the School of Social Work and Applied Human Sciences at the University of Queensland. He has extensive practice, managerial and research experience of rural social care, particularly in the fields of statutory child protection and welfare, and juvenile justice and has published and presented widely on these. His doctoral research examined factors affecting the work stress, and staff retention of rural and remote social workers and he is currently researching the application of the concept of domain location for rural social care practitioners.
Jennifer Martin
Dr Jennifer Martin is an Associate Professor in social work at RMIT University. Her main areas of research and teaching are cross-cultural practice, critical theory, mental health and conflict resolution and mediation. She is the author of *An Ordinary Life in China, Malaysia and Australia* (2003, Ginninderra Press), a story of the experiences of an ‘ordinary’ immigrant to Australia. She has conducted research with the Chinese Communities of Melbourne on health and welfare issues. She was invited by the Mekong River Commission to conduct a workshop on Conflict Resolution and Prevention in the Mekong River Basin. Over 50 representatives from countries that rely on the Mekong River for their livelihood attended this workshop. She is particularly sensitive to issues of racism, discrimination and social exclusion on both a personal and political level.

Noel Renouf
Dr Noel Renouf is a Chief Social Worker at NorthWestern Mental Health Service in Victoria and a Senior Lecturer in Social Work at La Trobe University. Noel has extensive experience in the areas of professional development of social work staff, and is a leading Australian academic in the area of connecting theory and practice in mental health. Robert Bland and he have collaborated in research and teaching, contributing extensively to the knowledge base for social work practice in Australia.

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Dr Deborah Setterlund is a Senior Lecturer, School of Social Work and Applied Human Sciences, at the University of Queensland. Her research focuses on the outcomes of social work practice and the translation of research into practice. A large area of current research considers the implications of legislative changes for older people, particularly in relation to the management of their assets, the experiences of carers and older people in sharing asset management and theorizing around financial abuse of older people. She teaches in the areas of social work practice generally, social work with older people, group work and case management.

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Dr Sandra Taylor currently holds the position of Associate Professor in Social Work at Central Queensland University, Australia. She has worked for many years as a social worker in a variety of hospitals and community health settings, primarily in New South Wales and Tasmania. She coordinated Huntington’s Disease and Predictive Genetic Testing services in Northern Tasmania for ten years and has maintained a strong research and professional interest in issues affecting individuals and families with inherited conditions and disorders. She also maintains interests in professional social work and clinical issues in healthcare, Australian healthcare policy, preventative healthcare and cross-disciplinary education and practice. She is currently involved in several research projects, including a nationally-funded study of genetic discrimination.

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Dr Cheryl Tilse, a Senior Lecturer in the School of Social Work and Applied Human Sciences at the University of Queensland, teaches research methods, knowledge and practice and working in human service organizations. She is committed to research that informs ageing policy and practice primarily in the areas of asset management, financial abuse, substitute decision making and the legal needs of older people, housing options for low income older people, enhancing communication and participation in residential care and the impact of user charges in aged care.

Chris Trotter
Associate Professor Chris Trotter has been appointed to Monash University Social Work Department in 1991 after working for 15 years in management and direct practice positions in the child protection, juvenile justice and community corrections. He has undertaken more than 10 research projects and more than 50 publications during the past decade focused primarily working with involuntary clients. He has two commercial books *Working with Involuntary Clients*, published by Allen and Unwin in Australia, by Sage in the rest of the world and in German translation by Edition pro-Menta, and *Helping Abused Children and their Families* also published by Allen and Unwin and Sage. He has developed a worldwide reputation for his work on pro-social modelling and has undertaken consultancies in Australia, Austria, United Kingdom (UK) and Ireland, Singapore and New Zealand to assist probation services and child protection agencies to implement pro-social modelling. The Cognitive Centre in the UK has published and widely distributed his training manuals on effective practice in corrections and in work with families.

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Associate Professor Jill Wilson is Head of the School of Social Work and Applied Human Sciences at the University of Queensland. She teaches in field work and social work practice and researches in the areas of substitute decision making, aged care, the management of older people’s assets and the financial abuse of older people. Her research has a strong practice focus and looks at the intersection of policy and practice. She is interested in how social work education can promote a stronger interest in students in the contribution older people make to the community and explore effective ways of working with older people in their families, communities and residential services.
Dr Joanna Zubrzycki is a first generation Polish-Australian woman who graduated from her Bachelor of Social Work (Hons.) in 1986. She has worked as a social worker in the areas of child and adolescent mental health, disability services, equal employment opportunity policy, brain injury rehabilitation and adolescent parenting. She is currently a Senior Lecturer in the School of Social Work (ACT) at the Australian Catholic University. She has conducted research and published in the areas of rural social work, parenting and social work, the use of self in practice, Aboriginal social work, cross cultural practice and the construction of personal and professional boundaries.