**CARERS Matter Forum: Information on some of the presenters: a range of academic, professional and personal life experience.**

**Professor Helen Stallman**

PhD *Qld.*, DClinPsych *Qld.*, CertMedEd *Qld.*, BPsych (Hons) *James Cook*, BSc *S.Qld.*

* Professor, Clinical Psychology
* Professorial Research Fellow - Suicide Prevent
* Professor Helen Stallman is a [Hospital Research Foundation Fellow](https://www.hospitalresearch.com.au/) at the [Basil Hetzel Institute](http://www.basilhetzelinstitute.com.au/profile/helen-stallman/#about), [TQEH](https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/health+services/hospitals+and+health+services+metropolitan+adelaide/the+queen+elizabeth+hospital/the+queen+elizabeth+hospital), Director of the [International Association for University Health and Wellbeing](https://www.healthyuniversities.org/) and a member of Beyondblue’s The Way Back Support Service Clinical Risk and Quality Sub Committee (2019-2022).
* Helen is a specialist in the development and evaluation of interventions aimed to optimise health and wellbeing. Her focus has included suicide prevention, [university health and wellbeing](http://www.healthyuniversities.org/), [parenting](http://www.triplep.net/glo-en/home/), and e-psychology. Dr Stallman developed the [Coping Planning](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1039856217732471) approach to suicide prevention and the [Care · Collaborate · Connect](https://www.carecollaborateconnect.org/)suicide prevention training programs.
* The quality and impact of Helen’s research has been recognised with a number of awards including [Healthy Development Adelaide Women’s Excellence in Research Award for 2019](https://health.adelaide.edu.au/healthy-development-adelaide/news/list/2019/04/03/2019-hda-womens-excellence-in-research-award-winner-announced), UniQuest Trailblazer, and the International Education Association of Australia (IEAA) Award for Best Practice/Innovation.

#### Other Awards / Fellowships including:

* 2020 - current Honorary Research Fellow, Caboolture and Kilcoy Hospitals and Woodford Corrections Health
* 2018–2021 The Hospital Research Foundation Fellow
* 2019 Healthy Development Adelaide Women’s Excellence in Research Award
* 2019 CSIRO ON Prime program participant

**Kerrie Atherton** is Founder of Stories of HOPE Australia.  Kerry is an inspiration to all who have the opportunity to hear her story.  Kerry's work brings people together, to celebrate life in all its trials, and how through Kindness HOPE is found. Kerrie will have some of her books on display to purchase $25each or 2 for $40 (cash only)

**Marnee Kent** is a Transpersonal Art Therapist, Artist and published Author.  Through stories she will share with you, and the things she has learnt, she will share the tools and insights she has gained to be able to assist you.  One of them being how the gifts we bring to this world brings great value to others. Marnee will also have books on display to purchase either by cash or by machine.

**Vince O’Rourke** is post-carer of his wife diagnosed with Young Onset Dementia. Author of book: I Wish I Were a Leper.

6 degrees and 2 masters in Philosophy and Theology.

Was a secondary teacher for Education Qld and Catholic Education.

He became the Director of Catholic Education, Archdiocese of Brisbane and a consultant in education in Africa, Thailand and Ireland. Operated a consultancy in management and undertook work in the Mater Hospitals in Qld. Was interviewed about the caring role on many radio programmes: ABC Radio, Richard Fidler Conversation Hour; ABC Madonna King; 4BC. Guest speaker at National Incontinence Week Launch (Canberra) and training of staff for OzCare in Queensland, Alzheimer’s Australia, Alzheimer’s Queensland and Men’s retreat for Carers Queensland.

He studied to be a priest and was in the seminary for five years and has a pastoral approach in groups. As a post-carer he was a pastoral care worker at Greenslopes Private Hospital.