

**ATTACHMENT WB1**

This is the attachment marked "**WB1**" referred to in the witness statement of Wendy Bunston dated 8 July 2015.

## RESUME

**NAME** Wendy Christina Bunston: [REDACTED]  
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## EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND

- ❖ **wb Training & Consultancy (2012 - Private trainer and consultant across Australia)**
- ❖ **PhD Candidate (9/2012 – awarded a national scholarship)**  
**Associate Lecturer, part time, La Trobe University (2013-)**

### 6/1996 – 9/2012 (Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital Mental Health Program (RCH MHP))

- ❖ **Manager, Addressing Family Violence Programs (2007 – 2011) & Senior Clinician, South West Team (2012/3).**
- ❖ **Manager, Community Group Program (Social Worker Grade 4) from 6/99 – 3/2007 & also additionally for eight months in 2007 Mid - West Team Leader (March to Oct)**
- ❖ **Associate Lecturer, part time (2000-3 & 2009/2010) Social Work Department, University of Melbourne.**
- ❖ **Team Leader/Snr Social Worker Class 3 – (RCH MHP – formerly MH SKY), Mid-West Team (1/98 - 6/99)**  
**Snr Social Worker, Class 3 – MH SKY Mid-West Team (6/96 – 1/98)**

### 10/1994 - 4/1996

- ❖ **Senior Social Worker, Class 3 (Team Leader, Adolescent Protective Team)**  
**Victorian Department of Health and Community Services**

### 4/1992 - 10/1994

- ❖ **Professional Officer, Grade 2 (Social Worker/Mental Health Officer)**  
**Tuggeranong Mental Health Centre (Australian Capital Territory - Health)**

### 12/1989 - 3/1992

- ❖ **Social Worker, Class 2 (Youth Counsellor)**  
**Camcare Family Counselling and Support (Camberwell VIC)**

### 1/1988 - 11/1989

- ❖ **Social Worker, Class 2**  
**St Augustine's Adolescent & Family Services (Geelong VIC)**

### 1983 - 1987

- ❖ **Residential child care worker/ Intellectual disabilities worker**

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND/QUALIFICATIONS

### Post Graduate

- 2012-** PhD Candidate La Trobe University
- 2010** The Cranlana Programme – 6 day leadership Colloquium (by invitation) auspiced by the Sidney Myer Foundation for Good Leadership in Society.
- 2008** Advanced Training in Infant Mental Health, Royal Children’s Hospital & The University of Melbourne (Post-Graduate Diploma Equivalent).
- 2006** The Enhancement of Social Work Leadership in Health Care, 10 week full time academic international scholars course of study at Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, New York.
- 2005** Post Graduate Certificate in Applied Science (Organisation Dynamics) RMIT University
- 1996 -1997** Masters (Clinical) in Family Therapy  
Bouverie Family Centre/Latrobe University
- Research Thesis: Adolescent Male Sex Offenders-Gender Identity & Gender Perceptions.
- 1990 - 1991** Graduate Diploma in Family Therapy  
Bouverie Family Therapy Centre/Latrobe University
- 1986 - 1987** Bachelor of Social Work (Distinction)  
(Latrobe University)
- 1984 - 1985** Completed 2 years of Bachelor of Arts degree  
(Swinburne Institute)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP/COMMITTEES

- 2014** Membership of the Australian College of Social Work (AASW).  
Accredited Mental Health Social Worker (AASW).
- 2011/12** Expert panel: Specialist Family Violence Practice Guide & Assessment Template for Children and Young People, Victorian Dept of Human Services.
- 2009 -** Member of the Australian Association of Infant Mental Health
- 2008** Expert Advisory Group, Dept of Human Services, “Practice Guidelines: Women and Children’s Family Violence Counselling and Support Programs.
- 2006** Chairperson- Infant Mental Health Clinical Guidelines – RCH Mental Health
- 2002 - 2003** Member of -Vic Police & Office of Women’s Policy, Dept of Premier & Cabinet’s State-wide Steering Committee to Reduce Family Violence
- 2000 -2009** Operation Newstart Western Committee of Management (local)

<b>2005 -2013</b>	Operation Newstart Victoria Committee of Management (State-Wide)
<b>1999 - 2002</b>	Founding Member – Kids Safe From Violence – West (KSFV-W)
<b>1999 – 2001</b>	RCH MHS Koori Mental Health Project Steering Committee
<b>1999 - 2006</b>	Travancore School Committee
<b>1997 – 2014</b>	Australian Association of Family Therapist’s – Clinical Membership, Served on Committee of Management - Victorian Association of Family Therapists (VAFT) 1999 -2001 (Portfolio – PD Committee & Ass Editor VAFT Newsletter)

### ACADEMIC ARTICLES/CHAPTERS/BOOKS by Wendy Bunston

- **Helping Babies and Children (0-6) to Heal after Family Violence: A Practical Guide to Infant- and Child-Led Practice**, Jessica Kingsley Publishers, UK (going to press 2016).
- Children exposed to Family Violence, in (Eds) C. Haen & S. Aronson, **The Handbook of Child and Adolescent Group Therapy.**, Routledge, New York (going to press 2106).
- Children, Family Violence and Group Work: Some Do’s and Don’ts in running therapeutic groups with children affected by family violence, (co-authored with Tara Pavlidis and Peta Cartwright), **Journal of Family Violence** (2015, DOI 10.1007/s10896-015-9739-1).
- Evaluating relational repair work with infants and mothers impacted by family violence, (co - authored with Kathy Eyre, Anthony Carlsson and Kristen Pringle) **Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology**, (2015, DOI: 10.1177/0004865814559925).
- Infant-led practice: Responding to infants and their mothers (and fathers) in the aftermath of domestic violence, in (Eds) N. Stanley & C. Humphreys, **Domestic Violence and Protecting Children: New Thinking and Approaches**, Jessica Kingsley Publishers, UK (2015).
- What about the Fathers? Bringing Dads on Board with their Infants Following Violence, **Journal of Family Studies**, Vol 19, No 1, 70-79 (2013).
- The Group who holds the Group: Supervision as a critical component in complex group work with infants affected by family violence, in (Eds) L. Grobman & J. Clements, **Riding the Mutual Aid Bus and other Adventures in Group Work**, White Hat Communications, USA (2013).
- The “Original Couple”: Enabling Mothers and Infant to thinks about what destroys as well as enables love, when there has been intimate partner violence, (co-author Sarah Jones) **Couple and Family Psychoanalysis**, Vol 2, No 2, pp. 215-232 (2012).
- **Refuge for Babies in Crisis: How crisis accommodation services can assist infants and their mothers affected by family violence**, co author Robyn Sketchley, The Royal Children’s Hospital Integrated Mental Health Service & an Australian Government Initiative, (2012).
- When Two Worlds Collide: The practice and theory Infant-led Work, **The Quarterly**, DVRC, Edition 3, Spring/Summer, (2011).
- Introduction Chapter 4 & Mind the Baby: Let’s start at the very beginning: The sounds of Infants, Mental Health, Homelessness and YOU. **Parity**. Vol 24, Issue 2, pp 34 & 37- 40 (2011).

- Groups to Address Family Violence: An Australian Response, in A Gitterman & R Salmon (Eds.). **Encyclopaedia of social work with groups**. New York: Routledge. (2009).
- More than ‘Just the End’: Closure Work with Clients, in (Eds) J. Maidment & R. Egan). **Practice Skills in Social Work and Welfare: More than just Common Sense**, Allen & Unwin, Australia (2009).
- ‘BuBs’ on Board: Family violence and mother/infant work in women’s shelters, **The Quarterly**, DVIRC, Edition 3, Spring (2008). For full report see [http://video.rch.org.au/mhs/BuBs\\_on\\_Board\\_Full\\_Report.pdf](http://video.rch.org.au/mhs/BuBs_on_Board_Full_Report.pdf)
- Who’s left holding the Baby? Infant-led Systems work with in Intimate Partner Violence, in J. Hamel, (Ed). **Intimate Partner and Family Abuse: A Casebook of Gender Inclusive Therapy**, Springer Publishing, New York (2008).
- Baby Lead the Way: Mental Health Group Work for Infants, Children and Mothers affected by Family violence, **Journal of Family Studies**, Vol 14, 2-1, pp 334-341 (2008).
- **Addressing Family Violence Programs: GroupWork interventions for Infants, Children and Their Families**, co – edited with Alexandra Heynatz, Royal Children’s Hospital, Melbourne, (2006).
- The Peek a Boo Club: Group Work for Infants and Mothers Affected by Family Violence, **DVIRC Quarterly**, May Edition, (2006). (Extended version of this article was also published in the **International Infant Mental Health Newsletter**)
- **The Therapeutic Use of Games in Groupwork**, co-authored with Naomi Audette, RCH Mental Health Service, Melbourne, (2006).
- The Community Group Program: Bringing Mental Health to a School Near You! Co –author Amity Czechowski, **Health Education Australia**, Vol 18, No 1, (2005).
- And They Said We’d Never Make It! co-author Stephanie Shanahan, **The Mental Health Services Conference Inc. of Australia & New Zealand (TheMHS) & Aust. Infant, Child, Adolescent & Family Mental Health Association (AICAFMHA) Conference Proceedings Publication**, Brisbane, (2004).
- **FisT (Feeling is Thinking) Program Manual**, co-authored with Tara Pavlidis, RCH Mental Health Service, Melbourne, (2004).
- Putting The Gro into Groupwork, co-authors Tara Pavlidis & Paul Leyden, **Australian Social Work**, Vol 56, No.1, (2003).
- One Way of Responding to Family Violence: ‘Putting on a p a r k a s ’, **Children Australia**, Vol 27, No.4, (2002).
- **p a r k a s (parents accepting responsibility-kids are safe) manual**, Royal Children’s Hospital Mental Health Service & Djerriwarrh Health Services, Melbourne, (2001).
- Working With Adolescents and Children Who Have Committed Sex Offences, **The Australian and New Zealand Journal of Family Therapy (ANZJFT)**, Vol 21, No.1, (2000).
- Building Broader Partnerships: Innovations in Delivering Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in Educational Settings, **TheMHS Conference Proceedings Publication** The Mental Health Services Conference Inc. of Australia & New Zealand (TheMHS), South Australia, (2000).

- A Model of Collaboration in Working with Children Traumatized by Family Violence (in Recommended Reading Section), **TheMHS Conference Proceedings Publication**, Melbourne (1999).
- Back To Their Future: Family Violence, Childhood Trauma and Future Relationships, **Victorian Association of Family Therapists - Newsletter**, August, (1999).
- **Parent's Accepting Responsibility-Kids Are Safe (p a r k a s)** co-author Helen Crean Federal/State Government- Partnerships against Domestic Violence initiative, published as one of seven groupwork examples of best practice, (1999).
- Encouraging Therapeutic Reflection in Child and Adolescent Protective Services, **The Australian and New Zealand Journal of Family Therapy**, Vol 18, No.2, 1997.

## AWARDS

- 2011**      **Staff Acknowledgment Award** – Royal Children's Hospital Integrated Mental Health Program
- 2010**      **Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards + (\$4000)** - Certificate of Merit for the Peek-A-Boo Club and BuBs (Building up bonds) on Board
- 2009**      **Gold Award (\$2000)** – Infant, Child & Adolescent Program category for “The Peek a Boo Club – Group Work Intervention for Mothers and Infants Affected by Family Violence”, The Mental Health Services Conference Inc. of Australia and New Zealand (TheMHS).
- 2006**      **Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards + (\$5000)** – Certificate of Merit for the AFVP.
- Victorian Public Healthcare Awards** - Category Winner (Excellence in Community Engagement) – for the CGP,
- RCH – Travelling Scholarship (2 Individual Awards)** - (\$7500) - “Pied Piper & Carmine Chan Scholarship” & RCH Medallion to support my participation in the International Scholars Program at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, New York.
- Gold Award (\$3000)** – Infant, Child & Adolescent Program Category for the Feeling is Thinking (FisT) Group Work Treatment Program. The Mental Health Services Conference Inc. of Australia and New Zealand (TheMHS).
- 2005**      **Highly Commended** – National Child Protection Awards – category of responding to Child Abuse and Neglect for the RCH MHS Addressing Family Violence Programs.
- 2005**      **Team Award** – Royal Children's Hospital – Gold Medallion and Individual certificates for all team members of the Community Group Program and Operation Newstart Western.
- 2004**      **Gold Award** - (+ \$3000) Service & Program award in infant, Child & Adolescent Mental Health for the RCH MHS Addressing Family Violence Programs, awarded by The Mental Health Services Conference Inc. of Australia and New Zealand. (TheMHS) & Aust. Infant, Child, Adolescent & Family Mental Health Association (AICAFMHA).
- 2003**      **Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards**  
Certificate of Merit (+ \$3000) for the PARKAS Groupwork Program and Training Package.
- 2003**      **RCH – Scholarship (Individual Award)**  
(\$4400) “Rosemary Derham Scholarship” & RCH Medallion, to present 2 papers at

the Fourth International Conference on Social Work in Health & Mental Health, Quebec, Canada.

**2002**     **Gold Award** – (+ \$2500) ‘Mental Health Promotion or Mental Illness Prevention’ for the Community Group Program, awarded by The Mental Health Services Conference Inc. of Australia and New Zealand (TheMHS).

**2000**     **Meritorious Service Award** (Individual Award) – awarded by Djerriwarrah Health Services.

### **SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

**Victorian Women’s Trust** - \$120 000 over three years (2007-2009) + \$17 000 (2012)

**ANZ Trustees** - \$ 20 000 (2008)

**Alannah and Madeline Foundation** - \$ 5000 (2008)

**Alf and Meg Steel Fund** - \$ 7000 (2008)

**The Sidney Myer Fund** - \$ 420 000 over three years (2008- 2010)

**RE Ross Trust** - \$ 140 000 over three years (2010- 2012)

**Commonwealth Proceeds of Crime** - \$72 000 (2011-2012)

**Communities For Children** - \$126 475 (2011-2012)

**Melbourne Magistrates Court** - \$30 000 (2010-2011)