

Curriculum Vitae

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Sharon is Registered General Nurse, a Registered Geriatric Nurse, has a Diploma of Nursing Education a Degree in Health Sciences, a Diploma of Counselling and a Masters of Public Health and is trained by the Institute of Executive Coaching to a level two Coach. She has a long and respected history working in aged care and most specifically in the area of dementia and dementia care.

She has an experience portfolio which incorporates education, research and clinical practice across the residential and community care sectors. She sits and advises on a number of reference groups and steering committees and is past member of the NSW Ministerial Advisory Committee on Ageing and a long standing member and past president of the Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG)- NSW and is an inaugural Fellow of the National Association and a current member of National Council.

She has been, and continues to be, widely sought to address national and international forums on various aspects of aged care and dementia management and is well published in these areas. She has been the author and co- author of a number of training resources to assist staff working in aged care to deliver "good practice" and has developed a particular expertise in the area of dementia and challenging behaviours. She has worked extensively with people of culturally diverse backgrounds and has developed valuable resources in this area.

She has developed particular interests in the area of end of life issues and end of life decision making for older people and has recently co authored published texts on this subject. She is often called upon to use her

“experiences” and “life lessons” of ageing and aged care to influence others across all age continuums.

Her client base is particularly diverse and clients include state government organisations, area health services, and NGO's and consumer organisations, (amongst others)

She is the director of “**Ageing by Caring Pty Ltd**” an aged care consultancy organisation that aims to enhance the experience of ageing by **caring, communicating and creating**. She assists in doing this by providing education and training, strategic planning, policy development, review and evaluation and leadership development with a strong focus on mentorship and coaching.

Qualifications

Qualification	Awarded
Registered General Nurse The Bankstown Hospital	1975
Registered Geriatric Nurse Lidcombe Hospital	1977
Diploma of Nursing Education Armistead College of Advanced Education	1982
Certificate of Counselling Institute of Counselling	1986
Degree in Health Sciences Charles Sturt University	1991
Masters of Public Health University of Western Sydney	1996
Level Two Executive Coach Institute of Executive Coaching (ICF Accredited Coach Training Program)	2008- 2009

Current and Relevant Past Committee Involvement

- ✓ Member of the Australian Association of Gerontology
- ✓ Inaugural Fellow of the Australian Association of Gerontology
- ✓ General Member of the National Executive of the AAG
- ✓ Honorary Secretary of the Aboriginal Ageing Committee (AAG)
- ✓ Past Member of the NSW Ministerial Advisory Committee on Ageing
- ✓ President of Board - Community Independent Support Services (CISS) – 10 years on board

Relevant Positions Held

December 2001 - current

Director - Ageing by Caring Pty Ltd

March 2001 - December 2001

Associate CEM - Ageing Futures Pty Ltd

June 1993 - March 2001

Aged Care Nurse Consultant

The Centre for Education and Research on Ageing (CERA) - Concord Hospital
- A joint unit of the University of Sydney and Central Sydney Area Health Service.

A multi faceted clinical nurse consultant role which included education, research and clinical components

1994 - 1996

Part time lecturer Bankstown TAFE
Working with Older People Course

October 1992 - May 1993

Consultant - Hostel and Care Program
Home Care

January 1992 - September 1992

Senior Project Officer
The Non English Speaking Background Project
South Western Sydney Area Health Service

January 1989 - January 1992

Clinical Nurse Consultant - Nursing Home Information and Liaison - South Western Sydney Area Health Service – Member of the Auburn Lidcombe ACAT team – (one of the first ACAT teams set up in NSW)

January 1986 - September 1988

Course Coordinator of the Post basic Gerontology Course for Registered Nurses
Lidcombe Hospital

1984 - 1986

Nursing coordinator of the Dementia Clinic - Lidcombe Hospital

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1980 - 1984

Clinical Nurse Educator
School of Nursing Lidcombe Hospital

Books and publications

Wall (Kратиuk) SE, Young, J. Rawson, G. and Williams, S. (1992) A Double Jeopardy: Dementia in Clients of Non-English Speaking Backgrounds (NESB) South Western Sydney Area Health Service

The Hostel and Care Program (Chief Author) **The Dementia Study** a series of case studies on Housing and Care 1994

Wall-Kратиuk S. Quirk, S. Heal, C and Shanley, C. The Tech Approach to Dementia Care, a Resource Kit for Caring for People with Challenging Behaviours in a residential care setting. The Centre for Education and Research on Ageing 1996

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Graham, Sarah. Hampshire, Anne. Hindmarsh, Elizabeth. Squires, Barbara and **Wall, Sharon. My Health, My Future, My choice: an Advance Care Directive for New South Wales** 2004 ISBN 0975120409

Shanley, Chris and **Wall, Sharon Promoting Autonomy and communication through Advanced Care Planning: A Challenge for Nurses in Australia** Australian Journal of Advanced Nursing, 2004 Vol 21 Number 3 pge 32

Wall, Sharon (Chapter) Health Care of The older Adult (An Australian and New Zealand Perspective) Ed. Dr. Peter Brown, Woodslane, (Aust) 2010

Graham, Sarah. Hampshire, Anne. Hindmarsh, Elizabeth. Squires, Barbara and **Wall, Sharon. A Plan of Care: a book to help people Make health and personal care decisions for a person in New South Wales with dementia.** August 2010

Wall, Sharon. **The ultimate betrayal: sexual assault of older people in residential care**, Precedent (Australian Lawyers Alliance) Ed. September / October 2010

References

References and or letters of support can be obtained from any of the following people;

- ✓ Professor Tony Broe - Director of Geriatrics and Community Health - Prince of Wales Hospital – University of NSW. Contact 9382 4259 Email: t.broe@neura.edu.au
- ✓ Ms Barbara Squires - Director of Aged Care Services - Benevolent Society of NSW Contact: 9360 5888 Email: BarbaraS@bensoc.org.au

"I have worked with Sharon in a variety of roles. She has assisted our facility in training, particularly in "person centred" approaches to care for people living with dementia; Sharon assisted us in a consultancy role in reviewing operations, strategic planning and funding applications for a facility our organisation was working with, and as a conference presenter.

Sharon has great knowledge of and experience in the provision of aged care services. She is a captivating presenter and has the ability to connect with her audience as she herself connects and understands the needs of the older people we look after. Sharon provides practical and sensible approaches to care delivery and strategic planning generally.

I have received positive feedback from staff and families who have heard her speak and work with her on projects, many feeling reassured and energised by the information and suggestions provided" CEO

Sharon has the capacity to really get you into the skin of someone with dementia even if you do not want to go there. She taught me things today that I did not think possible and changed my views of people with dementia forever."

"Sharon has a way of engaging the audience that really demands your attention. A gifted public speaker, by far the most interactive presentation I have seen. I do not agree with all her ideas, but she demonstrates a passion and commitment to her work that is quite extraordinary."

"Sharon has a gift which enables her to present information in a most humble and moving way. It is underpinned by great knowledge and respect and changes people."

"Your advice proved to be invaluable and I apologise for not confirming this with you earlier. Bringing in someone like you with expertise and objectivity was an absolute gift to that process and we are forever grateful to you for the assistance." (Family member)

Additional referees and references can be provided on request.