

About our panel members

Darryl Browne, Principal, Browne Linkenbach Services

Darryl Browne is the principal of Browne Linkenbach Legal Services in Leura. He is an Accredited Specialist in Wills and Estates. He is a Councillor of the Law Society of NSW. He Chairs its Elder Law, Capacity and Succession Committee. He facilitates the Elder Abuse Working Group. Darryl is chair of the Law Council of Australia's Elder Law and Succession Committee. He is a member of the Law Society's Accredited Specialist Board. Darryl is a keen writer of legal articles, writing monthly Case Notes on wills and estates for the Law Society Journal.

John McKenzie, Legal Services Commissioner, Department of Justice

A solicitor for 34 years, John has worked primarily as an Accredited Specialist in Criminal Law, largely for the Aboriginal Legal Service and on the staff of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. He has also worked some years in private practice, Legal Aid and community legal centres.

He was appointed the NSW Legal Services Commissioner in 2015 to head the Office of the Legal Services Commissioner which has the statutory responsibility for all complaints against lawyers.

Dr Jane Lonie, MSc, PhD, Clinical Neuropsychologist

Dr. Lonie completed an undergraduate psychology honours degree and a Clinical Neuropsychology Masters degree at Macquarie University in 1999. She moved to Edinburgh, Scotland, shortly after, where she worked as a Clinical Neuropsychologist for over 10 years, initially within the Lothian Memory Treatment Clinic and latterly at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital.

Within this capacity Dr. Lonie provided specialist early and differential diagnostic assessment services to adult and older adult patients with cognitive impairment and lecture input to a number of under- and post-graduate Psychology and Psychiatry courses affiliated with the University of Edinburgh.

In 2010 She completed a PhD with the University of Edinburgh's Department of Psychiatry, investigating neurocognitive markers of early and pre-clinical Alzheimer's disease.

In addition to working in a private consulting capacity, Dr. Lonie is an honorary associate of Macquarie Centre for Cognitive Sciences (MACCS) and Macquarie University Psychology Department.

During her career, Dr Lonie has provided specialist Neuropsychological assessments and reports for in excess of 3,500 patients.

She is a regular provider of medical evidence in matters of legal capacity to The Supreme Court of NSW and NCAT.

Dr Lonie has experience in assessment, report writing and court appearance for the purposes of provision of expert opinion relating to;

- Testamentary capacity (contemporaneous and retrospective).
- Capacity to provide legal instruction.
- Capacity in criminal matters.
- Capacity to give evidence.
- Capacity to appoint or revoke a Power of Attorney or Guardian.
- Guardianship disputes.
- Capacity to consent to medical treatment.
- Capacity to make decisions regarding living arrangements and support needs.
- Financial management capacity.
- Fitness to return to, or continue to work.
- TPD insurance claims.
- Medical Negligence.
- DSP claims.

Natalie Darcy, Senior Legal Officer Estate Planning, NSW Trustee & Guardian

Natalie Darcy is the Senior Legal Officer Estate Planning for NSW Trustee and Guardian. She became an Accredited Specialist in Wills and Estates law in 2009 and has over 15 years' experience working in all aspects of Wills and Estates law including estate planning, estate administration and estate litigation. She is currently a member of the NSW Law Society's Elder Law, Succession and Capacity Committee.

Natalie has experience working in both private practice and the government sector and she has lectured for the College of Law's Postgraduate Applied Law Program in the areas of Construing and Drafting Wills and Estate Administration.

John A Clarke, Solicitor Director, Clarke Law

John has been practising as a Solicitor on the NSW South Coast for over 10 years, and has a thorough knowledge of all aspects of law that may affect residents of our local community. He is dedicated to helping his client and contributing to his local community. John has recently been appointed as a member of the NSW Law Society Elder Law Committee. As one of only a handful of lawyers across NSW to be appointed to the NSW Law Society Elder Law Committee, John brings particular skill and expertise to this area of law. Locally, John is a member of the local CRABS (Cancer Research Advocate Bikers), a committee member of

the Bermagui Chamber of Commerce and is a committed supporter of the Bermagui Breakers AFL Club. John is well known for his affable nature and down-to-earth attitude whilst achieving the best possible results for his clients.

Jason Goode, Solicitor Director, Farrell Goode Pty Ltd

Jason Goode was admitted to the Supreme Court of NSW in December 1991. He has been a member of the Law Society of NSW Elder Law, Capacity and Succession Committee since 2010. He has also been a member of the Rural issues committee for 4 years. He is a director of Farrell Goode Pty Ltd, a small rural practice that he has built from a single office practice to having 3 offices and servicing a wide range of rural clients. He has been a councillor of the Temora Shire council, on the Board of the St Anne's Central school and various other community organisations. His outside interests are the Temora Rugby Union club and old cars.