

# Dr Melissa A Hughes

## Clinical Neuropsychologist & Forensic Psychologist



### Overview

I am an endorsed Clinical Neuropsychologist and Forensic psychologist. I have worked internationally and interstate in clinical roles in non-government, health, and mental health settings, whilst concurrently employed in academic research positions. These positions have allowed me to develop a broad experience base and understanding of the operation of aspects of psychology in various settings and an adaptability to work with different clinicians and settings. I have strong skills in assessment (cognitive, forensic, and psychological) of clients with complex histories, including multiple brain trauma, forensic and substance issues, and associated difficulties including mood and personality. A PsyBA approved supervisor, I have supervised students and colleagues in both research and clinical settings. Trained in AMA4 guidelines for the assessment of permanent impairment, I have been appointed to the SIRA Authorised Health Practitioner Panel. I have also been appointed as a peer reviewer for various academic journals and have been appointed to the national committee of the Psychology Board of Australia.

### Academic Qualifications

Doctor of Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology) Forensic Specialisation Monash University	2009 - 2012
Bachelor of Arts-Psychology (First Class Hons.) Macquarie University	2003 - 2006

### Professional Memberships (current)

- Australian Health Practitioner Registration Authority (AHPRA)  
Psychology Board of Australia (PBA)
  - Clinical Neuropsychology and Forensic Psychology Endorsements*
  - PBA approved supervisor
- Australia and New Zealand Association of Psychology, Psychiatry, and the Law (ANZAPPL)
- Australasian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment (ASSBI)
- International Neuropsychological Society (INS)

### Professional Appointments

Psychology Board of Australia (PsyBA) National Committee Position: Practitioner Member Responsibilities: International Neuropsychological Society (INS)	2018-
State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) Authorised Health Practitioner Panel	2018-

**Previous  
Professional  
Appointments**

ANZAPPL National Committee Position: Assistant Secretary Responsibilities: Minute keeping, participate in National Committee activities, including decisions regarding the operation and running of Anzappl, organisation of annual conferences and events.	2018-
Neuroforensics private practice Position: Clinical Neuropsychologist and Forensic Psychologist Responsibilities: Neuropsychological assessments, interventions, and forensic assessments involving cognitive queries.	2016-
Corrective Services NSW Position: Clinical Neuropsychologist Responsibilities: Neuropsychological assessments, reports and intervention planning for offenders in NSW	2016-
Peer Reviewer for various academic journals Position: Peer reviewer for journals including: <i>Criminal Justice and Behaviour</i> ; <i>Criminology</i> ; <i>Psychiatry, Psychology and Law</i> Responsibilities: Review and comment on various manuscripts being submitted for publication	2013-
University of Technology Sydney Position: Cognitive Supervisor (locum/Casual) Responsibilities: Supervise Masters Students completing cognitive assessments within the UTS student clinic, individual and group based	2017- 2018
Community Justice Program Position: Senior Clinical Consultant Responsibilities: Assessment, intervention, and consultancy for clients and service providers	2016
Royal Rehab Position: Casual Clinical Neuropsychologist Responsibilities: Neuropsychological assessments, including capacity assessments, and reports for inpatients on a casual basis.	2016
Dr Alina Kaminska and associates, Toronto, Canada Position: Clinical Neuropsychologist and Forensic Psychologist Responsibilities: Psychological assessments and reports for various clients.	2015
College of Psychologists of Ontario Registration committee Position: Professional Member Responsibilities: Evaluate eligibility of applicants to become psychologists or psychological associates or declare a new area of competency in Ontario. Involvement in decisions regarding appropriate learning plans for individuals for whom registration is dependent on additional training.	2015
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), Toronto, Canada Position: Forensic Neuropsychologist Responsibilities: Evaluation of neuropsychological functioning and risk for patients involved with CAMH programs, predominantly complex mental illness. Supervision of psychology interns and psychometrists.	2014- 2015



	Arbias, Melbourne Position: Clinical Neuropsychologist Responsibilities: Neuropsychological assessments and reports for forensic and community clients referred by legal aid, DHS, and community. Providing cognitive awareness training to community and correctional agency staff.	2014
	Cognitive Neuroscience Laboratory (Stoutlab), School of Psychological Sciences, Monash University, Victoria, Australia Position: RA (2010-12) Post-Doctoral Research Fellow (2012-14) Responsibilities: Run various projects attempting to further understand factors relevant to neurocognitive functioning in high risk populations, including prisoners and individuals with personality disorders and substance misuse. Co-supervision of honors research students.	2010-2014
	Dr Karen Bird and Associates Position: Clinical Neuropsychologist Responsibilities: Neuropsychological assessments, including capacity assessments, and reports for various clients.	2013
	Eastern Health, Yarra Ranges Health Cognitive Dementia and Memory Service (CDAMS) Position: Clinical Neuropsychologist Responsibilities: Neuropsychological assessments to assist in diagnosis of dementia and memory problems.	2013
	Geriatrician Assistant (cognitive screening), Cabrini Malvern Position: Cognitive assessment assistant Responsibilities: Cognitive screening of elderly patients	2011
	College of Clinical Neuropsychologists (CCN) Committee Position: Monash Student Representative Responsibilities: Relay information and concerns between the committee and neuropsychology students, organise relevant professional development activities	2011
	First year undergraduate psychology program Monash University Position: Tutor Responsibilities: Run tutorial classes for first year undergraduate psychology students.	2009
<b>Clinical Internships</b>	Forensicare, Clifton Hill VIC	2011
	Casey Hospital, Southern Health VIC	2011
	Clinical Neuropsychological Centre, Monash University VIC	2010
	Cognitive and Dementia Memory Service (CDAMS), St Georges Clinic, SVHM	2010
<b>Additional Professional Training, Workshops, Activities (selected)</b>	Providing Allied Health Services in the NSW CTP Scheme	2018
	Workshop by Dr Stephen Hart: Beyond the Individual: Why and How to Expand Violence Risk Assessment to Incorporate Social Factors	2017
	Workshop by Dr Patricia A. Zapf: Best Practices in the Evaluation of Fitness to Stand Trial	2017
	Attended various professional conferences: AASBI, ANZAPPL, Neuroscience & Society, neuropsychology professional retreat.	2017



MAA training in the evaluation of permanent impairment, AMA4 guidelines	2016
AHPRA PBA Supervisor training	2016
Expert workshop: Brain Injury and the Criminal Justice System (one day)	2016
Psychopathy Checklist (PCL-R) two-day administer training by Adelle Forth	2015
Supervision of psychology interns, practicum students, and psychometrists	2015
Co-supervisor of Honours students, Monash University	2013-2014
Research Supervision Accreditation Training (Level 1), Monash University	2013
Monash Student Representative, College of Clinical Neuropsychologists	2011
Psychopathy Checklist (PCL-R, PCL:SV) and Historical, Clinical, Risk Management-20 (HCR-20) three-day intensive administer training by James R.P., Ogloff and Michael Davis	2009

## Publications

<b>Hughes, M. A.</b> , Dolan, M. C., & Stout, J. C. (2015). Psychopathic Personality Traits and Iowa Gambling Task Performance in Incarcerated Offenders. <i>Journal of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law</i> , 22:1, 134-144, DOI: 10.1080/13218719.2014.919689	2015
Le Bas, G.A., <b>Hughes, M. A.</b> , & Stout, J. C. (2015). Utility of self-report and performance-based measures of risk for predicting driving behavior in young people. <i>Personality and Individual Differences</i> , 86, 184-188, doi:10.1016/j.paid.2015.05.034	2015
<b>Hughes, M. A.</b> , Dolan, M. C., & Stout, J. C. (2014). Psychopathic Personality Traits and Iowa Gambling Task Performance in Incarcerated Offenders. <i>Journal of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law</i> , DOI: 10.1080/13218719.2014.919689	2014
<b>Hughes, M. A.</b> , Sulikowski, D., & Burke, D. (2014). Correlations between spatial skills: A test of the Hunter-Gatherer hypothesis. <i>Journal of Evolutionary Psychology</i> , 12, 19-44, DOI: 10.1556/JEP.12.2014.1.2	2014
<b>Hughes, M. A.</b> , Dolan, M. C., & Stout, J. C. (2014). Regret in the context of un-obtained rewards in criminal offenders. <i>Cognition and Emotion</i> , 28, 913-925, DOI:10.1080/02699931.2013.860370	2014
<b>Hughes, M. A.</b> , Stout, J. C., & Dolan, M. C. (2013). Concurrent Validity of the Psychopathic Personality Inventory – Revised and the Psychopathy Checklist: Screening Version in an Australian offender sample. <i>Criminal Justice and Behavior</i> , 40, 802-813, DOI:10.1177/0093854812475135	2013



**Presentations and  
Workshops  
(selected)**

- Hughes, M. A.**, & White, A.J. (2020). Invited trainer, psychometric tools for GEO psychologists. 2020
- Hughes, M. A.**, & White, A.J. (2019). Invited speaker, *Capacity and Vulnerability*, Legalwise Succession Law Symposium. 2019
- Hughes, M. A.**, & White, A.J. (2019). Invited speaker, *Dementia and Crime*, Legalwise Succession Law Symposium. 2019
- Hughes, M. A.**, & White, A.J. (2018). Invited speaker, *Providing the right support for individuals with Neurological and psychological injuries*, QBE in house seminar for MLO. 2018
- Hughes, M. A.**, & White, A.J. (2018). Guest speaker, Expert Evidence Training, Master of Criminal Law Course, University of Wollongong. 2018
- Hughes, M. A.**, & White, A.J. (2018). Invited speaker, *Asking the right questions, providing the right support*, MLO Seminar Series. 2018
- Hughes, M. A.**, & White, A.J. (2017). Guest speaker, Expert Evidence Training, Master of Criminal Law Course, University of Wollongong. 2017
- Hughes, M. A.**, & White, A.J. (2016). Cognition and Forensic Psychology. Presented at the 2016 Australian Lawyers Alliance National Conference, Port Douglas, QLD, 20-22 October. 2015
- Hughes, M.A.** (2014-2015, various dates). Training workshops on psychometric testing for forensic psychometrists at Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), Toronto 2014
- Hughes, M.A.** (2014) 1 day training for arbias staff and community members on working with acquired brain injury (ABI). 2014
- Hughes, M.A. & Kill, R.**, (2014) workshop on Acquired brain injury to Prison officers at Port Phillip Prison 2014
- Hughes, M. A.**, & Stout, J. C. (2013). Neurocognitive Predictors of Risky Diving in Young People - Western Australia. Australasian Cognitive Neuroscience Conference 2013
- Hughes, M. A.**, Stout, J. C., & Dolan, M. C. (2012). Psychopathic Traits and Decision making in Incarcerated Offenders: Implications for Treatment. *Canadian Psychology*, 53:2a, 2012. Canadian Psychological Association 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference. 2012

