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# LET'S TALK CO-PRODUCTION: A PANEL ON COMMON PITFALLS & PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS



**Friday 1 August 2025**



**12pm - 1pm**



**Online via Zoom**

The **Care Economy Research Institute** (CERI) invites you to join us for the third seminar in our series exploring meaningful **lived experience** (LE) involvement in **research and practice**.

Collaborating with lived experience experts can enrich research and lead to more meaningful outcomes—but it's not without its challenges. This interactive panel brings together researchers across the Care Economy Research Institute share candid reflections on common issues that arise in co-produced research, from navigating power dynamics to managing expectations and communication.

The aim is to support attendees to develop their skills and confidence in managing common areas of tension, so they are empowered to continue meaningful and productive lived experience partnerships.

**Attendees will have the opportunity to submit questions to the panel in advance, making this a valuable space for open discussion, shared learning, and practical problem-solving.**

*There will also be time for questions following the panel discussion, but we'd love to hear from you beforehand. **Please email [T.Zirnsak@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:T.Zirnsak@latrobe.edu.au) with your questions.***

## PANEL SPEAKERS



### Mary O'Hagan

Mary is the inaugural Director of Lived Experience at Wellways. She is a highly accomplished speaker, consultant, and writer, with over 30 years of transformative leadership in the lived experience field, making an impact globally, and now also at Wellways.



### Dana Wong

Dr Wong is an Associate Professor and Clinical Neuropsychologist. She leads the eNACT Research Group, which focuses on innovative neuropsychological rehabilitation techniques to improve the lives of brain injury survivors, and enhancing clinical implementation of and clinician competence in these evidence-based interventions.



### Balawyn Jones

Dr Jones is a socio-legal scholar specialising in family and domestic violence and the implementation of women's rights at the intersection of gender, religion, and law. Her current research practice focuses on the help-seeking behavior of victims from culturally and linguistically diverse communities via state and non-state avenues, with an emphasis on lived experience and victim agency.



### Graham Brown

Graham is a Professor at ARCSHS, and has a strong interest in building evidence for effective community led responses, the meaningful involvement and leadership of lived and living experience in research, policy and practice. He has built long-term relationships and collaborations with community organisations led by people living with HIV, people living with viral hepatitis, people who use drugs, sex workers, and LGBTIQ+ communities, and brings his own experience of living with HIV to his collaborative research.

## CHAIR



### Tessa Zirnsak

Dr Zirnsak is a consumer researcher and Research Fellow with substantial experience involving people with lived experience in research. Tessa has experience working as a lived experience advisor and coordinating groups of lived experience experts as a part of large research projects.

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