ABOUT US

Our organisation



Ombudsman

Bruce Barbour

Bruce Barbour has been NSW Ombudsman since June 2000. Prior to that, he was a Senior Member of the Commonwealth Administrative Appeals Tribunal for nine years. He has been a member of the Casino Control Authority and Director of Licensing at the Australian Broadcasting Authority. He has over 20 years' experience in administrative law, investigations and management.



Executive

Chris Wheeler BTRP MTCP LLB (Hons)

Deputy Ombudsman

Chris Wheeler has been Deputy Ombudsman since 1994. He has over 20 years' experience in investigations and extensive experience in management and public administration. He has a background in state and local government, and as a town planner and solicitor.



Community services division

Steve Kinmond BA LLB Dip Ed Dip Crim

Deputy Ombudsman (Community Services Division) and Community & Disability Services Commissioner

Steve Kinmond has held this position since February 2004. Before that, he was the Assistant Ombudsman (Police) for more than eight years. Steve has had over 13 years' involvement in community services. He has also worked as a solicitor and run his own consultancy practice



General team

Greg Andrews

BA (Hons 1) M Env Loc Gov Law Graduate Cert Public Sector Management

Assistant Ombudsman (General)

Greg Andrews has over 25 years' experience as an investigator and has been an Assistant Ombudsman since 1988. He has extensive experience in management, investigations, education and training. Prior to joining the office, he worked in educational change management, university teaching and research, and legal publishing.

Child protection team

Anne Barwick BA Dip Soc Wk M Mgt (Community)

Assistant Ombudsman (Children & Young People)

Anne Barwick was appointed to this position in March 1999. Her background includes experience as a social worker in the welfare, health, education and disability sectors. She has over 20 years' experience in the management of community service organisations.

Police team

Simon Cohen

Assistant Ombudsman (Police)

Simon Cohen has been in this position since February 2004. Before that, he was a legal officer for the NSW Ombudsman for three years. His previous experience includes working in a number of legal and management roles for independent state and commonwealth statutory organisations.