

## Graeme Shears

### Chief Executive Officer, Epilepsy Foundation, MELBOURNE

Graeme Shears is the Chief Executive Officer of the Epilepsy Foundation and current Treasurer of Epilepsy Australia, having previously served as their President.

The Epilepsy Foundation's vision is that people with epilepsy have equitable access to education and employment, feel safe and connected in their community and no longer die from their epilepsy.

Prior to joining the Epilepsy Foundation in 2008, Graeme had a successful career in manufacturing and management consulting.

He holds a Bachelor of Business degree and has completed an executive leadership program, Strategic Perspectives in Non-Profit Management, at Harvard University, USA.

Graeme is on the Board of the International Bureau of Epilepsy and is Chair of the International Capacity Building project. Graeme is also a member of the International League against Epilepsy Congress Council.

He is a co-author of numerous publications including; *Reported services needs at diagnosis of epilepsy and implications for Quality of Life*, *Telemedicine in epilepsy, how can we improve care, teaching and awareness?*, *The social context of anxiety and depression: Exploring the role of anxiety and depression in the lives of Australian adults with epilepsy*, *Management of Post-Traumatic Epilepsy (PTE): an evidence review over the last 5 years and future directions*, and *A Fair Go for People Living with Epilepsy in Australia*.

Graeme is passionate about improving the lives of people with epilepsy. His brother lives with the disease, so he has experienced firsthand the impact epilepsy can have on an individual's life and is aware of the support epilepsy patients may need.

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