

# KAREN BARKER

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Karen Barker is a Degree Trained Registered Nurse now working as a Lean Six Sigma specialist and Director of Vative's Health Division. This Division aims to provide the Health and Aged care sectors with a range of Training and Project management opportunities using Lean thinking.

With 22 years of experience in Healthcare, Karen draws on her broad range of Clinical and Project Management and Process Redesign expertise working and supporting organization's actively pursuing continuous improvement and operational excellence in their businesses. In the past she has worked across both medical and surgical specialties and specialised in Coronary Care, driving the National system for timeliness of care and improved mortality rates for Heart Attack victims from Ambulance care in the Community.

Karen's other work roles have included Quality Improvement, Site Management, and Process Improvements roles , across the Public Health environment. She is known for her approachable manner , attention to detail and strong communication attributes that enables her to engage with staff at all levels of the organization. More recently, Karen has developed training programs that will provide Lean Accredited Training to Healthcare. This was born from the need for an Accredited Training model to support and up-skill the Health care workforce in Continuous Improvement Methodology and Quality Management. These programs have been specifically tailored to the Health care environment and have involved many years working with Healthcare professionals to ensure a product that is both highly regarded and delivered by Healthcare specialists.