Charles ‘Charlie’ Perkins (1936 – 2000)

Snapshot
• Born 1936, Aboriginal Reserve in Alice Springs
• Sent to a home in Adelaide at the age of 10.
• A talented soccer player played as a professional for the English club, Everton and as captain/coach for Pan-Hellenic in Sydney.
• Soccer helped finance Charlie through university.
• In 1966 became first Indigenous Australian to graduate from university here at Sydney Uni.
• He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree
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• Became increasingly active in Indigenous rights issues whilst studying at Sydney Uni.

• 1965 lead a group of fellow students on the Freedom Ride – a tour of rural NSW highlighting the discrimination against Indigenous people.

• He held a number of important appointments such as:
  Secretary, Department of Aboriginal Affairs
  Chairman, Aboriginal Development Commission

• Continued through his life to advocating for Indigenous Human Rights, better health, education and acceptance.
• Received a donated kidney 30 years previous.
• Died October 2000 of renal failure
Mission

Dedicated to easing the burden of obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease and their related conditions through innovative research and teaching
Goal
Creating healthier, more sustainable communities
How

Bringing together scholars from a range of disciplines to explore the interconnectedness of our environment, our food and our health
Why

To explain how people’s risk of disease is affected by psychological, educational, cultural, and economic circumstances, or external factors such as the built environment, the agriculture and food industries, technologies and media.
Charles Perkins Centre
Executive Committee

The centre is managed by an Executive Committee comprising of:

✓ Centre leadership
✓ Research leadership - Domain Leaders
✓ Research leadership - Theme Leaders
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Leadership

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Stephen Simpson

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Professor Paul Griffiths

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Michael Milne
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**BIOLOGY**
Professor
David James

**SOCIETY & ENVIRONMENT**
Professor
Paul Griffiths (Acting)

**SOLUTIONS**
Professor
Andrew Wilson

**POPULATIONS**
To be appointed

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Theme Leaders

- Prof. David Raubenheimer: Nutrition
- Prof. Adrian Bauman: Physical activity, exercise and energy expenditure
- Assoc. Prof. Zdenka Kuncic: Complex systems and modelling
- Prof. Paul Griffiths (Acting): Politics, governance and ethics

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