From the Associate Dean (Research)

As the Australian Government moves steadily towards the development and application of a model for ‘consistent’ and ‘robust’ measurement of quality research undertaken within universities it is essential that the School assesses its own research performance, in relation to quality and productivity. With this in mind, I am going to use the opportunity that this Newsletter presents to re-iterate some of the key points I made in my report to the School Board in February.

Firstly, there are multiple and diverse research opportunities for nursing in the current research and funding framework at school, university, state and federal level. The following points offer insights into why I feel able to make that claim:

- Areas of strategic research development (ASRI’S);
- Rapidly changing funding environment with less emphasis on Category 1 funding and emerging emphasis on funding programmatic multidisciplinary research, Centres of Excellence and CRC’s;
- Generational Health Review;
- Funding trends are towards targeted research programs some of which are particular strengths of the School. For example:
  - Ageing
  - Chronic Illness
  - Indigenous health
  - Public health, and health outcomes;
- HUB and mentoring programs are in place to assist with DEST publications:
  - a significant no. of staff are publishing in non-DEST Journals, presenting at conferences where abstracts have been peer reviewed but are not always translated into peer reviewed articles;
- A workload model is now in place that allows for the determination and planning of individual research workloads so that each individual is ably positioned to fulfil the research expectations of their academic appointment and meet their own research and promotion goals.

Secondly, with the activation of the Workload model and the HUB, with the consequent recognition and support of all arms of the academic role there is real potential for the School to increase its research productivity and the research income. For instance:

- Active participation in community activities will increase the School profile and opportunity for collaborative research partnerships;
- Successful completion of funded research projects with accompanying publications will increase the opportunities and likelihood of further and larger funding as well as attracting post-graduate and higher degree students;
- Early identification, support and encouragement of potential Honours students will ensure they are well positioned to apply for Honours Scholarships;
- Encouragement and facilitation of Honours students to publish will ensure they are well positioned to apply for PhD Scholarships.

All of the points outlined above are integral to the viability and development of the other, one activity is not independent of the other, just like the four arms of academic performance.

I hope that like me you are feeling excited by this pivotal year and the opportunities that are presenting to enable us to strengthen the research performance of the School.

Jan Paterson
Associate Dean (Research)
What’s NEW in the HUB?

New faces in the Hub...
The Hub team would like to thank Linda Ng for the contribution to the School’s research activities she made working with us over the period of the last twelve months. At the same time, we welcome Julie Nixon. She has recently joined the Hub as an Administrative Assistant Research. Julie is available for the research support to all School’s staff and postgraduate students.

Research Assistants
In the Hub resources database, we have resumes and expressions of interest in providing part-time research assistance from three persons:
Sandra Bardley - Grad Entry 2nd year nursing student,
Rachel Addicoat - Graduate Nurse on the Honours level,
Marguerite Bramble – Graduate Nurse and Economist (Marketing).
All of them have previous medical and nursing research experience.
If you know about suitable position becoming available in your area please contact me for more details about those research assistants.

SONM Student publications
This is a message for all of the Academic Staff. If you know about any publications prepared or submitted by nursing students please let us know so we can track it and include in our annual publication data collection for 2005. The initial contact person for this matter is Dr Lindy King. Lindy, with the Hub assistance, is the patron of informal network established to assist students with their potential publications.

Information for the School’s new Academic Staff
Establishment Grant are for new members of University staff to support their preliminary research and publication. If you need more information about conditions (eligibility and application procedure) of this grant please visit web page:

Research activities

Congratulations
Congratulations are due to Dr Jan Paterson and Dr Lidia Mayner who successfully applied to the FMC Foundation. Marguerite Bramble is working on this project as the Project Officer.

Research events
Forum of the Discipline of Nursing
On Monday, 11th of April, from 10.00am to 1.00pm in room N416, the School is hosting a Forum for the Discipline of Nursing. The Forum will be an important gathering of professionals working in the health, community and tertiary sectors, education and research. The Guest Speaker is professor Sioban Nelson, head of the School of Nursing, The University of Melbourne. Professor Nelson’s presentation will discuss the proposed research assessment exercise by DEST. The Forum will discuss its implications for the nursing discipline, research and nursing’s place in Universities.

School’s Research Summit
Please put the date of the 29th of November (Tuesday) in your diaries so that you can attend the School’s Research Summit. The Summit will be held at the Stamford Grand. The proposed theme of the day is ‘Building capacity for nursing research’.

School’s Honours Program
On the basis of Dr Lindy King’s (Coordinator of the School’s Honours Program) report to the School Board (March 2005), we would like to highlight outcomes of the Program’s pathways and activities undertaken to promote it over the period of February 2004 to February 2005, and they are:
- eight high achieving students entered the program in Sem 1 and a further six are interested four of whom are already accepted to begin in Sem 2 in 2005,
- six of the eight 2005 commencing students have GPAs of 6.0 or better,
- two completion students of 2003/4 have submitted three manuscripts for publication based on their Honours work,
- written proposal at the School and Faculty level for the formation of Honours scholarships – it resulted in the one School Honours scholarship and in the five new Faculty Honours scholarships,
- 10 high achieving students were encouraged by the topic lecturers to discuss their potential interest in Honours study with the Program Coordinator,
- information introducing the Honours program was presented to all nursing students via lectures, both live and web CT based, through brochures and the Honours web site,
Promotion of the nursing Honours program outside of the School occurred through the Honours Coordinator’s participation in:

- inter-Faculty discussion seeking formulation of common University guidelines for Honours programs;
- discussion at the Faculty level to identify ways the two Schools might work together to further develop Honours students for higher degree studies;
- updating the School’s Honours page site for external interested parties to access;
- liaising with the graduate program coordinators of Adelaide private and public hospitals especially those who have integrated Honours programs with Flinders University;
- liaising with the graduate nurse program coordinators of Alice Springs Hospital for their first Honours student;
- negotiations for an integrated Honours program for Midwives with the Flinders Medical Centre and Women’s and Children’s Hospital to begin in early 2006.

Visiting Scholars

In the first half of the year the School will host two Visiting Scholars:

**Professor Glenn Gardner**, Director of the Centre for Clinical Nursing, Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital Health Service District and Queensland University of Technology, from 19th to 21st April.

**Dr Sean Clarke**, Associate Director, Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research, University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing, from 29th June to 8th July.

Critical Reviewer Group members wait for you!

Numbers of the recently published and in print articles, as well as the number of the articles published last year (please see pages 8 - 12 of this edition of the Newsletter) indicate on the increasing tendency in the publishing area of the School’s research activities! If you consider writing a new publication and if you need help or second opinion of your potential publication or any other piece of your research work, we encourage you to approach members of the group. For your convenience, please find the names of people who volunteered themselves as the reviewers so far:

- Dr Martin Caon
- Professor Charlotte de Crespigny
- Ms Jenny Donovan
- Dr Paul Drew
- Dr Pauline Glover
- Ms Lyn Gum
- Ms Alison Hutton
- Ms Heather James
- Dr Jackie Jones
- Dr Lindy King
- Dr Trish Mitchell
- Dr Jan Paterson
- Dr Steve Parker
- Dr Trudy Rudge
- Ms Linda Saunders

New members are still very welcomed to join the group. Details about the next group’s meeting will be sent out once it is set up.

Editorial services

**Dr Ann Harrington** informed us about her peer-reviewing job she has conducted for the Third International Conference – ‘Ageing and Spirituality’ – held in Adelaide last year.

Dr Harrington, together with another person, reviewed the large number of the abstracts (29) submitted for oral presentations at the Conference’s sessions.

**Mr Paul Bennet** has been appointed Editor of the Journal of the Renal Society of Australasia.

We would like to maintain the Hub Newsletter as a forum for sharing information about different kind of research activities conducted by the researchers of the School, including editorial services. So, if you have been involved in any of the research activities or services please send information about it to us.

Great achievement of our graduate

It is very pleased to be able to tell you that our ex-colleague and PhD graduate Dr Anne Hofmeyer has been awarded a Canadian Post Doctoral Fellowship for two years. There were ten offered and only one in Nursing which Anne applied for and was successful. It's a very prestigious award and thoroughly deserved! If you wish to contact Anne her email address is: anne.hofmeyer@ualberta.ca
Grant/Funding Opportunities

A word from our Research Associate
Dr Julie Henderson

The main focus of our work in the Hub in the last few months has been building relations with clinical partners for collaborative research. I have been involved in a project, working with representatives from the three major hospitals in the southern region to develop a clinical model for managing confusion and aggression in older patients in an acute setting. The Hub has also provided assistance in developing research projects with primary health care nurses at Noarlunga and the Southern Vales health services and is currently supporting the development of a program by Kay Edgecombe to create opportunities for collaborative clinical research in the DEUs. We are also in the process of building upon the success of Research Summit through creating five research teams in the areas identified by participants on the day. Three of the groups are currently up and running—the Education group is being led by Steve Parker, the Primary Health Care group by Charmaine Power and the Evidence Based Research Group by Lidia Mayner. We are hoping to establish the Mental Health group this month under the tutelage of Trudy Rudge. Letters have gone out to those of you who put your name down inviting you to attend an inaugural meeting of these groups.

The Hub committee and I are also working on developing a seminar program for staff and students this year to be held on Tuesdays. The first was held on March 8th when Dr. Deb King from the Sociology department ran a workshop on clarifying research topics. The workshop was well attended and we received positive feedback about the content. The next is on May 10th when Kate Cadman from Adelaide University will run a workshop on publishing in academic journals. We are planning six seminars in all. Thank you to those of you who filled out the survey asking you about your preferences for the seminars. We are endeavouring to present a program which reflects the feedback we received.

We also recently launched the chronic illness research group. I would encourage anyone with an interest in chronic illness to come along as we are trying to build this research area and identify opportunities for funding.

Grant opportunities

Menzies Foundation
Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Scholarships in Allied Health Sciences ($24,000 - $48,000)
Closing date: 15 June 2005
Menzies Foundation, Tel: + 61 (0) 39419 5699 Fax: +61 (0) 39417 7049 Email: menxies@vicnet.net.au

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)
Research on Autism and Autism Spectrum Disorders - NINR ($50,000 - $200,000)
Closing date: 18 May 2005
Kathy Mann Koepke, National Institute of Nursing Research, Tel: + 1 (301) 496 9623 Fax: + 1 (301) 480 8260 Email: koepkek@mail.nih.gov
National Institute of Nursing Research, 6701 Democracy Boulevard, Suite 7101, MSC 4870, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-4870, USA.

Queensland Government, Queensland Health
Rural Scholarship Scheme ($5,800 - $7,000)
Closing date: Any time
Office of Rural Health, Tel: + 61 (0) 7 4624 2880 Fax: + 61 (0) 74624 2888 Email: QHRSS@health.qld.gov.au
Office of Rural Health, PO Box 1006, Roma, QLD 4455

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)
Informal Caregiving Research for Chronic Conditions - NINR ($150,000 for 2 years)
Closing date: 18 May 2005
Dr Nell Armstrong, National Institute of Nursing Research, Tel: + (301) 594 5973 Fax: + 1 (301) 480 8260 Email: nell.armstrong@nih.gov
National Institute of Nursing Research, Office of Extramural Programs, 6701, Democracy Boulevard, Room 710, MSC 4870, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-4870, USA

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)
Improving Care for Dying Children and Their Families - NINR ($275,000 for 2 years)
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Closing date: 18 May 2005

Dr Alexis D. Bakos, National Institute of Nursing Research, Tel: +1 (301) 594 2542 Fax: + 1 (301) 480 8260 Email: bakosal@mail.nih.gov
National Institute of Nursing Research, Office of Extramural Programs, 6701, Democracy Boulevard, Room 710, MSC 4870, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-4870, USA

ANZ/FRRR Seeds of Renewal Program
The Seeds of Renewal small grants program offers grants of up to $10,000 to not-for-profit organisations, for projects and activities that aid the sustainability of the community.
Projects will be funded that have a charitable purpose and contribute to development in social and community welfare, economic, environmental, health, education or cultural areas to communities that have a population of 15,000 people or less.
The program has a total pool of over $275,000.
Application forms are available from the web site.
Closing date: 18 May 2005.

The Australian Kidney Foundation Grants & Scholarships
The Australian Kidney Foundation provides a variety of grants and scholarships to support individuals and groups undertaking research into the causes, prevention and treatment of diseases of the kidneys and urinary tract.
Grant applications close annually on 30 June.
Scholarship applications close annually on 30 August.
http://www.kidney.org.au/?section=2&subsection=6

The Channel 7 Children's Research Foundation of South Australia Grant
The Channel 7 Children's Research Foundation of South Australia provides support for research into the health and well-being of children.
Applicants for research grants are sought in the fields of Medicine, Education, Dentistry, Nursing, Social Sciences, Environment, Mental Health and Allied Health Professions.
Grants are generally worth up to $50,000 and projects are supported for a maximum of 2 years.
Applications will open on 1 February 2005 and close 5 May 2005.
Contact details:
Executive Director
The Channel 7 Children's Research Foundation of South Australia
Phone: 08 8375 8602
Fax: 08 8375 8616
Postal Address
PO Box 2438
Regency Park SA 5942

Diabetes Research Grants Program
Diabetes Research Grants Program provides funding to non-profit bodies to support research and education development in diabetes.
Grants are intended to provide for basic, clinical or applied research in following fields:
- Biochemistry, physiology and pathology;
- Nutrition;
- Epidemiology;
- Psychology;
- Education research; and
- Health care delivery.
Grants will be awarded for one year and do not usually exceed $40,000.
Application forms are available from the web site.

Gawler Council Community Donations Program
Each year, Gawler Council allocates a proportion of rates income to the Community Grants Program. The aim of this program is to encourage and assist projects which will benefit the residents of Gawler.
Projects should contribute positively in one or more of the following categories:
Health / Wellness
Recreation / Sport
Community development
Arts / Culture
Environment
A maximum of $1000 is allocated per grant.
Applications should be made on the prescribed application form, and should be submitted by October.

Contact details:
Manager, Community Services
Town of Gawler
Phone: 08 8522 9236
Fax: 08 8522 9212
claire.taylor@gawler.sa.gov.au

Mental Illness Research Grants
The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (ARHRF) invites applications from individuals or research teams in clinical or public health fields for grants in support of research projects.
Research projects are funded on a one year basis. However, applicants may seek additional funding on an annual basis for the duration of a multi-year research project. The maximum annual value of funding available is $60,000.
Closing date: 12 August 2005.
Mitcham Community Development Grants

Through its Community Development Grants, the City of Mitcham provides the opportunity for community groups and organisations to participate in and contribute to the community and cultural life of the City by developing projects/programs/activities which are innovative and offer a different approach to meeting community needs.

Grants of up to $1,500 are available to eligible community groups and organisations.

Grants are offered in the following categories:
- Youth development
- Recreation
- Community development
- Cultural development
- Community health
- Environmental improvement

Closing date: 30 September each year

Contact details:
Reception Ph: 08 8372 8888
City of Mitcham Fax: 08 8372 8101

The Ian Potter Foundation

The Ian Potter Foundation provides grants for public charitable purposes in Australia in the areas of: education, scientific and medical research, health, social welfare; arts; environment and conservation.

Applications close on the first working day of February, May, August and November.

Contact details:
Executive Secretary
The Ian Potter Foundation Ltd
Phone: 03 9650 3188
Fax: 03 9650 7986

Veteran & Community Grants

Veteran & Community Grants aim to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life of members of the veteran and ex-service community through activities or services that maintain and/or enhance well being. These grants focus on the delivery of funding through two streams: In-Home Support and Community Support, with healthy lifestyle issues a fundamental component of the streams.

Veteran & Community Grants provide funding for projects that address the needs of members of the veteran and ex-service communities through a range of support initiatives. This may be through:
- promotion of health issues & healthy lifestyles;
- supporting quality independent living at home;
- encouraging involvement in community activities;
- support for carers; and
- reducing social isolation.

There are three funding rounds each financial year in March, July and October.

Additionally...

Tenders

On the regular basis, we will also send to you information about available tenders advertised in the Saturday's and Wednesday's editions of The Australian and The Advertiser.
Copies of tenders' advertisement are kept within the Hub.

Timetable for ARC linkage-projects 2004 round 2 (includes Fellowships and Postgraduate Awards)
(To be submitted in 2005 for funding commencing 2006)

The application form for Linkage Projects Round 2 is now available on the ARC GAMS system.

Please note that the Funding Rules and Draft Funding Contract remain unchanged from Round 1; minor changes have been made to the Instructions to Applicants. The Funding Rules, Draft Funding Contract and Instructions to Applicants are available on the ARC website at:

If you intend to submit an ARC Linkage-Project application or would like to discuss any aspect of the submission process please contact Diane Ovens, telephone 8201 5371 or email diane.ovens@flinders.edu.au as soon as possible.

Round 2

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Internal Grant scheme

University-Industry Collaborative Research Grant (UICRG) Scheme

The scheme aims to:
- further develop collaborative research activities between Flinders University of South Australia and industry;
- develop strategic agreements between the University and industry with the aim of increasing the success rate for applications in programs such as the Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage-Project; and
- provide seed funding for future collaborative grant submissions to external organisations

Two grant rounds are held each year. The closing dates for these rounds are the first working day of June and the first working day of December.

The next round closes on 1 June 2005.

Potential Applicants should note that because there are multiple application forms it is important to read the guidelines in order to ensure that you are applying under the correct category and using the correct form. For more information please refer to: [http://www.flinders.edu.au/research/Office/grants/internal.html](http://www.flinders.edu.au/research/Office/grants/internal.html)

Current NHMRC Funding Opportunities

NHMRC Development Grants

The NHMRC Development Grant Scheme aims to:
- Support the development of health and medical research that has commercial potential and which has the potential to benefit the Australian Community.
- Provide funding for research commercialisation at the early proof-of-concept stage

There will be two rounds of applications in 2005. Round 1 applications close 2 February 2005. Round 2 applications open on 1 June 2005 and close on 1 August 2005. The internal closing date for Round 1 applications is 25 January 2005 and the internal closing date for Round 2 is 25 July 2005.


NHMRC Fellowship and Awards

The NHMRC supports a number of different Fellowship and Award schemes, these are outlined on the [http://www.flinders.edu.au/research/Office/grants/NHMRC.html](http://www.flinders.edu.au/research/Office/grants/NHMRC.html)

Institute Funded Grants

The Flinders Institute for Health and Medical Research offers a range of grants to its members. The links will become active when the grants are open.

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**Procedure for submitting grant applications**

1. Complete grant application according to instructions from sponsor body and in particular, the **Flinders University Certification** must be filled. Should any application be sent electronically, this Certificate must still be filled and sent through our Research Hub, to the Office of Research. Applicants may seek for advice from the Associate Dean Research or other research oriented person.

2. Bring the final amended application to the Dean’s Office (or Acting Dean, as appropriate) for signature.

3. Send a copy of the application to the Hub. This ensures that the School’s database is up-to-date

4. Lodge completed grant application within the Flinders Institute for Health and Medical Research and the Faculty of Health Sciences for required signature.

5. Submit signed original application and the required number of copies to the Office of Research in the Registry. The Office of Research directs checked and registered application to the relevant Funding Body.

6. Submit ethics applications as required to the relevant Committee(s).

**Internal deadlines**

Grant applications for signing and forwarding to external agencies must be received by the Office of Research by their internal deadlines. These are in the advertisements that come from both the Office of Research and our Research Hub.

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**2005 Publications**

**Recently published articles**


Darbyshire, P. 2005, ‘Message from Australia to UK: Think about what you are really gambling with, Guest Editorial,’ *Journal of Child Health Care*, vol. 9, no. 1, pp. 5–7.


**Other recent publication**


**Articles in print**


Recent and future conference presentations and posters


Full list of 2004 publications by categories

DEST Collection (Cat 1)

Journal article


Conference publication


FUSA Collection (Cat 2)

Book

Borbasi, S., Jackson, D. & Langford, R. W. 2004, Navigating the maze of nursing research: An interactive learning adventure, Elsevier Australia., Marrickville, NSW.

Book chapter


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Conference presentation


King, L. 2004, ‘New and experienced nurses’ perceptions of calling the Medical Emergency Team when seriously worried about a patient in a surgical ward setting’, Nursing Leadership, Policy and Politics, Royal College of Nursing, Australia National Conference, Alice Springs, NT, 14-16 July.

Journal article


Neill, J. & Belan, I. 2004, An integrative review of literature on educational interventions provided before or after surgery to adults diagnosed with cancer, Funding holders showcase, SA PHCREd Research Retreat, Adelaide, SA, 3 -4 September.


Saunders, L. 2004, ‘Forensic evidence: what is it and How do you preserve it?’, Emergency nursing...It doesn’t Happen by


Other public output

Cooper, L., Bourne, E., Borbusi, S., Mitchell, P. & Gonda, J. 2004, Effective Discharge Planning for Older People: A Learning Module for Nurses & Social Workers, School of Social Administration & Social Work, School of Nursing & Midwifery, Flinders University, Adelaide.

de Crespigny, C., Groenkaer, M., King, M. & van Loon, A. 2004, Clinical management of Aboriginal people with co-existing diabetes and alcohol related health problems – A review, Final Report, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Flinders University, Adelaide, SA.


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