A word from...

Associate Dean (Research)

I cannot believe that we are fast approaching our third annual research summit. We decided to have a change of venue this year, and I am assured by Gina and Jeni that the new venue is appealing, parking is excellent and the food highly recommended so we are looking forward to a great day and do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us on the day, Tuesday the 5th of December at the Education Development Centre, Hindmarsh.

We have some interesting guest speakers and we will be working together to reach an understanding of what is meant by translational research and the opportunities that this type of research might present to the School. As usual we are asking our clinical partners to join us and we will also be showcasing some of the research activities work of our PhD, Honours and undergraduate students.

I have recently presented my report to the SON&M board so I will not dwell to much on the research activities of the School but I do want to mention to you all that the Research Quality Framework is going to happen. I will make sure you are fully informed as soon as I am given more information (which will be this month).

I wish you all a wonderful festive season and a happy and peaceful New Year, filled with lots of publications and research grants.

Professor Jan Paterson

Research Associate

Most of you already know that I am the new Research Associate here in the School taking over for Dr Julie Henderson. My background includes a Bachelor of Science (major Pharmacology), and several years of Graduate Studies in Pathology (specialisation in Cancer Research), and Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Health Care Research. I have a Masters of Science from the Cardiovascular/Respiratory Science Program and my thesis involved a study in Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. I also have a background in law and have worked in the area of medical negligence, personal injury, motor vehicle accidents, and workers compensation. My research interests include law and health care, and the inappropriate prescribing of drugs by health practitioners, and I am currently assisting Linda Saunders with a medico-legal study.

So far, I have had the opportunity to meet with about one third of you (academic staff) to familiarise myself with your research projects with a view to providing future assistance in ascertaining grant funding. I have found it really helpful to discuss each researchers topics of interests as well as projects that are currently in progress or still at the planning stages. I hope that more of you will continue to find the time to meet with me so that I can develop into a useful resource for the academic staff of the school. For those of you who are thinking about research but have been unable to put your plans into action, I would be most pleased to assist you and my door is always open.

Christine Richardson

Research activities

Congratulations

Congratulations to Paul Arbon who has been successful with his ARC Linkage Grant application. The project is titled – ‘Context-aware mobile decision support systems for medical emergency management in mass gatherings’ – and it is a collaborative project with Monash University and the industry partner - Intell.

Paul Arbon is congratulated on the launch of the Report on his NRMA ACT Road Safety Trust funded project - ‘Multi-casualty triage – putting triage theory into practice at the scene of multiple casualty vehicular accidents’ The project investigated the experiences of ambulance practitioners in applying the principles and protocols of pre-hospital multiple casualty triage at the scene of motor vehicle accident.
Congratulations to Pauline has been appointed Chair, Kidney Health Australia Nursing Grants Committee. This group oversees $30,000 per year of funds to Post Graduate Nursing Students. He was also an external judge of the recent TQEH Research Day and has been elected to the Executive of the Clinical Change ASRI.

Congratulations Pauline!

Congratulations to Paul Drew who, together with other investigators, has received funding ($71,750) from the Cancer Council South Australia for his project 'Barrett's oesophagus: insights from and into fundoplication and oesophagectomy'.

Congratulations to Pauline Glover. Pauline has been invited to be a member of the Expert Reference Group for the Midwifery Care node of JBICOnNECT - the new online access to Johanna Briggs resources.

Pauline Glover was also invited to attend the expert panel for the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council review of the Code of Ethics for Midwives and the Code of Conduct for Midwives. The expert panel was comprised of a lawyer, a bioethicist, three academics, a representative of the Australian College of Midwives (ACMI) and a representative of the ACMI Education Committee. It was held over two days in Canberra on the 23 - 24 October.

Congratulations Pauline!

Charmaine Power has been on the Scientific Committee for the International Council on Women's Health Issues Congress (ICOWHI 2006). The Congress was held on the 15 -18 November in Sydney.

Congratulations Charmaine!

**Award of the Higher Degree**

At the last meeting of the Faculty Higher Degrees Committee, the Chair executively approved the award of the Higher Degree to:

**Dr William Goodin** for his thesis: An investigation of factors that determine self-reported knowledge, attitudes and clinical behaviours of practising registered nurses towards people with alcohol, tobacco and other drug-related problems (supervisor Professor Charlotte de Crespigny).

**Dr Dong-Hee Kim** for her thesis: The social cognitive behavioural antecedents of weight status in Korean adolescents. (supervisor Professor C. Stuhlmiller & Dr Ingrid Belan (acting)).

**Dr Kathleen Peters** for her thesis: Misguided hope: a narrative analysis of couples' stories of childlessness despite treatment with assistive reproductive technology (supervisor Assoc Prof Trudy Rudge).

**Dr Karen Wotton** for her thesis: Heart felt: Self-management of patients with chronic health failure (supervisor: Professor Sandra Dunn).

**Dr Anita DeBellis** for her thesis entitled, 'Behind open doors: a construct of nursing practice in an Australian residential aged care facility' (supervisor Dr Trish Mitchell).

Congratulations to all of the recipients!

**Research events**

**School's Research Summit**

On the 5th of December, the School will hold the Third Annual Research Summit at the Education Development Centre at Hindmarsh. The theme of this year’s Summit is ‘Translational Research’. Invited national and international speakers represent various areas of nursing research and will address the topic accordingly to their interest. Three main speakers of the morning session are: Professor Mary Palmer from University of North Carolina, Professor Debbie van den Hoonoord from St. Thomas University and Professor Barbara Hayes from James Cook University. After these presentations, an Areas of Strategic Research Investment (ASRI) information session will take place. This will include presentations by the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences and ASRI members. The afternoon program will include a panel session and a workshop brainstorming challenges and opportunities for nursing and midwifery in relation to translational research. Before the lunch, posters of postgraduate students and undergraduate students of the mentoring project will be presented. The Health Research Hub and the Research Committee members invite you to attend the Summit and debate on its contemporary topic - translational research.

**Visiting Scholars in 2006**

**Research Week - 21 June to 3 July**

**Associate Professor Dave Holmes** - Faculty of Health Sciences, School of Nursing and the Faculty of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, University of Ottawa.

**Associate Professor Peggy Compton** - Assistant Professor, School of Nursing, University of California, LA.
Research Summit - 5 December
Professor Barbara Hayes - Foundation Professor of Nursing and Head of the School of Nursing Sciences at the James Cook University.
Professor Deborah van den Hooanaard - Professor and Canada Research Chair, Gerontology Department, St Thomas University, Canada.

Professor Mary H Palmer - Umphlet Distinguished Professor in Ageing, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Higher Degrees Forum - 6 December
Professor Will van den Hooanaard - Professor Sociology, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB, Canada.

11 to 14 December
Professor Katrina Getliffe - Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Faculty of Medicine, Health and Life Sciences, University of South Hampton, England.

Successful grants in 2006
F. Burstein, L. Churilov, A. Zaslavsky, J. Wassertheil; P.A. Arbon
Context-aware mobile decision support systems for medical emergency management in mass gatherings
ARC Linkage Grant
Awarded $156,000

D. Chamberlain
Implementing standardised best practice orders for sepsis care
Finders University Faculty of Health Sciences Grant
Awarded $4,000

Barrett’s oesophagus: insights from and into fundoplication and oesophagectomy
The Cancer Council South Australia
Awarded $71,750

Consent in the void: moral, legal and community values in decisions about humans
ARC
Awarded $105,000

A. Harrington, D. Currow, J. Jones, K. Swetenham, & B. Fazekas
Carers experience of relinquishment and ‘role transition’ following the admission of their care recipients to an acute care setting and subsequent referral to Southern Palliative Service
Flinders University Faculty of Health Science Grant
Awarded $5,000

A. Harrington, D. Currow & J. Jones
Carers experience of relinquishment and ‘role transition’ following the admission of their care recipients to an acute care setting and subsequent referral to Southern Palliative Service
FMC Foundation
Awarded $5,000

J. Henderson & J. Paterson
Support for carers of older people in rural communities: A case study
Faculty of Health Sciences Research Grant
Awarded $5,000

J. Neill, I. Belan & N. Piller
The effects of Tai Chi exercise on arm lymphoedema in women following treatment for breast cancer
Faculty of Health Sciences Research Grant
Awarded $7,500

J. Neill, I. Belan & N. Piller
The effects of Tai Chi exercise reduce arm swelling and its symptoms in women who develop lymphoedema after treatment for breast cancer
Lyn Wrigley Breast Cancer Research and Development Fund
Awarded $8,000

J. Paterson, A. De Belli, J. Henderson & L. Xiao
Agreement to establish and maintain Research a Post-doctoral Fellow in aged care in the School of Nursing & Midwifery, Flinders University
Flinders University, Austral Nursing Home, Helping hand Aged Care Inc., Resthaven Inc., Souther Cross Care (SA) Inc.
Cost of salary – collective contribution of the partners

C. Power, D. Jackson & D. Marsland-Smith,
Young women and romantic love
Flinders Faculty of Health Sciences Grant
Awarded $4,000

C. Power
Evaluation of family violence screening tool
SAHS, FMC
Awarded $25,175

C. Power, A. Nixon & K. O’Donnell
Evaluation of Aboriginal maternity care project
Southern Community Domiciliary Health Centre
Awarded $20,576

C. Power
Evaluation of Flinders Early Links Program.
Southern Adelaide Health Service
Awarded $12,167

L. Saunders
Exploring nurses understanding of medico-legal aspects of practice?
FMC Foundation
Awarded $5,000.
Establishing a partnership with a multi-media based company to develop gaming software for nurses
Flinders Collaborative Research Grant Scheme
Awarded $5000

E. Willis, J. Henderson & B. Walter
Proposal for the development of a workload measure for community mental health nurses: South Australia
Department of Health SA
Awarded $66,658

Grant/Funding Opportunities

Australian Government, Department of Health and Ageing
2007 National Aged Care Workforce Census and Survey.
The Department of Health and Ageing is seeking tenders from capable and experienced organisations to undertake the 2007 National Aged Care Workforce Census and Survey. This project aims to identify the profile of the residential and community direct care, aged care workforce to allow for strategic planning for its current and future needs.
The 2007 National Aged Care Workforce Census and Survey will involve:
a review of existing data on the community aged care workforce; the design, distribution and analysis of a census and survey on the residential direct care, aged care workforce; and the design, distribution and analysis of a census and survey on the community direct care, aged care workforce.
Closing date: 2pm on 14 December 2006 in Canberra

Australian Government, Department of Health and Ageing
National Suicide Prevention Strategy (NSPS) Communication Activities.
The Department of Health and Ageing is seeking tenders from capable and experienced individuals or organisations to provide a range of services that support the communications effort of the Department in relation to the Living Is For Everyone (LIFE): A Framework for prevention of suicide and self-harm in Australia (known as the LIFE Framework) and the National Suicide Prevention Strategy (NSPS). The NSPS aims to reduce the incidence of suicidal behaviour by targeting national and local suicide prevention activities across the Australian population.
Closing date: 2pm on 13 December 2006 in Canberra.

Australian Government, Department of Health and Ageing
Adaptation of the Lifescripts Resources for use with Indigenous patients.
The Department of Health and Ageing is seeking tenders from capable and experienced organisations to adapt elements of the Lifescripts Resource Kit for use with Indigenous patients. The existing kit contains tools that enable general practice to advise patients on reducing lifestyle risk factors for chronic disease. The elements of the kit that will be adapted by the successful tenderer are:
Lifestyle Prescriptions: prescriptions to assist health professionals to provide tailored lifestyle advice to patients (5 kinds - smoking, nutrition, alcohol, physical activity and weight management).
5As Guideline Cards: cards which outline the 5As (ask, assess, advise, assist, arrange) approach and provide health professionals with clear steps to assist patients change lifestyle-related behaviour (5 kinds - smoking, nutrition, alcohol, physical activity and weight management).
The successful tenderer will be required to consult stakeholders, review and adapt the content and design of resources, test the materials with the target audience and identify training and associated requirements to facilitate uptake of the resources.
It is expected that the successful tenderer will have strong expertise in Indigenous health, lifestyle risk factor management and project management, as well as the ability to adapt resources for use in Indigenous health settings across the five risk factors. The project is expected to run for approximately five months.
Closing date: 2pm on 13 December 2006 in Canberra.

Sunshine foundation
Seeding grant
Alleviating human suffering eg; drug and alcohol etc (up to $5,000)
Closing dates: 1 July & 15 December 2006

Diabetes Australia Research Trust
DART Research Grant
Research priorities in diabetes – health care delivery, epidemiology, nutrition, education. ($45,000)
Grant open in April.

Harold Mitchell Foundation
Program
Art and health (asthma)
Application Deadline: ongoing - notified within 90 days
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) 7 4624 2888
Email: QHRSS@health.qld.gov.au
Office of Rural Health, PO Box 1006, Roma, QLD 4455

Forum for European-Australian Science and Technology Cooperation - FEAST
The European Union is Australia's largest scientific partner, mainly through bilateral collaboration, but also through multilateral projects. The diplomatic missions representing the European Union in Australia, in association with major Australian S&T Organisations, have embarked on a common action to highlight and improve this bilateral and multilateral cooperation. For more information regarding Australian and European funding and services please visit:
http://www.feast.org/

EasyGrants Newsletter & Grants Education Service
This Newsletter is the only one Australia’s Consolidated Grants Information Service. For more information please visit www.ourcommunity.com.au

ARC linkage-projects 2007
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 Melissa Hills, telephone 8201 2045, email mel.hills@flinders.edu.au

NHMRC Funding
Research Funding
Under this web address
you will find a range of information about the research funding provided by the NHMRC.

The NHMRC provides funding for all areas of research relevant to human health and medical research. Please refer to this web address
to find a comprehensive list of the NHMRC's funding types and the information about research, infrastructure and people support fundings.

NHMRC Calendar Funding --this provides key dates and grant types for research funding.

NHMRC - Fellowships and Awards
The NHMRC supports a number of different Fellowship and Award schemes – please refer to the NHMRC web site.
More information, including the scheme guidelines and application forms can be found on

FMC Foundation Grants, Scholarships and Forms

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Faculty Funded Grants
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Grant/project infrastructure checklist and procedure for submitting grant applications

The HUB has produced a checklist to assist researchers when they are considering infrastructure needs for grant requests. A copy of the checklist, the procedure of the office space allocation for the research assistants and research managers, as well as the procedure for submitting grant’s applications are available from the Hub’s Coordinator.

Research Notice Board

The School’s Research Notice Board is now located at the first floor of the North Wing (opposite the School’s Office). On this board you will find the current, research related information at the local, national and international level. Please visit our board and provide us with the information you consider as an important and interesting to share with the School’s community.

And FYI...

In the Hub’s resources database we have got resume and expression of interest in part-time research assistant role from two persons: Amanda Joy Tovell - graduate social worker on the Master level and Rose Warehouse – graduate Nurse on the Master level too. Please contact Hub Coordinator for more details if you need assistance in this matter.

2006 Publications

Book chapters


Journal articles – refereed


Journal articles – non-refereed


Wachtel, T & Greenhill, J 2006, ‘Keeping the bush beat’, Focus article: Cardiac Rehabilitation, Australian Nursing Journal, vol. 13, no. 10, p. 41.

Articles in print


Hutton, A (submitted)’An adolescent ward; in name only’, Journal of Clinical Nursing.


Refereed conference paper in print


Other publications in print


de Crespingy, C 2006, ‘Alcohol, Tobacco and Other drug problems in Australia’ in Lewis’s Medical-Surgical Nursing, Assessment and Management of Clinical Problems. Elsevier Australia, Marrickville NSW.


Book reviews


Conference and poster presentations


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 them for inclusion in our annual publication data collection for 2006.

The initial contact person for this matter is Dr Lindy King. Lindy, with the Hub assistance, is the patron of an informal network established to assist students with their potential publications.

School's Publishing Initiative (SPI)

Introduction

The School’s Publishing Initiative was continued this year. Early indications from last year show that SPI leave was taken by eight members of staff and that four of these people produced five papers between them. Three of these papers have been accepted for publication at this time.

The details of the scheme follow:

The intention of the initiative is to assist the School’s academic staff with their publishing activities. All academic staff members are invited to take two weeks SPI “timeout” per semester to write peer reviewed papers.

Process

In order to establish this time the following steps should be taken:

- negotiation of the timeframe with your supervisor;
- coverage of teaching and other commitments negotiated with your supervisor; and
- space made in your diary for a dedicated commitment to the SPI during these two weeks.

Further, SPI leave will be depend upon demonstrable outcomes from the previous SPI.

Expected outcomes

Level B completion of the draft of the article
Level C completion of the article ready for submission
Level D & E completion of two articles ready for submission.

At the end of the period of SPI leave contact should be made with Christine Richardson, the Research Associate. You may simply want to advise her that the article has been submitted for publication or you may wish her to further facilitate the progression of the paper to publication. If required she will coordinate any mentoring with your nominated supervisor, mentor or critical friend and/or editorial assistance to complete the paper and if the article is ready for submission you may wish to lodge it with Christine who will ensure that it is sent on to the journal of your choice.

All staff are strongly encouraged to participate in this initiative.

Other publications - reports

Arbon, P, Zeitk, K, Ranse, J, Wren, H, Driscoll, K & Elliott, R 2006. ‘Putting Triage Theory into Practice at the Scene of Multiple Casualty Vehicular Accidents: The Reality of Multiple Casualty Triage’, Research Report, The Research Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Practice: The University of Canberra and the Canberra Hospital, Canberra, ACT.


King, M 2006, ‘The relevance of an accredited Australian Diabetes Educators Association course to Aboriginal health workers, supervisors and Aboriginal people in South Australia’, Executive Summary, Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health, Casuarina, NT.

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SPI tips from Paul Bennett

One of the School’s successful publishers, Paul Bennett, was asked to provide some tips on how to make the best of the School’s Publishing Initiative (SPI) which offers two weeks of writing leave.

Plan ahead:
- Plan your writing leave in December/January, for the coming year.
- Make writing leave a priority.
- Arrange a time that fits with your work commitments (less busy times, outside lecture periods)
- Approach other staff at the beginning of the year to cover basic work duties during this time. Offer them to cover them when they have their writing leave.

Prepare the groundwork prior to writing leave:
- Choose the journal you aim to publish in and write to the editor to assess if the article is suitable. Select a second, back-up journal.
- Identify the audience you are writing for and the message you aim to communicate
- Have a framework for your article.

Setting up a workplace for action:
- Do not try to do your writing at work. Set up a study area at home so you do not need to move anything when you finish for the day.
- Set hours, such as 8.30 to 5.00 with an hour for lunch. Remain focused during these times.
- Have enough food in the house prior to starting your day.
- Do not take phone calls (unless urgent).
- Do not check your email until the end of the day.
- Do not attend meetings or administrative work (unless essential).

Set realistic goals:
- Plan to complete drafts of two papers (one per week).
- At the end of the first week have a completed product. It does not need to be polished, but may be a first complete draft.
- Be realistic in what you achieve (everyone works at a different pace).

Be accountable:
- Involving another person in your project holds you to your commitment.
- Write with someone so that you are accountable to that person.
- Send the paper to the co-author at the end of the first week.

Maintain a work-life balance (i.e., do not burn yourself out):
- Maintain a normal evening life (don’t allow writing time to drift into evenings).
- In your breaks exercise (go for a walk, jog, walk the dog, etc.)

Critical Reviewer Group members wait for you!

Those researchers in the School who are considering writing a new publication or starting work on a research project are encouraged to approach members of the Critical Reviewer Group. Members of this Group are happy to assist you with your publications, grant proposals or reports.

For your convenience, please find the names of people who volunteered themselves as the reviewers so far:

Ms Pat Barkway Ms Lyn Gum
Mr Paul Bennett Ms Heather James
Dr Martin Caon Dr Lindy King
Dr Anita De Bellis Dr Jan Paterson
Ms Jenny Donovan Dr Steve Parker
Dr Paul Drew Ms Alison Hutton
Dr Pauline Glover Ms Linda Saunders
Ms Lyn Gum

New members are still welcome to join the group.

The Staff from the Health Research Hub would like to wish everyone a warm and wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year 2007!

Newsletter prepared by Gina Kasprzyk – x15317