A word from…

**Associate Dean (Research)**

Nursing is the largest health care provider group in Australia, providing primary, secondary and tertiary care to meet the health care needs of people from across the human lifespan. Over the next four decades it is anticipated that the number of people over the age of 65 years will dramatically increase and nursing will play a vital role in meeting their health care needs, particularly in relation to health promotion, early intervention, health education and chronic illness management. It is imperative that nursing builds its capacity to articulate this practice through research. However, nursing is a relatively new research discipline competing for research funds in a highly competitive environment against other more established research disciplines. I am always looking for ways to foster our capacity for research and would encourage you to contact me if you have any ideas that we might develop together.

Professor Jan Paterson

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**Research activities**

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to **Paul Bennett** who has received funding ($40,000) from the Flinders Foundation NHMRC Grant. This was to assist the purchase of a Dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry (DEXA) machine. The DEXA measures both bone density and body composition by low-dose x-ray. The DEXA can be used to evaluate body composition in response to therapeutic interventions which is important in the nutritional assessment of adults. This will contribute to Paul's nutritional research exploring the nutritional status of people undergoing haemodialysis.

**Pauline Glover** is an external reviewer of abstracts for the Scientific Committee of the International Confederation of Midwives Congress. Congress to be held in Scotland in 2008.

**Pauline Glover and Linda Sweet** are partners of a successful Carrick Associate Fellowship with Associate Professor Stephen Billett. The research is titled ‘Creating pedagogical models for practice based learning that develop agentic professionals’. Congratulations Pauline and Linda!

Congratulations to **Ann Harrington** who has been successful (along with six others) in obtaining a $10,000 grant from the Institute of Palliative and Supportive Services, Daw House, Repatriation General Hospital. The title of the project is: ‘The role of the specialist palliative care community nurse: A literature review’.

**Ann Harrington** has also been invited to give a paper at the 3rd Statewide Palliative Care Volunteer Conference - part of National Palliative Care Week 2007, on Friday 25th May in The Shores, West Beach. The title of her presentation is: *The Spiritual Dimension of dying*. Congratulations Ann!

Congratulations to **Alison Hutton**. Alison has been nominated to the Journal Management Committee of the Neonatal, Paediatric and Child Health Nursing Journal.

On May 17th **Alison Hutton** was invited to speak at the Paediatric Grand Round at Flinders Medical Centre (FMC). This invitation was timely as the Paediatric ward (4E) is currently undergoing a $1.75 million redesign and refurbishment and as the majority of Alison’s research is in spatial ward design the doctors were interested to hear about her work. To this end, she spoke about all of her research and ward redesign experience. Alison talked about her Masters and PhD findings and then discussed the behind the scenes machinations of an interstate ward design, consumer participation and the tension between meeting the needs of both consumers and workers. She spoke for 45 mins and answered questions for another 45. It was a great opportunity to share her research and experience on this subject and Alison left them with one important message, ‘It’s not the space its how you use it!’ Alison also received a grand tour of the progress of the new ward and an invitation to its opening! Not a bad day’s work! Congratulations Alison!
Research events

School's Research Summit

2007 Fourth Annual School’s Research Summit will be held on the 18 of September at the Belair Park Country Club. The theme of this year’s Summit will be – ‘Keep it re: how to effect practice change’.

All School’s researchers are welcome to attend this event. Please mark this day in your diary now.

Colloquium series

In 2007 the School will be running a five part Colloquium series. These are scheduled as below and will be held for a half a day each, in the University’s Ballroom.

Colloquium 1: April 3rd
Health Aspects of Disaster
Chairperson: Professor Paul Arbon
Summary of this Colloquium please find below.

Colloquium 2: June 5th
Midwives Make a Difference
Chairperson: Associate Professor Pauline Glover

Colloquium 3: August 21st
Promoting Women’s Health and Safety
Chairperson: Associate Professor Charmaine Power

Colloquium 4: October 4th
Mental Health Research
Chairperson: The Mental Health Teaching Team before the new Professor of Nursing (Mental Health) will be appointed.

Colloquium 5: December 4th
Ageing Aspects
Chairperson: Professor Jan Paterson

Summary of the Health Aspects of Disaster Colloquium

On April 3, 2007 The School of Nursing and Midwifery hosted a successful colloquium focussing on the health aspects of disasters which was attended by approximately 60 health professionals from acute hospital, aged care residential, ambulance and community agencies.

The colloquium was hosted by Professor Paul Arbon, AM Professor of Nursing (Population Health) in the School. Professor Arbon is the Australian representative on the International Council of Nurses’ Bank of Experts for Disaster Relief and founding member of the Nursing Professional Section of the World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine. Professor Arbon discussed findings of a recent review of disaster health education and recent research into the preparedness of nurses who volunteer to assist during a disaster.

Invited speakers discussed the principles of disaster nursing and disaster medicine and presented their perspectives on current challenges confronting the Australian health system. Mr David Templeman, the immediate past Director General of Emergency Management Australia (Attorney General’s Department) presented the keynote address, setting the scene and challenging participants to engage with disaster preparedness and community capacity building efforts. Other speakers followed up on this theme presenting information about disaster management principles and new developments. Professor Gerry Fitzgerald (Queensland University of Technology) discussed his experiences drawn from roles including Chief Health Officer for Queensland and Commissioner of the Queensland Ambulance Service; Dr Peter Aitken (James Cook University) emphasised the need for further research and outlined the current state of development of research and education in Australia; and Dr Andrew Pearce (Royal Adelaide Hospital) provided an overview of the South Australian system for coordination and control of the health response to disaster.

The colloquium concluded with an opportunity to apply some of the lessons learned in this area to two scenarios. Participants and a panel of experts discussed their reactions to the emergency evacuation of an aged care facility threatened by bushfire and to preparation for pandemic. This debate was stimulated by a scenario developed and presented by Dr Bart O’Brien (Regional Manager: Residential Aged Care: ECH).

Research Week

In 2007, Research Week is planned to be held in June, from 25th to 28th. This four day event incorporates presentations by Associate Professor Annette Brown, Visiting Scholar from the University of British Columbia and by a number of the higher degree students including Julian Grant’s final presentation. The program also includes a panel session, workshop and professional development training.

Visiting Scholars in 2007

Assistant Professor Vidar Karikstad - Senior Adviser to the Quality and Priorities Department of the Norwegian Directorate for Health and Social Affairs: Division Specialised Health Care, Department for Quality and Priorities, Oslo, Norway.
Professor Karikstad is an Honary Visiting Scholar within the School until 30 September 2007. His special areas of focus are (1) National Strategy for Development of Supervisors and System for Priorities and Health Care in Hospitals; (2) National Strategy for Strengthening Health Services for Elderly Patients in Hospitals; (3) Patient safety. Vidar is on campus each Monday and would be
keen to chat to any staff about their practice and service development interests. He is working with Professor Arbon on a proposal to reduce and improve the quality of care for residents of aged care facilities who require acute care. In addition he is working one day each week with the SA Department of Health in their city offices. You can contact Vidar on e-mail: vik@shdir.no.

**Research Prizes**

**The Health Research Honours Scholarship**

Each year a $1000 scholarship is awarded to a nursing Honours students in recognition of the student’s outstanding achievements in her/his Honours studies.

In 2007, Ms Rebecca Munt was awarded 2007 School of Nursing and Midwifery Honours Scholarship.

**Faculty of Health Sciences Competitive Honours Scholarships**

In 2007 the following students are recipients of this Scholarship award:

Mr David Pickles
Ms Josephine Zwart-Hammermeister
Ms Jessica Anderson

**General Repatriation Hospital Honours Scholarship on Ageing**

In 2007, Mr Jeff Boundy is the recipient of this award.

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**Grant/Funding Opportunities**

**ARC Funding**

For the ARC fund research project and awards you can find more information under two main elements - Discovery and Linkage. For more information about the grants and the application procedure please refer to the University’s Office of Research web site - http://www.flinders.edu.au/research/Office/grants/arc.html or visit the ARC web sit http://www.arc.gov.au/default.htm

**NHMRC Funding**

**Research Funding**

Under this web address http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/index.htm 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 http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/types/index.htm 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. http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/calendar/grant.htm

**NHMRC - Fellowships and Awards**

The NHMRC supports a number of different Fellowship and Award schemes – please refer to the NHMRC web site. http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/fellows/index.htm

More information, including the scheme guidelines and application forms can be found on http://www.flinders.edu.au/research/Office/grants/index.htm

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**Faculty Funded Grants**

The Faculty of Health Sciences offers a range of grants to its staff. The links will become active when the grants are open.

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**Visiting Research Fellow** To bring distinguished researchers or researchers with particular skills or expertise to Adelaide (Flinders).

31 March 2007 and 23 September 2007
Research Student Maintenance (RSM)

Allows for some funds to help support a higher degree student. These must be applied for by the student.

Wednesday 31 January 2007

New Students: Within 4 months of commencement

Student Conference Grant

Funds are available to help a student who is presenting at a conference.

At Least 4 weeks before Conference

Visitors Travel Grant

Return airfare for the Visitor from their Australian home or base to Adelaide.

At Least 4 weeks before Visit

Competitive Research Grants (incorporating Flinders Small Grants)

Please use the specific grant form for which you are applying

Top Up Grants 4 May 2007

Seeding Grants 4 May 2007

Near Miss Grants 4 May 2007

Competitive Infrastructure Grants 4 May 2007

Grant opportunities

Information about the current grants and tenders are now being sent out to the School regularly by the Hub.

Administrative support of the financial management of the School’s grants

One of the services offered by the Health Research Hub is the financial administration of existing and newly approved research grants or projects. This service includes administrative support of the financial management, advice to grant holders and a monthly statement of the account(s) of the current grant(s). For more information and additional queries in this matter please contact the Hub Coordinator.

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 applications are available from the Hub’s Coordinator. Please note that the Certification Form, which is a compulsory part of almost every grant application, was recently updated and is available on the Office of Research website, the Financial Services website or as a hard copy from the Hub.

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Publications 2007

Book chapters


Book chapters in press

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

de Crespigny, C & Farquar, S ‘Alcohol, tobacco and other drug use’ in K Curtis, C Ramsden & J Friendship 2006 Emergency and Trauma Nursing, Elsevier Sydney, NSW.


Journal articles - refereed


Journal articles in press


Hutton, A ‘An adolescent ward; in name only?’, Journal of Clinical Nursing.

Kelly, J & Luxford Y ‘Yaitya tirka madlanna warratinna; exploring what sexual health nurses need to know and do in order to meet the sexual health needs of young Aboriginal women in Adelaide’ Collegian.

June 2007


Journal articles submitted


Mitchell, T, ‘Resisting with silence; older women, the body and the invasive actions and (re)actions of others, Journal of Women and Ageing.

Conference and poster presentations


Hutton, A 2007, ‘Marginalisation of adolescent patients through diagnosis?’, paper presented at the Adolescents and Young People Health Research Forum, University of Western Sydney, Paramatta Campus, Sydney, 20 July.
**February 2007 HealthResearchHubNEWSLETTER**

**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 2007. The initial contact person for this matter is Dr Lindy King. Lindy, with the Hub’s assistance, is the patron of an informal network established to assist students with their potential publications.

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**FYI**

**School’s Publishing Initiative (SPI)**

The School’s Publishing Initiative will be continued this year. 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 the Associate Dean (Research), Professor Jan Paterson. 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 Jan who will ensure that it is sent on to the journal of your choice.

All staff are strongly encouraged to participate in this initiative.

**Faculty funds available for staff development**

The Faculty Staff Development Committee approves the funds available to teaching staff members to undertake scholarly and research pursuits if they are making a significant contribution to a conference session or have an abstract or poster accepted. Another scheme provides academic, general and research staff with full academic status with an opportunity to attend conferences or develop...
their skills at the local, national, and international level for the benefit of the faculty and the university.

**The Outside Studies Scheme (OSP)**
OSP for teaching staff contributes to the travel expenses for intrastate, interstate, and overseas research and/or scholarly study. The opportunity for academic staff exists to: undertake sustained research and scholarly activities; advance the quality and scope of teaching and supervision; and keep abreast of recent developments. This program includes a range of activities around research; the gaining of professional knowledge; the development of links with external organizations; the development of teaching or curriculum materials; or an undertaking of studies for the completion of a higher degree. Applications for this program are normally received twice per year and an accrual system is used for the amount of leave and the maximum funds available. Applications can be accepted at other times if opportunities arise.

**The Overseas Conference Leave (OCL)**
OCL contributes funds to the travel expenses of teaching staff who have been accepted to present a paper or poster at an international conference, or will have contributed significantly to an overseas conference of international standing, such as chairing a session by invitation.

**The All Staff Opportunity Scheme (ALSO)**
ALSO is available to all university staff including general and research staff members with full academic status who are not eligible for OSP or OCL. The scheme is also available to teaching staff. This scheme contributes funds to provide an opportunity for staff to: attend conferences within state, interstate, or overseas; participate in activities that relate to and support the teaching programs; acquire new skills or techniques; or keep abreast of developments in their particular field, without the requirement of having to present an abstract.

Conditions apply to all the funds available. The level of funding for each of these schemes in the Faculty of Health Sciences may differ (more funding) from the funding level which appears on the generic Flinders University website, so you are advised to use the Faculty documents. Before contacting anyone, please visit the appropriate WebPages to determine your eligibility for OSP, OCL, and ALSO these have links to the Faculty Staff Development Website by scrolling down to the Staff Development heading at: http://www.flinders.edu.au/healthsc/staff/index.html

The School of Nursing & Midwifery has three representatives on this Committee: Diana Paice, Anita De Bellis, and Di Chamberlain who may be able to advise any potential applicants. Your supervisor will also be able to advise you on the opportunities to access these funds for your own development. The secretary for the committee is Hubert Orbons who can be contacted if you require further help with your application in the Faculty of Health Sciences Office, 8201 3260 or via email at: hubert.orbons@flinders.edu.au

**School funds to support research activities**

**Research Development Fund**
The Research Development Fund is intended to further support the Academic staff and those with academic status with their research related activities. It can be used as a top-up for existing funded research projects, seeding the development of new projects as well as support to existing unfunded projects (It is expected that unfunded projects will be phased out from within the School by May 2008).

**Small Grants Scheme**
The Faculty of Health Science and School of Nursing & Midwifery are offering an additional grant round this year only with funds quarantined for Nursing & Midwifery research. The purpose of Nursing & Midwifery Small Grants Scheme is to provide Academic staff and those with academic status the opportunity to compete for funding for projects initiated within the School and increase the capacity of staff members to compete in other grants rounds. Funding can be used as a top-up for existing funded research projects, seeding the development of new projects as well as support to existing unfunded projects; however preference will be given to projects which have the capacity to develop into larger projects.

For more details regarding eligibility and the application procedure aforementioned funds please visit School’s web site http://nursing.flinders.edu.au/research/index.php?id=86 or contact the Hub Coordinator on extn.15317.

**Beginning Researchers Handbook**
The Beginning Researchers Handbook, which was prepared for new researchers in the School, provides information of the support and resources available for new researchers and who to contact. The handbook is available to download as a whole document or in individual sections at: http://nursing.flinders.edu.au/research/index.php?id=112

**Research data retention and storage**

**School’s procedure**

School of Nursing & Midwifery has an established procedure of research data retention and storage. This procedure complies with the Joint NHMRC/AVCC Statement and Guidelines on Research Practice, which were reviewed in 2003, and specifies responsibility on these matters.

The School’s Health Research Hub is responsible for appropriate arrangements of original data storage and retention including facilities and confidentiality provision.

**Procedure**
1. School’s researchers notify the Hub Coordinator when the research data and records they collected for a finished research project are ready to be stored.
2. Research data should be delivered to the Hub room (N116) with attached details about the project: name of the researcher, title of the project, type of data, and the date the data was published or, for some specific type of research, the date of the completion of the research data collection.

3. Original data will be stored in the School’s Compactus Room, in a specifically adjusted and locked area for the minimum period for retention which is at least five years, and for specific types of research data it is 15 years.

4. Access to research data may be limited by confidentiality provision. The Head of AOU will be entitled, on request to the relevant researcher, to have access to research records and data, ensuring compliance with the Policy on Research Practice. All confidentiality agreements should be made known at an early stage to the Head of AOU or nominated representative.

5. The Hub Coordinator and the School’s Resources Officer only have the access to the School’s storage and retention area.

6. Stored research data is recorded in the Archived Research Register which is maintained and managed by the Hub Coordinator.

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

Ms Pat Barkway
Mr Paul Bennett
Dr Martin Caon
Dr Anita De Bellis
Ms Jenny Donovan
Dr Paul Drew
Dr Pauline Glover

Dr Alison Hutton
Ms Heather James
Dr Lindy King
Dr Steve Parker
Dr Jan Paterson
Ms Linda Saunders

New members are still welcome to join the group.

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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 current research related information at the local, national and international level, profiles of the School’s successful researchers and profiles of the Hub’s team members. Please visit our board and provide us with information you consider as important and interesting to share with the School’s community.

Potential Research Assistants

In the Hub’s resources data base we have got resumes and expressions of interest in part-time research assistant roles from three persons: Amanda Joy Tovell - graduate social worker on the Master level, Rose Warehouse - graduate nurse on the Master level, and Bertha Nevada - graduate nurse and cybernetics engineer at the Bachelor level.

Please contact the Hub Coordinator for more details if you need assistance in this matter.

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.

Newsletter prepared by Gina Kasprzyk – x1537