A word from

Jan Paterson
Associate Dean (Research)
Professor of Nursing (Aged Care)

I cannot believe we are moving towards our third annual Research Summit, the time seems to have moved at a frenetic pace and certainly there has not been much time for reflection. But in this newsletter I want to make time to acknowledge two people in relation to their efforts for the School in research. One of them has been in the School for many years and the other for just under two years, both have a background in sociology as well as nursing. I am alluding of course to Dr. Trish Mitchell and Dr. Julie Henderson. Trish has recently retired but her academic status means that her passion for and scholarly achievements in the field of Aged Care will continue to influence us. Julie, in just under two years has assisted many of us to reach our research goals, it is now time, following her acceptance of the position of Research Fellow within the School, for her to focus on her own research agenda. So their contribution to the research and scholarly activities of the School is continuing but in a different way

The HUB staff are a little depleted at the moment. As you may be aware Gina is on long service leave and Wendy Green is acting on a part-time basis in Gina’s position. Many of you have now met Wendy when she recently took the opportunity to inform you of the research quality assurance processes within the school and to survey you in relation to your satisfaction with the HUB services. Thankyou all for your co-operation. The results of the survey are as follows: most staff find the service useful and do, or will, access some part of the HUB services, and constructive suggestions that were offered are being followed up.

In the mean-time we are fortunate to have Mandii Kuss acting in Wendy’s position (research assistant) until Gina’s return. We are also currently interviewing for a new Research Associate to fill the position that Julie has vacated, however, it will be well into October before we have a full complement of HUB staff again. I think that those of you that are using the HUB services would agree, Wendy and Mandii are doing an excellent job in ensuring that you continue to be supported promptly and effectively.

I continue to try to open up research opportunities for the School, and if you have any ideas or contacts that you believe may prove fruitful please let me know. In the meantime I would once again encourage those of you who do not belong to an ASRI to seriously look at joining one. We have academic staff across many of the ASRIs now: identify which ASRI is most closely linked to your area of research interest, look the ASRI’s up on the web-site, talk to your colleagues who do belong to one, or have a chat to the ASRI managers and then fill in the application to join.

A word from

Dr Julie Henderson

This is the last of my three monthly reports as I have moved into the position of Research Fellow. Interviews for the new Research Associate will be held shortly and my replacement should be on board within the next month. I trust that you will give the new person the respect and support you have given me. I will continue to run the seminar series for this year. We are hoping to set a date for the next seminar shortly. My original intention was to use this session to complete the online component of ARC grants. As the seminar series has moved towards other funding opportunities this seminar will now focus on producing small grants. We plan to give a good part of the session to workshopping grants for the next faculty grant round. At this stage the final session will continue as advertised and will explore alternate funding sources.

I also have continuing involvement in the research mentoring sub-committee, along with Steve Parker, Heather James, Meri King and Gina Kasprzyk. The
The purpose of this committee is to provide support for new researchers and those new to the School. Heather has been involved in organising research mentors for new staff members and we are working on an on-line directory of resources for new researchers that we hope to make available to staff within the school shortly. A package of resources for staff new to the School is available from the Hub on request.

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- established team work in the SONM;
- designed action research which is both scientifically and ethically sound; and
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**Awards**

**Congratulations to**

**Paul Bennett** who received
‘The Renal Society Australasia Federal Award Member of the Year’ for “excellence in the dissemination and knowledge in education and renal replacement therapies” and
‘The Renal Society of Australasia South Australian Branch Award’. These awards are in recognition of Paul’s outstanding contribution to the Renal Society of Australasia.

Paul Bennett also received
2nd Place (High Commendation) for his oral presentation ‘An Exercise Program for Haemodialysis Patients: A “Herculean Approach”’ and
3rd Place (Commendation) for his poster presentation ‘A Primary Health Care Approach to Exercise in Dialysis: A Pilot Study’.

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**Successful Grants**

**Congratulations** are extended to the following staff for their successful grant applications:

**Di Chamberlain,** ‘Implementing standardised best practice orders for sepsis care’, Finders University Faculty of Health Sciences Grant.

**Ann 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 Adelaide Palliative Service’, Flinders University Faculty of Health Science grant: Awarded $5,000.

**Julie Henderson,** & **Jan Paterson,** ‘Support for carers of older people in rural communities: A case study’, Faculty of Health Sciences Research Grants: Awarded $5,000.


Trudy Rudge & Alison Hutton ‘Establishing a partnership with a multi-media based company to develop gaming software for nurses’ Flinders Collaborative Research Grant Scheme: Awarded $5000.


Paul Bennett was a Selection Judge for the Renal Society of Australasia Conference.

Paul Bennett was Chair of the panel ‘Economics in Renal Replacement Therapy’. The panel also included Prof J. Savalescu (Oxford), Dr A. Cass (George Institute for International Health) and Dr H. Moody (Perth).

Paul Bennett, at a RSA/ANZSN National Meeting, announced that Kidney Health Australia (KHA) has set up a Nursing Scholarship Fund worth $35,000 per year to support Australian renal nurses undertaking Masters level study. This scholarship has been a result of Paul’s collaboration with KHA and the RSA over the past year to develop this new scholarship.

Pauline Glover took part of the assessment for the Queensland Nursing Council’s 2006 Research Grants.

Charmaine Power is a consultant with Jenny Pearson and Associates Pty Ltd on the ‘Nurses as family violence referral points project’. This national project, funded by the Commonwealth Department of Families & Communities and the Department of Health, will establish recommendations on existing and potential training delivery options for practice nurses and Aboriginal Health Workers on family violence.

Further News . . .

Grant/Funding Opportunities

AIATSIS Research Grants

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) funds research in a wide range of areas in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies such as: history (including family and community history), politics, law, public policy, health (social, cultural and environmental aspects), biological sciences, education.

Closing Date: 15 Dec 2006

Mary Paton Research Award 2007

Australian Breastfeeding Association, with the sponsorship of the College of Lactation Consultants, Victoria, is pleased to announce the Mary Paton Research Award for 2007. This biennial award aims to encourage and recognise high quality Australian breastfeeding research and critical literature reviews. The award was established in 1986 to honour ABA’s Founder, Mary Paton.

The award of $2000 will be presented in 2007 to the author/s of the best original paper on any aspect of breastfeeding. A panel of judges will determine the winning entry. Judging criteria includes the significance of findings and their relevance to the

Research events

Seminar

Hub Research Seminar Series 2006

Session 5 in this exciting seminar series,

20 October: Expert review and identifying alternate funding sources

Look at ways to identify alternative funding sources should a grant be unsuccessful so that good ideas are not lost.

Health Research Summit, 5 Dec 2006

The Health Research Summit focus is Translational Research (translating research into practice). Nursing research aims to generate new knowledge that leads to improved patient outcomes and quality of care. To achieve this, research knowledge needs to be translated and incorporated into clinical practice, as well as into administration and policy making areas. Both National and International guest speakers will address the topic of translational research.
current breastfeeding situation in Australia.

The final date for submissions is 30th June 2007. For further details contact the Lactation Resource Centre on (03) 9885 0855 or via email at lrc@breastfeeding.asn.au.

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Book Chapters


Journal articles


Conference proceedings and poster presentations


Oppermann, W (3rd yr Student) & Bennett, PN 2006, ‘Are nurses the key to the increased uptake of frequent nocturnal home haemodialysis in Australia?’ Renal Society of Australasia 29th National Conference, 2006, Melbourne.


Rudge, T, Hutton, A, Quested, B, Roderick, A & Toffoli, L 2006, ‘Unproblematic access? Troubling the notion of ‘ease of access’ in field research in the clinical arena’.

Other Output

Alison Hutton reviewed: DE. Gray, Health Sociology in the Australian setting (2nd Edn).

Critical Reviewer Group

Want someone to critique your paper for you before you send it to a journal?

Would like some feedback/comments on different aspects of your research?

Need assistance with a research proposal?

A number of staff in the School have volunteered to assist other staff members with different aspects of...
research.

Please find below a list of the staff who have kindly volunteered as reviewers who may be able to assist you:

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