

# FRC Quarterly Newsletter

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The next issue of the FRC Newsletter will be published in December and the deadline for submissions is the second week of November

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## News from the Chair

Professor Sandra Jones

Congratulations to Bridget Munro, on the birth of her daughter, Ashley Munro on the 17th April, 2008. Bridget is taking a break from her role as our Deputy FRC Chair and will be back with us in January 2009. Welcome (and congratulations) to Adam Clarke who took on the role of Deputy Chair on July 2nd 2008, and will be in the role until Bridget returns. Adam is currently working on several projects for the FRC, including HDR supervisor training, so you will all have the opportunity to work with him in the near future.



The Research Development Group is now up and running. This is a prestigious program and those enrolled in the program were carefully selected by the Heads of Schools, Dean and Associate Dean. Congratulations to Dr Deanne Condon-Paoloni, Dr Gerard Stoyles, Dr Harold Hill, Ms Moira Williamson, A/Prof Janette Curtis, Dr Todd Mitchell, Dr Judy Mullan, Dr Gregory Peoples, Dr Kelly Newell and Dr Bridget Munro. The participants are now taking part in monthly workshops to enhance their research and grant writing skills, and will be enrolled in the program for a 2-year period (subsequent issues of this newsletter will profile each of the RDG members and their research projects).

Applications for Round 2 of the 2008 faculty research funding schemes are currently open. This includes both staff research (Small Grants, Seeding Grants, Early Career Researcher Grants and Collaborative Links Grants) and HDR Student Conference Funding. Applications close at 5pm on Friday 3rd October and must be submitted to Sue Low, FRC Secretary, in HBS Central.

The Faculty Honours Information Day was held on Tuesday 26th August. A big thank you to Liz Wiese (Honours 2007) and Sai Ruthirakumar (Honours 2008) for talking to the prospective students about your experiences, and to the HBS staff representatives who attended the session. We had 21 students attend the session, so now its up to supervisors to help them develop good project ideas and submit strong applications!

As you will see from the newsletter, HBS researchers have had some great successes in the past few months – including Vice-Chancellor's Awards (page 2), UoW Trailblazer awards (page 2), launching books (page 6), and winning grants (page 8). I encourage you to join me in congratulating our great staff and student researchers on their successes, and to submit your own research news to Julia for the next newsletter.

*Sandra*

## Staff Profile

### Professor Tony Worsley



The School of Health Sciences is delighted to announce the appointment of Tony Worsley to the position of Professor of Public Health here at the University of Wollongong. Until recently, Tony was Senior Research Advisor at the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation and, before that, was Professor of Public Health Nutrition and Head of the School of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences, Deakin University. He has been a member of the Australian Academy of Sciences' Nutrition Committee; Co-Executive Editor of *Appetite* and the *International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity*.

Tony has held senior academic appointments in several universities and CSIRO. These include the University of Adelaide where he was Professor of Public Health, the CSIRO Division of Human Nutrition (Head of the Food Policy Research Unit), the Australian National University's National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, and Otago University (New Zealand) where he was Professor in Social Nutrition.

He has wide experience in the evaluation of public health nutrition programs, and in the promotion and maintenance of behaviour change. Tony's current research involves several overlapping areas including: behavioural and nutritional epidemiology, studies of products at the food-drug interface, food and nutrition policy research; and health and nutrition promotion. He has published widely in scientific and professional journals as well as authored several books including *Public Health Nutrition*, *Food People and Health*, *The Food System*, *The Use and Abuse of Vitamins and the Body Owner's Manual*. His latest book is *Nutrition Promotion*, to be published by Allen and Unwin in November 2008. Recent research projects undertaken by Tony include: The development of dietary approaches to stop hypertension; examination of the adoption of plant based foods by consumers and industry; consumers' attitudes towards children's foods at school, and, baby boomers' future food and health needs.

We look forward to Tony driving new initiatives in both the curriculum and research activities of the Public Health program within the School of Health Sciences.

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## Congratulations

Congratulations to the H&BS recipients of the 2008 Vice Chancellor Awards:

*Dr Bridget Munro* - Faculty Early Career Academic Award for Outstanding Contribution to Teaching and Learning

*Dayna Hilton & Prof Julie Steele* - 25 Years Service Awards

## UOW Trailblazer Awards:

*Allison Shorten* S/L in the SNMIH won this prestigious award for her work on developing a tool for promoting choices for women in relation to birthing.

*Stephen Roodenrys* and *Stuart Johnstone* from our School of Psychology were Highly Commended in the open section, for their work on NeuroCog-TS.

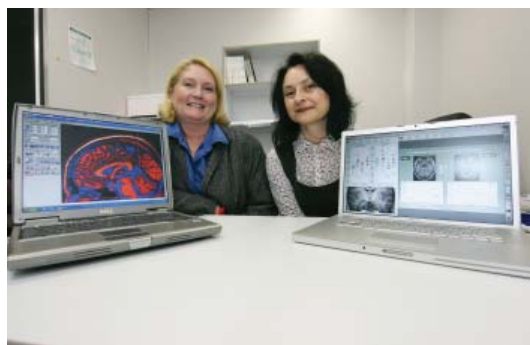
*Deidre McGhee* from our SHS/BRL was the student winner for her work in smart bra design.

## Research News

### Dangers in long-term cannabis use

New ground-breaking research conducted by Dr Nadia Solowij and PhD student Colleen Respondek (Psychology) has shown that long-term, heavy cannabis use causes significant brain abnormalities resulting in psychotic symptoms and memory loss.

A collaboration with researchers at the ORYGEN Research Centre and Melbourne Neuropsychiatry Centre at the University of Melbourne, used expertise there to undertake brain image analysis. The study is the first to show that long-term cannabis use can adversely affect all users, not just those in the high-risk categories such as the young, or those susceptible to mental illness, as previously thought.



UOW co-researchers on the cannabis study were Dr Nadia Solowij (right) and Education Lecturer and PhD candidate in clinical psychology Colleen Respondek.

The findings show that long-term users' memory loss had progressed by around 15 years. With an average age of 39, the trial group had the memory capabilities of a 55 year-old. This loss of memory could be likened to the damage suffered by patients with mild traumatic brain injury.

The testing involved high-resolution structural magnetic resonance imaging on 15 men (average age 39 years) who smoked more than five joints daily for over 10 years. Their results were then compared with images from 16 individuals (average age 36) who were not cannabis users. All participants also took a verbal memory test and were assessed for subthreshold (below the standard of disease diagnosis) symptoms of psychotic disorders, which include schizophrenia and mania.

The more cannabis used, the more these individuals were likely to show reduced brain volume, particularly of the hippocampus, as well as sub-threshold psychotic symptoms and significant memory loss.

"These findings challenge the widespread perception of cannabis as having limited or no harmful effects on brain and behaviour," said Associate Professor Dan Lubman, an Addiction Medicine specialist at Orygen Youth Health and co-investigator on the study. "Young people in particular, need to be aware of the strong relationship between cannabis and mental health problems."

Dr Solowij is currently overseas presenting some of these findings at international conferences. The research was published last month in the prestigious American journal *Archives of General Psychiatry*.

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### Funding for Headspace

Members of the Illawarra Institute for Mental Health, Dr Coralie Wilson from the Graduate School of Medicine and Professor Frank Deane from the School of Psychology, have received funding from the National Youth Mental Health Foundation to develop the national headspace training package to improve mental health service access by young people in school, work or other community-based settings.

The new programme builds on existing help-seeking research and programme development (1) and aims to improve young people's help-seeking from health care services. It is being developed in consultation with stakeholders from the local headspace Illawarra Community of Youth Services (CYS) and will be completed in August 2008.

Once completed, the new programme will be implemented by headspace CYSS across Australia from the end of the year. Dr Wilson will continue her relationship with the National Youth Mental Health Foundation as their programme implementation consultant.

*For further information on the programme:*

Wilson, C. J., Deane, F. P., Marshall, K. L., & Dalley, A. (in press). Reducing adolescents' perceived barriers to treatment and increasing help-seeking intentions: Effects of classroom presentations by General Practitioners. *Journal Youth and Adolescence*. DOI 10.1007/s10964-007-9255-z

## Research News

### The Birth of MidPLUS

Dr Allison Shorten has played a key leadership role in the development of the first national continuing professional development (CPD) program for Australian midwives. The program named MidPLUS was launched late last year by the Australian College of Midwives (ACM) after a 12 month Australia-wide research and consultation process, funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing. As project leader for the ACM, Dr Shorten worked with co-developer Julia Monaghan to design the MidPLUS portfolio system, learning tools and on-line system of documenting professional development.



Based on international best-practice approaches to CPD, MidPLUS provides a national approach to keeping midwives current, competent and capable in providing high quality care for Australian women and families.

*To read more about the development of MidPLUS, see the recently published article:*

Monaghan J, & Shorten A 2008 'The birth of 'MidPLUS': Australia's new national continuing professional development program for midwives.' *Women and Birth* vol 21, pp. 55-64.

Dr Allison Shorten pictured with the MidPLUS portfolio system

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### Improving Birth Choices for Women in Japan

Dr Allison Shorten travelled to Fukuoka Prefectural University in June to share her expertise as an international leader in decision-aid development for pregnancy. Dr Shorten's Birth Choices decision-aid has been translated into Japanese by Associate Professor Ikuyo Torigoe, and will soon be piloted in Japanese hospitals. This is part of a project funded by the Japanese Society for Promotion of Science to improve choices for women facing birth after caesarean section in Japan.

As part of her visit, Dr Shorten was invited to provide the keynote presentation for the first Japanese symposium on supporting women's choices for birth. The symposium was a great success and was attended by midwives, medical practitioners, consumers and students from all over the country. This symposium was an important initiative to examine the issue of informed choice for women and to gather professional and consumer support for research directed towards improving Japanese birthing services in the future.



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## Research News

### Platinum Success for the GSM



Associate Professor Lori Lockyer and Mr Martin Olmos with the Platinum Learning Impact Award trophy

The Graduate School of Medicine's (GSM) Online Learning Environment (OLE) has been selected from 23 global finalists in Austin, Texas, to win the prestigious 2008 Platinum Learning Impact Award. The event was conducted by the IMS Global Learning Consortium, Inc -- a global, non-profit, association that provides leadership in shaping and growing the learning and educational technology industries through collaborative support of standards, innovation, best practice and recognition of superior learning impact.

The consortium is made up of more than 100 members including universities, research institutes, publishers, and e-learning software developers.

The annual Learning Impact Awards recognise outstanding applications of technology that address the most significant challenges facing the global education and training industries. Award criteria include access, affordability, quality, adoption, accountability, organisational learning, interoperability and innovation.

In October 2007, the GSM OLE was the top-ranked entry in the Australian regional competition which earned the University of Wollongong a place among the international finalists competition held in Texas.

UOW was recognised as the top entry overall and shared the Platinum Award with the Tennessee Board of Regents Online Campus Collaborative and Giunti Labs at Volkswagen Group Italia.

The OLE also received a number of "best in category" awards including:

- Best Organisational Repository
- Best New Learning Project
- Best Academic Program Solution
- Best Graduate School Solution

The GSM's OLE was designed and developed by the Associate Dean of Research in the Faculty of Education, Associate Professor Lori Lockyer and the Educational Technology Manager in the Graduate School of Medicine, Mr Martin Olmos. Professor Lockyer and Mr Olmos said the GSM was leading the way in how institutions worldwide can incorporate technology into their courses. The OLE is an innovative combination of the use of Vista and Equella -- the content management system of the Tasmanian-based The Learning Edge. The OLE provides GSM students and staff with access to all learning activities and resources that are linked to the course learning outcomes, helps to manage quality assurance processes, and supports staff in curriculum mapping.

## Research News

### New Book Takes Pain Out of Choosing Right Bra

Wearing the wrong bra during exercise can cause discomfort and pain, as well as affecting sports performance, meaning the right bra is an essential piece of sporting equipment for all women. Despite this, a study conducted by the University of Wollongong (UOW) of 115 adolescent girls found 88% did not wear correctly fitted bras during sport and 85% failed a simple knowledge test on bras and bra fit.

To help women of all ages buy well-fitting bras, Breast Research Australia (BRA) at UOW's Biomechanics Research Laboratory has developed Sports Bra Fitness. This booklet, written by Deirdre McGhee, Dr Bridget Munro and Professor Julie Steele from the Biomechanics Research Lab, has easy to follow information on how to choose the right bra to and how to tell if it fits correctly.

Sports Bra Fitness combines science and facts with fun diagrams and photographs to make finding a well-fitted bra easy. The information is not brand specific and caters for people with different breast size and exercise habits so that all women can exercise in comfort.

"This will allow women to independently buy a bra from anywhere they choose, in all budgets, and they won't have to be fitted professionally," McGhee said.

The success of the booklet has already been proved by an intervention on the group of girls who participated in the initial survey. Using the booklet improved their knowledge about bras and changed their bra wearing behaviour. Professor Julie Steele said that the booklet would play an important role, because breasts are an important part of the self image of adolescent girls and poor self image can be a barrier to physical activity in this age group.

"When you think about the issue of obesity, removing any discomfort associated with exercise is even more important," Professor Steele said.

Sports Bra Fitness was launched at the University of Wollongong UniShop book store on Tuesday, 1 July, 2008. Copies of the book can be bought or ordered from the UniShop and profits will go towards further research funding.



Co-authors of Sports Bra Fitness Dr Bridget Munro (left), Deirdre McGhee (centre right) and Professor Julie Steele (far right) with Sonya Jenkins, Executive Officer of the NSW Sporting Injury Committee, which was a major sponsor of the booklet.

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### New Book Reaches a New Frontier

The book titled "New Frontier in Neurological Research" edited by Dennis Wang and Professor Ying from UCSF has been accepted and is on publishing by Research Signpost. The book (ISBN: 978-81-308-0284-8) contains 10 chapters (in total 350 pages), contents ranging from stroke, PD, AD, neurogenesis, brain tumour stem cells, schizophrenia, invasion of brain by viruses, NAD<sup>+</sup> / NADH and NADP<sup>+</sup> / NADPH in CNS Diseases, to high resolution ultrasound for diagnosing peripheral nerve disorders.

As the co-author, the chapter Dennis Wang wrote titled 'Immunological mechanisms in ischemic stroke' is now online publishing. Book name: Role of the immune system on neurodegenerative diseases (ISBN: 978-81-308-0261-9).

## EADTSC News

### Postgraduate Courses Offered Through EADTSC

Semester 2, 2007 was the first time one of the EADTSC postgraduate subjects, 'Dementia Care Across Settings' was made available to students. Joanne Joyce, subject coordinator was happy to announce all 15 students enrolled (all of whom were completing a Graduate Certificate in Gerontology and Rehabilitation Studies), very much enjoyed the subject. 'Dementia Care Across Settings', which was produced by the UOW, is one of the EADTSC three new flexibly delivered postgraduate subjects.

The subjects were designed to provide a flexible learning opportunity for people working in community, acute care, and/or residential aged care settings, who are interested in undertaking a professional development activity and/or gaining formal qualifications in dementia care.

As well as 'Dementia Care Across Settings', during semester 2, 2008, those wishing to undertake professional development or further their studies in dementia care, are able to enroll in 'Palliation in Dementia Care' (produced by QUT) or 'Decision Making in Dementia Care' (produced by GU).

*For more information on each subject, and to download subject outlines, please go to the EADTSC website <http://dementia.uow.edu.au>*

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## Smart Foods News

### NCEFF - The Completion of a Five Year Research Program

The National Centre of Excellence in Functional Foods joint venture is nearing completion after five years of strategic science and collaboration with the food industry.

NCEFF held its final conference in Sydney on Monday, 16 June with a program focussing on models of collaboration throughout Australia and internationally – presenters of different collaborative models included Nigel Preston, CSIRO Food Futures Flagship; Prof Bob Gibson, University of Adelaide; Prof Mike Boland, the Riddet Institute (New Zealand); and Prof Allan Paulson, Advanced Food and Materials Network (Canada).

Also marking the completion of the NCEFF science program was a full supplement in the June issue of Nutrition & Dietetics featuring 14 review articles of the full NCEFF program, and a feature article in the June issue of Food Australia (vol 60 No 6) discussing the NCEFF achievements.

The NCEFF partnership will end later this year. In the meantime we are working closely with our industry advisory board to establish an industry-lead initiative for functional foods, to continue the support and collaboration that NCEFF has provided since 2003.

### Conferences & Events

Smart Foods Centre academics have had a busy schedule with Australian and international conferences in recent months. In June Linda Tapsell travelled to Finland as an invited speaker at the 5th World congress on the Prevention of Diabetes and its Complications. In May Yasmine Probst attended the National Nutrient Databank Conference in Ottawa. Peter Williams presented research on food service experiences

in Australian Prisons at the International Conference on Culinary Arts and Science in Norway in June.

Several dietitians from the Centre attended the DAA national conference in the Gold Coast, with Yasmine Probst presenting a workshop on the use of technology within dietetic practice.

### Changes in staffing

The Smart Foods Centre has had a number of staff changes recently. With the end of the NCEFF program we say farewell to Dr Dilip Ghosh, who was engaged with our regulatory affairs projects. We also say farewell and thanks to Stuart Parker, after seven years as the Smart Foods and NCEFF business administrator. We wish Stuart all the best for his new role as Commercial Research Officer.

We also congratulate Karen Charlton, who has taken up a position as Associate Professor within the School of Health Sciences. Karen continues to conduct her research through the Smart Foods Centre.

### Clinical Trials

The Smart Foods Centre is in the midst of a number of clinical trials including the NHMRC Smart Study and the industry sponsored Appetite Study. The Smart Study is looking at weight loss, the Appetite study is looking at the effect of different meats on satiety and the Cholesterol study is investigating cholesterol lowering effects of different breakfast cereals. More than 150 participants from the Smart study will be staying in the Whole Room Calorimeter throughout the remainder of this year and well into 2009.

Anyone interested in participating in the trials can speak to the Clinical Trials team on #3466 or register your interest online at <http://www.uow.edu.au/health/smartfoods/clinical-trials-2008.html>

## Grant Success

Recent success for HBS staff in a number of grants, including the latest round of ARC Linkage Grants are outlined below. You will see that our Associate Dean (Research) Professor Sandra Jones has led applications of two successful teams in the round of ARC Linkage Grants. This is a significant achievement in and of itself. Congratulations to all successful members and good luck with the projects.

Prof SC Jones; Prof D Iverson; Dr P Caputi; Dr AG Penman; Ms A Tang;  
Ms KR Coppia; Mrs JA Goldston

*Implementation and evaluation of a comprehensive sun protection program for adolescents*

Funding: \$234,448

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s): The Cancer Council NSW

Prof SC Jones; Prof SJ Allsop; Dr T Chikritzhs; Dr M Wakefield; Prof S Casswell; Ms F Lander; Ms N La Touche

*An investigation of the nature and effects of point of sale promotions for alcohol beverages*

Funding: \$224,238

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s): Office for Children and Youth

Evaluation of an addictions/comorbidity counsellor training internship programme (Partner organisation Kedesh Rehabilitation Services)

Funded by: Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (NADA) - Non Government Organisation Mental Health And Drug And Alcohol Research Grants Program 2007. iiMH granted \$37,136.50 in 2008 and \$39,293.00 in 2009 .

Total: \$76,429.50

Researchers: Dr Trevor Crowe and Prof Frank Deane

Current students working of the project: Angela Petrolo (Honours – Psychology)

Evaluation of a residential programme for people with psychiatric and substance use disorders (Partner organisation Oolong Aboriginal Corporation)

Funded by: Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (NADA) - Non Government Organisation Mental Health And Drug And Alcohol Research Grants Program 2007 - iiMH granted in 2008 \$35,867.54

Researchers: Dr Trevor Crowe and Prof Frank Deane

Current students working of the project: Stacey Berry (Clinical Masters – Psychology)

Exploring changes in identity in family recovery processes: The influence of a peer-led Collaborative Recovery intervention (Partner organisation The Salvation Army)

Funded by the Salvation Army over 3 years: 2008 \$32,000; 2009 \$29,000; 2010 \$29,000 = Total \$90,000

Researchers: Dr Trevor Crowe, Prof Frank Deane & Dr Lindsay Oades

Current students working of the project: Kellie Buckley-Walker (PhD Psychology – Project funded Doctoral scholarship)

Identification of Mental Health Comorbidity in Drug and Alcohol Services (Partner organisation The Salvation Army)

Funded by: Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing - Improved Services for People with Drug and Alcohol Problems and Mental Illness (Improved Services) measure, Capacity Building Grants: Total \$418,992 over 3 years

Researchers: Prof Frank Deane, Dr Trevor Crowe & Dr Peter Kelly  
Current students working of the project: Kane Mortlock (PhD Psychology)

Dennis Wang. Chronic treatment of simvastatin affects CB1 receptors in different parts of brain in SD and 6-OHDA lesioned rats, has only been approved with \$5000 under Small Grant Scheme.

Herb Groeller, from our School of Health Sciences, is part of the project team for a successful Aust Learning and Teaching Council (formerly Carrick) Priority Grants Scheme project, funded at \$180,721 for 2 years. The project "Curriculum Renewal in Exercise Science" is with a team from a consortium of six universities, led by Steve Selig from Victoria University. The Independent Evaluation of the project will be provided by the Centre for Health Initiatives.

### FRC GRANT RECIPIENTS (ROUND ONE 2008)

Small Grants Scheme:

Dr Dennis Wang - School of Health Sciences

Early Career Researcher Grant Scheme:

Dr Elizabeth Frank – School of Health Sciences

Dr Gregory Peoples – School of Health Sciences

Dr Gerard Stoyles – School of Psychology

Postgraduate Research Student Conference Support Scheme:

Ms Teresa du Bois – School of Health Sciences

Ms Deirdre McGhee – School of Health Sciences

Mr Andreas Cominos – School of Psychology

Ms Rebecca Zuchetti – School of Psychology

Ms Jessica Browne – School of Psychology

Mr Ahmad Al-Sagarat – School of Nursing, Midwifery and Indigenous Health

Marjon McNamara – School of Nursing, Midwifery and Indigenous Health

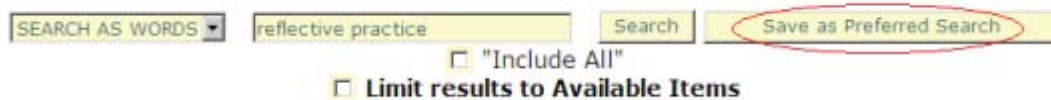
## Library News



*Make the catalogue come to you!*

### Preferred searches

Set up an auto alert delivered to your inbox listing new resources in your research area. Follow these steps to activate. Go to the Library homepage > Select Catalogue (under Search) > Select 'Preferred searches' > Follow login prompt > Run your search > Click on the 'Save as Preferred Search' button at the top of your results.



### Reading history

Don't try to remember the book you borrowed last session, just opt-in and view the Reading History listing. Sign up from the Catalogue link.

### Nursing Review – subscription activated

The School of Nursing, Midwifery & Indigenous Health now has an active subscription to Nursing Review – a professional online newspaper for the Australian Nursing community. Login with your email username and password, and to read current or back issues, login with Username: uwgong (case sensitive), Password: hea1th (note numeral 1 not the letter l).

Locate the journal via > Library Catalogue > Journal Title [search by] > Nursing Review

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## Publications

### Journal articles:

Bilich, L., Deane, F. P., Phipps, A., Barisic, M., & Gould, G. (2008). Effectiveness of bibliotherapy self-help for depression with varying levels of telephone helpline support. *Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy*, 15, 64-74.

Chamberlain CG, Mansfield KJ, Cerra A (2008) Nitric oxide, a survival factor for lens epithelial cells. *Molecular Vision*, 14: 983-991

Grenyer, B. F. S., Deane, F. P., & Lewis, K. L. (2008). Treatment history and its relationship to outcome in psychotherapy for depression. *Counselling and Psychotherapy Research*, 8, 21-27.

Jones, S. C. & Fabrianesi, B. S. (2008). Gross for kids but good for parents: differing messages in advertisements for the same products. *Public Health Nutrition*, 11 (6), 588-595.

Jones, S. C. & Van Putten, K. (2008). An Analysis of Consumer Complaints about Social Marketing Advertisements in Australia and New Zealand. *Journal of Nonprofit & Public Sector Marketing*, 20 (1), 97-117.

Slade, M., Amering M., & Oades, L. (2008). Recovery: An international perspective. *Epidemiologia e Psichiatria Sociale*, 17, 128-137.

Williamson, M. J., McVeigh, C. & Baafi, M. (2008). Fatherhood and sexuality: an Australian perspective. *Midwifery*,

### Book Chapter:

Curtis, J., White, Y. & Harland, J. A. (2008). Caring for people at risk. In D. Kralik & A. van Loon (Eds.), *Community Nursing in Australia: Context, issues and application* (pp. 159-170). Carlton: Blackwell Publishing.

### Conference publications:

Bilich, L., Ciarrochi, J., Bayliss, V., & Deane, F. P. (May, 2008). Acceptance and Commitment Therapy in the Police Force: Evaluating its Efficacy and Mechanisms for Change. Paper presented at the Association of Behaviour Analysis International Conference, Chicago, USA.

Deane, F. P. (June, 2008). Future directions and challenges in the integration of research and practice in drug and alcohol services. Plenary presented at *Creating Synergy in Drug and Alcohol Research Practice*, Wollongong, Australia.

Gonzalvez, C., Caputi, P., & Deane, F. P. (June, 2008). Behind The One-Way Mirror: Supervisor And Peer Ratings Of Clinical Assessment Interviews Conducted by Psychology Trainees, Poster presented at *International Interdisciplinary Clinical Supervision Conference*, Buffalo, USA

Kelly, P. J., & Deane, F. P. (June, 2008). Does therapeutic homework improve outcomes for individuals diagnosed with severe mental illness? Poster presented at *Society for Psychotherapy Research*, Barcelona, Spain.

Mansfield KJ, Millard RJ, Vaux K, Moore KH, Burcher E (2008) Is muscarinic receptor expression elevated in urinary bladder from women with recurrent urinary tract infections? *European Association of Urology*, Milan

Meyer BJ. The 3 Omegas – not as easy as 1, 2, 3. *Food Australia* 2008;60:41-43.

Oades, L.G., Crowe, T.P., Malins, G., (2008). Andresen, R., Marshall, S.M., & Turner, A. Creating a community for my self-development: A positive psychology based self-help program for people with enduring mental illness. *Joining the Dots Conference*, VICSERV, Melbourne, Australia.

Sinikovic D, Yeatman HR, Cameron D, Meyer BJ. Women's awareness of the importance of long-chain omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acid consumption during pregnancy: knowledge of risks, benefits and information accessibility. *Public Health Nutrition* 2008 May 29:1-8 (Epub ahead of print).

Sullivan BL, Brown J, Williams PG, Meyer BJ. Dietary validation of a new food frequency questionnaire that estimates long-chain omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids. *British Journal of Nutrition* 2008;99:660-666.

Thorp AA, Howe PRC, Mori TA, Coates AM, Buckley JD, Hodgson J, Mansour J, Meyer BJ. Soy food consumption does not lower LDL cholesterol in either equol or nonequol producers. *Am J Clin Nutr* 2008;88: (pages to follow, as only just been accepted for publication)

# Current Grant Opportunities

(as on 1st September 2008)

Closing Date	Scheme	Details	Contact
4th Sept	AINSE Research Awards	<p>Today nuclear science at the Lucas Heights Science and Technology Centre is devoted to supporting activities and research in a wide range of disciplines especially those which incorporate Australia's national research priorities. Areas of particular interest include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Researching climate change</li> <li>The management of water resources</li> <li>The study of air pollution</li> <li>Studying the structural integrity of material.</li> <li>Radiobiological Research</li> <li>Medical physics and imaging</li> <li>Material Science</li> </ul> <p>The list of available facilities can be found in the Users Guide at AINSE User Guides 2009</p> <p>In addition to the on-line application form, there are links on the Research Awards page to other key documents which are vital to creating a valid application.</p> <p>Each Application should be prepared by the staff member responsible for the project using the electronic form on AINSE's home page. Once you have completed the form you should press the submit button and then print a copy, sign it and have the AINSE Councillor (Prof Allan Chivas x 3263) and the Research Office Counter sign it.</p> <p>The signed original of the completed application form must be forwarded through the Research Office to reach AINSE by the closing date of Monday 15 September, 2008.</p>	Claire Carter x4349 ccarter@uow.edu.au
12th Sept	Australia-India Strategic Research Fund	<p>The Australia-India Strategic Research Fund (AISRF) facilitates and supports science and technology research cooperation between Australia and India. The AISRF assists Australian researchers to increase their participation in leading edge scientific research with Indian counterparts, raises the profile of Australian research, and supports the development of strategic alliances between Australian and Indian researchers.</p> <p>Support Available</p> <p>Competitive funding support is available for collaborative projects and workshops covering a range of mutually agreed priority areas. Under the Indo-Australian Biotechnology Fund, these areas are: vaccines and medical diagnostics; biomedical devices and implants; nutraceuticals and functional foods; transgenic crops; stem cells; and bioremediation. Priority areas for the Indo-Australian Science and Technology Fund are: agricultural research; environment sciences; astronomy and astrophysics; microelectronic devices and materials; nanotechnology; renewable energy; marine science; and earth systems science.</p> <p>Australian applicants should refer to the AISRF guidelines, available at <a href="http://www.innovation.gov.au/aisrf">www.innovation.gov.au/aisrf</a> before commencing their application.</p>	<p>International Science Branch: (02) 6240 9387. aisrf@innovation.gov.au</p> <p>Claire Carter ccarter@uow.edu.au</p>
15th Sept	NSW- South Korea Partnership Grant	<p>The New South Wales-Gangwon Technology Collaboration Agreement, signed in Sydney on 4 April 2008, creates a technology cooperation framework of which the key element is a collaborative grant program to support joint proof of concept projects of one year or less between researchers and/or companies from both New South Wales and Gangwon. Priority areas identified in the Agreement are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>medical devices</li> <li>information and communication technologies</li> <li>advanced materials</li> <li>biotechnology</li> <li>nanotechnology.</li> </ul> <p>Grants of one year may be requested by a collaborative research team consisting of at least one New South Wales company/researcher and at least one Gangwon company/researcher..</p> <p>NSW-Gangwon technology collaboration website can be accessed at <a href="http://www.business.nsw.gov.au/industry/gangwon_tech_coll.htm">http://www.business.nsw.gov.au/industry/gangwon_tech_coll.htm</a></p> <p>Once at the site, click on the "Launch Collaboration Website here" link. For the 2008 funding round, preliminary applications close on 30 September 2008 and final applications on 15 November 2008</p>	<p>Senior Manager Manufacturing (BioMedical) (02) 9338 6968 shane.coombe@busine ss.nsw.gov.au</p>

# Current Grant Opportunities

(as on 1st September 2008)

Closing Date	Scheme	Details	Contact
17th Sept	The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (ARHRF)	The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (ARHRF) invites applications from teams of researchers/ service providers/clinicians/consumers & carers, for funding to evaluate new or existing interventions/ services designed to restore or promote the mental or rural medical health of Australians. Application forms can be downloaded from our web page: <a href="http://www.arhrf.org.au">www.arhrf.org.au</a> or are available from: Australian Rotary Health Research Fund, PO Box 3455, Parramatta, NSW, 2124. Phone: (02) 8837 1900; email: <a href="mailto:arhrf@arhrf.org.au">arhrf@arhrf.org.au</a> ARHRFs' Goals:	Sharon Clarke x 5815 <a href="mailto:clarke@uow.edu.au">clarke@uow.edu.au</a>
18th Sept	The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR)	Round Two of The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) - Small Grants for Small Rural Communities Program. A total of \$300,000 per annum is available for small grants to benefit people in rural and remote communities. Small, well targeted grants can be useful to small rural and remote communities and to make small grants more accessible to communities in rural Australia a new and innovative funding program has been established. The program is generously supported by the R E Ross Trust, The Myer Foundation, The Pratt Foundation, the William Buckland foundation, Perpetual Trustees, the Sylvia & Charles Viertel Foundation, The Department of Transport & Regional Services, the Ian Potter Foundation, the Yulgilbar Foundation and the Late Edward Wilson Trust. Application forms and guidelines can be downloaded from: <a href="http://www.frrr.org.au/programsDetail.asp?ProgramID=4">www.frrr.org.au/programsDetail.asp?ProgramID=4</a>	
19th Sept	Cancer Institute NSW Research Grants	The Cancer Institute NSW is the NSW Government agency dedicated to the control and cure of cancer through prevention, detection, innovation, research and information. Career Development and Support Fellowships - Future Research Leaders: provide funding opportunities for interstate and international researchers wishing to locate to NSW to undertake a substantial program of research. To develop and support researchers who can demonstrate significant ability and potential as a future cancer research leader. Salary of the Fellow, project funds and relocation costs up to \$250,000 p.a. for 5 years. Research Equipment Grants: support research equipment for which there is a clearly demonstrated need, that is widely accessible and fully utilised by cancer researchers through innovative sharing arrangements. Between \$50,000 - \$300,000. Research Innovation Grants: provide project startup funds/proof of concept costs to leverage funding from other agencies (eg NHMRC, ARC, Philanthropic etc). Up to \$50,000 for 1 year. Although research must be undertaken within NSW applications are encouraged from interstate and international researchers as well as those currently working in NSW. Guidelines and application forms are available at <a href="http://www.cancerinstitute.org.au">http://www.cancerinstitute.org.au</a> .	Debbie Docherty, Manager Research Grants & Development (02) 8374 3561 <a href="mailto:research.secretariat@cancerinstitute.org.au">research.secretariat@cancerinstitute.org.au</a>  Claire Carter <a href="mailto:ccarter@uow.edu.au">ccarter@uow.edu.au</a>
23rd Sept	Research Innovation and Expansion Fund Analysis Grants Program and Grants for Research	National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) on behalf of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, invites interested researchers to submit proposals under the Longitudinal Surveys of Australian Youth (LSAY) Analysis Grants Program for funding in an open category. This open category offers researchers the opportunity to put forward proposals for research that will draw primarily on LSAY data, using its longitudinal nature, to inform policy on youth transitions. For information about LSAY, including technical papers, visit the website. An information kit and template for proposals can be obtained from the website <a href="http://www.ncver.edu.au/newsevents/tenders.html">http://www.ncver.edu.au/newsevents/tenders.html</a> or by contacting Adriana Turner. Intending applicants should advise Cheryl Jecht in the Research Services office on <a href="mailto:cjecht@uow.edu.au">cjecht@uow.edu.au</a> .	Adriana Turner Ph: 08 8230 8686 <a href="mailto:adriana.turner@ncver.edu.au">adriana.turner@ncver.edu.au</a>
26th Sept	The Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Australia	The Diabetes Research Foundation of WA is pleased to call for applications for Research Project Grants. The focus of the research project should be related to psychological aspects of diabetes, or issues of diabetes transition from adolescent to adult care. Up to 2 grants, to the value of \$75,000 are available. Detailed information and application details are available from Sherl Westlund, phone 08 9224 1006, email: <a href="mailto:sherl@diabetesresearchfoundation.asn.au">sherl@diabetesresearchfoundation.asn.au</a> For a copy of the application form, please contact Ravi on <a href="mailto:ravi@uow.edu.au">ravi@uow.edu.au</a>	Claire Carter x 4349 <a href="mailto:ccarter@uow.edu.au">ccarter@uow.edu.au</a>