

## FROM THE DIRECTOR



This has been another busy year for APHCRI.

Two new kinds of streams commenced – travelling fellowships in Stream Seven (to take findings from Stream Four to key institutions overseas and test the findings with international experts) and Stream Eight (sending a GP registrar/ recent graduate from GP training to the Robert Graham Center in Washington DC). Initial feedback from these has been very positive and the Research Advisory Board will be continuing these opportunities in 2008.

The “virtual institute” model is working well and I thank you all for your efforts to make this so. Other news from APHCRI follows.

It remains for me to wish you all a very happy Christmas and successful New Year.

## APHCRI REFUNDED TO 2010

APHCRI's funding which was due to end in August 2008 has been extended until February 2010.

Any decision regarding continuing the Institute beyond 2010 will be made after the evaluation of the Primary Health Care Research and Development Strategy – of which APHCRI is a part – due to begin next year.

## STREAMS UPDATE

**Stream Six** Research undertaken in Stream Six is now published on the APHCRI website. Nine systematic reviews examining three aspects of the primary health care workforce – numbers, the role of generalists and optimising the workforce – were completed in November.

The reports will be officially launched in January 2008.

## APHCRI ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As the Institute is about to go into evaluation it is important to remind researchers involved in APHCRI work that acknowledging Institute funding is part of contractual obligations to the Institute and the Department of Health and Ageing.

Acknowledgement of the Institute illustrates to funders the extent of our research programs and their reach, as well as being a measure of our success.

The Researchers Handbook has acknowledgement details.

## APHCRI STAFF CHANGES

As many of you are aware Professor Nicholas Glasgow will be standing down as APHCRI Director from the end of January 2008 to take up a new role as Dean of the ANU Medical School.

The position of APHCRI Director is advertised. An interim director is expected to be appointed early in the New Year.

APHCRI's Institute Manager, Elizabeth Kerr is also moving on, returning to the Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane as Institute Manager for the Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation. Her position is also being advertised.

## APHCRI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING PRESENTATION – STREAMS THREE & FIVE

Members of Streams Three and Five were part of a presentation of early research work to the Department of Health and Ageing in November.

Research Advisory Board member, Professor Mark Harris, chaired the meeting.

The presentations were well received by a group of 40 department representatives. Some teams have already been contacted for more information about their projects.

Research teams: Lydia Hearn and Margaret Miller (Stream Five); Mark Harris (Stream Five); Jeffrey Fuller, and Wendy Hermeston (Stream Five); Kelsey Hegarty (Stream Five); Robert Wells (Stream Five); Fran Boyle and Allyson Mutch (Stream Three); Lena Sancu (Stream Three) and Kathryn Dwan (Stream Three).



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## 5<sup>TH</sup> HEALTH SERVICES & POLICY RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2007

The Institute was again a major sponsor of this international health conference, held this year in Auckland, New Zealand.

Health policy researchers from around the world attended the conference and keynote addresses were given by Dr Andrew Bindman, Professor Theodore Marmor, Dr Karen Davis and Professor Penny Hawe.

APHCRI also sponsored eleven travelling scholarships to the conference based on the recommendations of the conference scientific committee.

Some of these supported up and coming researchers and others supported APHCRI teams to present. Two hub researchers - Bob Wells and Karen Gardner - were ineligible for APHCRI scholarships, but were supported to attend as their research was highly regarded by the conference scientific committee.

Adam Elshaug - Exploring Policymakers' Perspectives on Disinvestment from Ineffective Health Care Practices

Catherine Joyce - New directions for health workforce policy: a complex systems perspective

Deborah Askew - Development of a multidisciplinary community based integrated primary-tertiary level diabetes service

Richard Osborne - Chronic disease self-management programs: Policies and evaluation mechanisms

Si Damin - Effects of Chronic Care Model orientated interventions on diabetes care: a systematic review

Claire Jackson - Effective governance framework for integrated healthcare services. Optimal interplay between organisational and clinical governance

David Perkins - What is the place of generalism in mental health care: a systematic review

Gawaine Powell Davies - Building comprehensive primary health care organisations: a cross country comparative analysis

Julie McDonald - Building comprehensive primary health care organisations: a cross country comparative analysis

Nicholas Zwar - Chronic disease management in primary care: what works

Richard Moulding - Psychological treatments in primary care: Systematic review and policy options

Karen Gardner - NQPS for Australian Divisions of General Practice: Early reflections

Robert Wells - Policies to sustain primary health care in rural and remote Australia

Please send all information about your events, publications and presentations to the editor for inclusion in future newsletters.

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