

# Population Health Research Group

Annual Report 2008



Faculty of Computing Health and Science



# UNIVERSITY RESEARCH GROUPS, CENTRES AND INSTITUTES

## ANNUAL REPORT

**CENTRE NAME:** Population Health Research Group

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**Level I Research Group**

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**Level II Research Centre:**

**Level III Research Institute:**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Population Health Research Group (PHRG) was formed 4 years ago in January 2005. During this period the group has had a core group of members that have contributed to research activities in the population health domain. Unfortunately one of the most active researchers, Dr Colleen Fisher, left ECU to take up a position at UWA. Dr Fisher's research focused on women's health and domestic violence currently the group does not have much expertise remaining in this area. There has however been an increase in research around occupational health and this is emerging as a new niche area for the group.

Dr David Ryder will leave the group at the end of 2008 to take up a position elsewhere in the university. Dr Ryder will be replaced by Dr Celia Wilkinson. Stacey Waters and Julie Dare are new contract staff members who will join the group in 2009 and Dr Kaniz Gausia who was a PhD student member of the group has been retained as a Post Doctoral Researcher.

### **CURRENT MEMBERSHIP (2008)**

Dr Jacques Oosthuizen

Dr David Ryder

Dr Shelley Beatty

Kim Clark

Jodi Linto

Jill Darby

Leesa Costello

Martyn Cross

Kaniz Gausia

### **GRANTS 2008**

Costello, L., & Rosenberg, M. (2008). Monitoring and Evaluation of the School Drug Education and Road Aware Program 2008-2011, \$480 000.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Beatty, S., Cross, D., & Shaw, T. (2008). The impact of a parent-directed intervention on parent-child communication about alcohol and tobacco. *Drug and Alcohol Review*, 27, 591-601

Bright, S., McKillop, D., & Ryder, D. (2008). Cigarette Smoking among Young Adults: Integrating Adolescent Cognitive Egocentrism with the Trans-Theoretical Model. *Australian Journal of Psychology*, 60(1). 18-25.

Ryder, D. (2008). Political and legal institutions and their influence on drug policy: An Australian perspective. *Drug and Alcohol Review*. 27, 374-379.

Gausia, H., Fisher, C., Ali, M., & Oosthuizen, J. (2008) Magnitude and contributory factors of postnatal depression: a community – based cohort study from a rural sub-district of Bangladesh. *Psychological Medicine* doi:10.1017/S003329170800445.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Ryder, D., Bright, S., & McKillop, D. (2008). Cigarette Smoking among Young Adults: Integrating Adolescent Cognitive Egocentrism with the Trans-Theoretical Model. First Addictions Summit. Melbourne.

Sexton, C., Goddard, P., & Ryder, D. (2008). Attitudes toward Penalties for Cannabis Possession: Examining Barriers to Progress. Seventh National Harm Reduction Conference, Miami, Florida.

### **HIGHER DEGREES BY RESEARCH (HDR) LOAD**

Martin Cross (PhD)  
Jane Namasasu (PhD)  
Mary O'Loughlin (MPH)  
Tristan Lynn (MPH)  
Mary O'Louchlin (MPH)  
Karol Sapkaroski (PhD)  
David Sheen (PhD)  
Jodi Linto (PhD)  
Joseph Mate (PhD)  
Ian Parker (PhD)  
Alison Roberts (MPH)  
Alex Hoffman (PhD)  
Edward Herron (PhD)  
Geoff Taylor (PhD)  
Foad Bouchemla (Prof Doc)  
Ross Graham (Prof Doc)  
Jude Okhe (Prof Doc)  
Tony Martinovich (Prof Doc)

### **HIGHER DEGREES BY RESEARCH (HDR) COMPLETIONS**

#### **PHD**

Kirov, E  
Kaercher, D.

#### **Masters**

#### **Honours**

Tyler, V.  
Papanastasiou, C.  
Malatesta, G.  
MacDonald, M.  
Waters, D.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION**

Members have ongoing engagement and collaboration with the following organisations and individuals locally, nationally and internationally:

### **Academic (Australia)**

University of WA  
Child Health Promotion Research Centre, ECU  
National Drug Research Institute  
University of the Sunshine Coast  
Central Queensland University  
ANAPHI – Australian Network of Academic Public health Institutions

### **Community/Industry**

Rio Tinto – pilbara iron  
National Heart Foundation  
National Dress Red for Women Advisory Committee  
HeartNET Community  
CREATEC  
CSBP  
Telethon Institute for Child Health Research  
Mission Australia  
The Smith Family  
RACWA  
Australian Health Promotion Association  
Public Health Association of Australia  
Injury Control Council of WA  
Orana House Inc  
ASeTTS  
Australian institute of Environmental Health  
Australian Institute of Occupational Hygienists

### **Government**

West Coast TAFE  
WA Department of Health  
Road Safety Council of WA  
City of Stirling Road Safety Committee  
Department for Child Protection  
Department for Communities

**International**

NHS Institute for Innovation & Improvement, UK

Warwick University UK

Henley Management College, London

BRAC, Bangladesh

University of Kentucky (USA)