Faculty of Computing Health and Science
Research Group, Research Centre or Research Institute Report

RESEARCH UNIT NAME: Population Health Research Group

RESEARCH UNIT LEVEL (tick):

- Level I Research Group: ☒
- Level II Research Centre: ☐
- Level III Research Institute: ☐
- Centre of Excellence: ☐

REPORT TYPE: ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR: 2009

BRIEF OVERVIEW (1 – 2 paragraphs):

The population health research group in the School of Exercise Biomedical and Health Sciences brings together researchers in the area of Public Health. Recently a number of new research active academic staff members have been recruited in the public health domain of the school and these staff members will make a significant contribution to the research output of the group in 2010.

MEMBERSHIP (Full Title of Researchers, including staff, research students, adjuncts):

- Dr Shelley Beatty
- Kim Clark
- Dr Leesa Costello
- Marty Cross
- Dr Julie Dare
- Jill Darby
- Dr Kaniz Gausia
- Edward Herron
Tristan Lynn
Tony Martinovich
Mary O’Louchlin
Dr Jacques Oosthuizen
Ian Parker
David Sheen
Stacey Waters
Dr Celia Wilkinson

NEW GRANTS (Identify Funding Body, Value of grant, Years Funded, Chief Investigator, collaborators, title):


ARC Linkage Grant LP0990807. Integrating social networking and online community to support and inform people affected by breast cancer. Chief Investigators Prof Lelia Green, Dr Leesa Costello and Vanessa Bradshaw ($303,000)

ECU ( $45,000) 2009-10. Darby, J., Gausia, K. Smoke-Free ECU project.

PUBLICATIONS, REFEREED BOOKS, CHAPTERS, JOURNAL ARTICLES, CONFERENCE PAPERS, REPORTS:


Oosthuizen, J. (2009) A comparative analysis of the course accreditation requirements of Environmental Health Australia and the enHealth Environmental Health Officer skills and knowledge matrix. Environmental Health, 9(3,4), 91 -100.


Conference presentation


HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH LOAD (List name of candidate and degree type)

Jodi Linto PHD
Mary O'Loughlin MPH
Karol Sapkaroski PhD
David Sheen PhD
Martyn Cross PhD
Tristan (Rio Tinto) MPH
John Bottrell Prof D
Tony Martinovich Prof D
Joe Mate PhD
Mark Shawcross Prof D
Jude Okoh    Prof D
Ian Parker    PhD
Jane Namasyasu    PhD
Alison Roberts    MPH
Alex Hoffman    PhD
Edward Herron    PhD
Fouad Bouchemla    Prof D
Colleen Ball    MPH
Prem Shanmugam    MPH
Helen Monks    MPH
Sarah Falconer    MPH

HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH COMPLETIONS (List name, degree, title of thesis)
None in 2009

VISITORS AND COLLABORATIONS (List the organisation’s name and short summary of the nature of the collaboration. Separate into local, national and international)

Breast Cancer Foundation of Western Australian: ARC Linkage Partnership established: with Dr Leesa Costello (Public Health) and Prof Lelia Green (SCA).

Minara Resources, analysed air borne exposure data collected over a period of 10 years and developed a 5 year sampling strategy.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND LINKAGES (Provide an overview)

Assisted the EnHealth Council in the development of an Environmental Health Officers skills matrix that will be used for future accreditation of overseas qualifications and for university course accreditation in Australia.

FUTURE PLANS AND DIRECTION (Provide an overview)

With the growth in research collaborations and students specific to occupational health it is expected that a new level 1 research group with a specific focus in this area is becoming feasible, if this group is established the population health focus of this group can become more centred around broader public health themes.

DATE OF NEXT FORMAL REVIEW