

2015 Report by CHE Director



CENTRE OF HEALTH EQUITY FORUM

Thursday, April 14th 2016

Venue: Woodward Centre, 10th Floor, Law School
185 Pelham Street, Carlton, Vic 3053

2016 Program

Time	Session	Speaker
8.30 – 9.00	Registration and viewing of Posters for each Unit/Program	
9.00 – 9.15	Welcome – Introduction and Forum Overview	Brian Oldenburg Anne-Marie Feyer
9.15-9.30	Meet other CHE staff	
9.30-10.00	Overview of CHE 2015-2016	Brian Oldenburg
10.00-10.30	Interactive poster session	Unit Heads and Anne-Marie Feyer
10.30-11.00	MORNING TEA	
11.00-11.35	Some of CHE's best innovations in Teaching & Learning	Rosemary McKenzie Tahna Pettman Richard Chenhall/Cathy Vaughan
11.35-12.10	Career development – Planned or Opportunistic?	Melanie Davern Karen Block Paul Large
12.10-12.45	Reflections on working internationally	Bridget Pratt Brian Oldenburg Patricia Rarau
12.45-1.30	LUNCH	
1.30-2.30	"Wicked" Problems in Public Health	Sandy Austin Regional Director for Southern Metro and Eastern Metro Health at Victorian Department of Health and Human Services.
2.30-3.30	Improving CHE's Future Performance	Small Group Discussion ♦ Creative connections between research and teaching ♦ Promoting research translation and knowledge engagement ♦ Career development ♦ Working internationally ♦ Systems and processes
3.30-3.45	AFTERNOON TEA	
3.45-4.30	How to improve CHE's future performance - feedback session	Plenary Session
4.30-4.45	Sum up and close	

Facilitated by Dr Anne-Marie Feyer

Dr Anne-Marie brings more than 25 years experience in public health research, policy and practice, with extensive experience providing strategic as well as specialist technical advice to government and industry. Her career has spanned senior academic and consulting roles, including a range of senior advisory posts, working closely with policy makers and service/product providers.





- Brian Oldenburg (Chair) - CHE Director
- Paul Large - CHE Centre Manager
- Ruth Hentschel - CHE Administrator
- Lauren Carpenter - Brockhoff, HDR Student
- Lynne Gillam - HH&SS
- Emma Thomas - NCDU, HDR Student
- Ali Barr - GWHU
- Geoff Browne - McCaughey, HDR Student
- Lyndon Ormond-Parker - Indigenous Studies
- Anne-Marie Feyer - Facilitator



Where do we fit in MSPGH?



Melbourne School of Population and Global Health

Centre for Mental Health

Mental Health Policy and Practice

Population Mental Health

Global and Multicultural Mental Health

Centre for Health Policy

Evaluation and Implementation Science

Health Economics

Health Systems & Workforce

Law & Public Health

Centre for Epidemiology & Biostatistics

Breast Cancer

Colorectal Cancer

Allergy and Lung Health

Sexual Health

Male Health

High Dimensional Analytics

Biostatistics

Modelling & Simulation

Australian Twin Registry

Nossal Institute for Global Health

Governance and Financing

Inclusive Health and Development

Maternal, Sexual and Reproductive Health

Nossal Institute Ltd Company

Centre for Health Equity

Health Humanities and Social Sciences

McCaughey VicHealth Community Wellbeing

Gender and Women's Health

Indigenous Health Equity

Non Communicable Disease Control

Evidence & Child Health

Indigenous Studies

Partnership Groups

Global Burden of Disease Group
Vaccine and Immunisation Research Group



Research Income Summary for 2014

Centre/Unit	C1	C2	C3	C4	Total Income \$	Total Income %
Nossal Institute	231,851.00	1,015.00	217,558.00	-	448,394.00	1.62%
Centre for Health Policy	208,912.58	1,193,893.20	1,209,702.88	-	2,403,596.08	8.66%
Centre for Mental Health	1,183,248.87	2,700,976.20	1,342,689.82	-	5,226,914.89	18.84%
Centre for Epidemiology and Biostatistics	5,584,825.37	2,423,581.84	1,601,816.17	-	9,610,223.38	34.64%
Centre for Health Equity	3,816,284.09	3,761,532.98	2,925,045.04	-	10,502,862.11	37.86%
TOTAL	10,584,358.33	10,079,984.22	7,079,253.91	-	27,743,596.46	100%



Higher Degree Research Student numbers as at 7th March 2016

Enrolled students by Centre	Total	International	Local	Part time	Full time
Epidemiology & Biostatistics	38	17	21	6	32
Mental Health	12	2	10	7	5
Health Equity	47	10	37	20	27
Health Policy	18	5	13	5	13
Nossal	5	1	4	1	4
Enrolled Graduate Research Students in MSPGH	120	35	85	39	81
Enrolled Graduate Research Students in MSPGH including those on leave	129	37	92		



Centre for Health Equity

Unit	Evidence & Child Health	Gender & Women's Health	Health Humanities and Social Sciences	Indigenous Health Equity	Indigenous Studies	McCaughey VicHealth Community Wellbeing	Non Communicable Disease Control
	A/Prof Lisa Gibbs	Prof Anne Kavanagh	A/Prof Richard Chenhall	Prof Kerry Arabena	Prof Marcia Langton	Prof Billie Giles-Corti	Prof Brian Oldenburg
Programs	Jack Brockhoff Child Health & Wellbeing Public Health Insight	Sexual and Reproductive Health Disability Housing and the Built Environment Cancer Prevention WHO Collaborating Centre in Women's Health	Alcohol & Other Drugs Ethics Historical Demography Health Social Sciences	Onemda VicHealth Koori Health Indigenous Eye Health	Indigenous Studies Agreements with Indigenous People Alcohol Policy & Alcohol Management Plans Cultural Heritage, Material Collections, and Digital Technology	Place, Health & Liveability Workplace Health Race-based Discrimination Social Infrastructure & Community Capacity Community Indicators Victoria	Interventions to Improve Prevention Pathways to Causation and Outcome Evidence to Improve Uptake of Prevention Building Global Research Capacity



HDR Students = 47

Includes:

- 10 International
- 37 Local
- 20 Part-time
- 27 Full-time

Staff = 131 (approx.)

Includes:

- 31 Continuing
- 100 Fixed Term
- 15 Professional Staff
- 116 Academic Staff



The last 12 months in review



Professor Elizabeth Waters



Head of The Jack Brockhoff Child Health and Wellbeing Program. Liz was renowned internationally for her leadership of and contribution to evidence through the Public Health Group of the Cochrane Collaboration.

”Mother, friend and ‘force of nature’ for child health” (Paul Joyce)

**Celebrating success.....just a
few highlights BUT not
comprehensive**



Department of Health - Government Supports Closing the Gap in Eye Health



On 11 March 2016, Senator Fiona Nash, Minister for Rural Health and Deputy Leader of the Nationals, announced \$2.5 million in funding to provide continued support to the Indigenous Eye Health Unit at the University of Melbourne. The funding provided over three years from July will support the Unit to deliver a range of services.



Rebecca Bentley

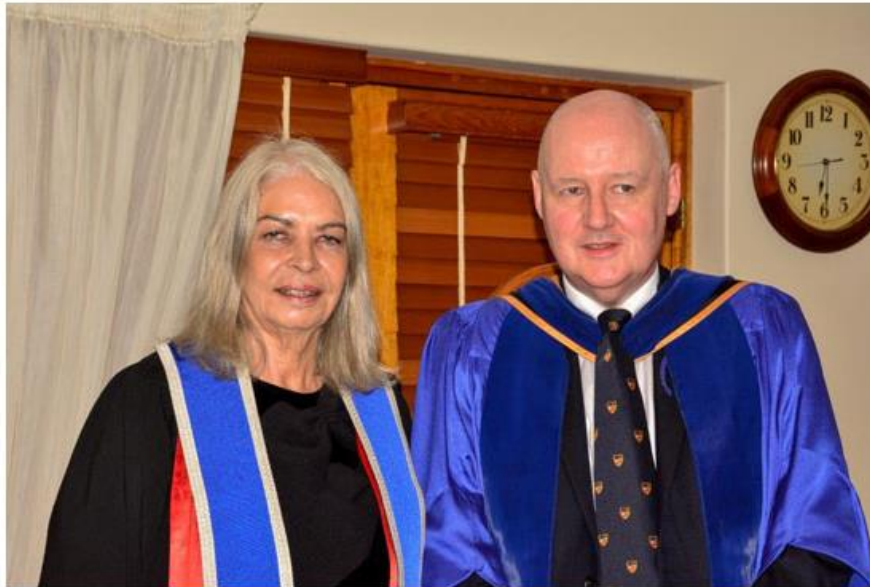
ARC Future Fellowship



In March this year, it was formally announced that Associate Professor Rebecca Bentley, Centre for Health Equity, Gender and Women's Health Unit was the recipient of a prestigious ARC Future Fellowship; one of 50 awarded nationally. *She will investigate the impacts of unaffordable housing on socio-economic conditions and wellbeing.*



Congratulations to Professor Marcia
Langton AM



Prof Langton with UQ Emmanuel College Principal Adjunct Professor Stewart Gill

Professor Marcia Langton AM was appointed an
Honorary Fellow of Emmanuel College at the
University of Queensland



- **A Visit from U.S. Ambassador to Australia and the Director of the National Museum of the American Indian (Smithsonian)**



On Monday 15 February 2016, Professor Marcia Langton and Lyndon Ormond-Parker from the Centre for Health Equity, Indigenous Studies Unit met with the U.S. Ambassador John Berry and Kevin Gover, The Director of the National Museum of the American Indian (Smithsonian) at The University of Melbourne. Guests from the University included Ms Elizabeth Alexander AM (Chancellor), Professor Glyn Davis AC (Vice Chancellor), Professor Susan Elliot (Deputy Vice-Chancellor International), Professor Ian Anderson (Pro-Vice Chancellor and Chair for Indigenous Higher Education), Professor Robyn Sloggett AM (Director, The Centre for Cultural Materials and Conservation) and other distinguished guests.

- **Visit by the Sami Parliament, Norway
(23-25 February)**



Image Caption: Prof Terry Nolan (HOS, MSPGH) and Prof Kerry Arabena (Head, Indigenous Health Equity Unit and Onemda) with Sami Parliament visitors in traditional regalia, and others including Ms Pat Anderson AO (Chair Lowitja Institute Board, seventh from right), Romley Mokak (CEO, Lowitja Institute, far right)

The Sami Parliament of Norway is the representative body for indigenous people in Norway, the Sami. It acts as an institution of cultural autonomy and self-determination for the indigenous Sami people. The Parliament was opened on 9 October 1989. The Sami Parliament is currently working on ethical guidelines for Sami health research. In connection with this work, the members visiting Australia want to learn from the work done by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia. These visitors are representatives from the Parliament plenary, advisors and case managers from the Sami parliament management, and people from Sami research, health and educational institutions."

The Sami Parliament gave several presentations on population health of the Sami people while they were with us.



McCaughey VicHealth Community Wellbeing Unit 10th Anniversary



International guest, Professor David Stuckler (Oxford University) delivered the McCaughey 10 Year Anniversary Oration on Wednesday 17 February at the Melbourne School of Design.

Prof Billie Giles-Corti, Prof David Stuckler, Ms Mary-Anne Thomas (Parliamentary Secretary for Health), Hon John Brumby (former Premier of Victoria 2007 – 2010), Prof Helen Sullivan (Foundation Director, Melbourne School of Government)



Congratulations to Professor Warwick Anderson, Honorary Professorial Fellow, Centre for Health Equity

The Royal Society of New South Wales (the oldest learned society in the southern hemisphere) has awarded Professor Warwick Anderson its History and Philosophy of Science Medal for 2015. In 2014, Warwick was elected a Fellow of the Society





Lowitja Institute Scholarships

Our congratulations to **Emily Munro-Harrison and Alister Thorpe** for their being awarded Lowitja Institute PhD Scholarship from a nationally competitive round. An expert panel was convened to assess the scholarship applications and noted both the high quality of applications received, and that the research proposed by Emily and Alister will contribute to the evidence, knowledge and health systems required to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



The difference 1000 days make



The **Australian Model** of The First 1000 Days program:
Building health and wellbeing outcomes for our
families and communities.

Professor Kerry Arabena
Indigenous Health Equity Unit
The University of Melbourne
[@ArabenaKerry](#)



- **Annual Excellence Awards for Equity, Diversity and Staff Development (EDSD)**

Please congratulate Professor Anne Kavanagh as recipient for this year's annual Excellence Awards for Equity, Diversity and Staff Development presented by the Dean, Prof Mark Hargreaves. Anne is an advocate for people with disability in the workplace, and in her presentation at the Faculty's EDSD Forum, Anne prepared a series of recommendations about how the Faculty and University could become a disability inclusive employer.





Dr Bridget Pratt (PhD 2012)



- Returned from Johns Hopkins University with Sax NHMRC Fellowship in mid-2015
- Linking Implementation research to global health equity (2013-2017)
- Current research projects:
 - ARC Discovery Project
 - Kelaher M, Pratt B, Jorm A, Freed G, Trivedi A. [Manufacturing consensus: Independence in consensus statements in health](#) (\$418,286. 2016-2019).



Professor Janet McCalman

ARC Discovery project:

McCalman J, Kippen R, Hopper J, Read MC, McMeeken JM.

Diggers to Veterans: Resilience and Recovery, \$560,000. 2015-2018

The project aims to be the world's first cradle-to-grave medico-demographic study of survivors of military service in World War I, drawing on Australia's unique archive of service and veterans medical records.



Janet has successfully negotiated with the Victorian Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages to construct a Victorian Historical Population Register from 17 million records from 1853 to the present day of linked data for research into health, demography, economic change and history. This will provide intergenerational data from the world's most detailed vital registration system.



NHMRC Project Grant

- Professor Philip Clarke (CHP), Professor Robyn McDermott, **Professor Kerry Arabena (CHE, Indigenous Health Equity)**, Dr Kenny Lawson. Building a simulation model to improve cardiovascular disease risk prediction and treatment for indigenous Australians (\$580,985.50 over 3 years)

NHMRC Senior Principal Research Fellowship

- **Professor Billie Giles-Corti (CHE, McCaughey VicHealth Community Wellbeing)**. Building urban planning and health evidence to inform policy and practice that creates healthy, liveable and equitable communities designed to prevent non-communicable diseases (\$851,980 over 5 years)



ENCORE Program presents:

How to respond to the growing burden of non-communicable diseases in low- and middle-income countries

Strengthening collaborations and building capacity in India and Australia

**Thursday the 5th of May
9:00am – 3:00pm
Basement Theatre 1 - 207 Bouverie Street
Carlton, The University of Melbourne**

The ENCORE Program is proud to present an inaugural forum on health trends and drivers of the non-communicable disease epidemic in India and how the global community can build capacity to respond.

Internationally renowned researchers from leading public health institutes in India will join experts from the [Melbourne School of Population and Global Health](#), the [Department of Physiology](#), the [Department of General Practice](#), the [Melbourne Social Equity Institute](#) and the [Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity](#).



Promotions 2015:

- Dr Louise Keogh and Dr Richard Chenhall to Level D
- Melanie Davern promoted to Level C.
- Ros McDougall promoted to Level B.



Portfolio	2014-2015 Lead	2016 Lead
Research Portfolio	Louise Keogh	-
Higher Degree Research Portfolio	Rebecca Bentley	-
Research/Higher Degree Research Portfolio		Rebecca Bentley
Teaching and Learning Portfolio	Richard Chenhall	Cathy Vaughan
Knowledge Exchange Portfolio	Kerry Arabena	Vacancy



Recommendations from CHE Forum Planning 2015 – Portfolio Groups



1. Research Recommendations

1. Grant performance

- CHE grant review scheme to continue
- CHE grant workshop proposed for late September

2. Publications

- CHE peer writing groups or peer buddy? scheme proposed, launched following 'how to' on writing
- Scheme to fund open access publication fees proposed

3. Engagement

- New 'How To' seminar on engaging with government and policy makers
- Scheme to fund conference travel for staff with no access to funding proposed



2. Higher Degree Research – Recommendations

1. Facilitate co-supervision (with senior academics) of MPH research projects
2. Support academic writing & publishing
3. Promote tutoring opportunities for HDR students
4. Career workshops on post-PhD pathways
5. CHE template materials for confirmation, annual review and completion



3. Teaching and Learning Recommendations

- Collaborate with HDR Portfolio to develop a process for HDR students to co-supervise MPH student research and professional practice projects
- Work with MPH Working Group and HDR Portfolio to create a tutor recruitment policy and procedure and database
- Re-develop *Living Longer* breadth subject to ensure it is delivered beyond 2018.
- Develop a teaching induction package
- Organise and host a T&L development workshop



4. Knowledge Exchange Recommendations

- Increase awareness, application and capture of KE activities in CHE research
 - Seminar series
 - Fact sheets
 - Short course
 - Social media
 - Case studies
- Continue relationship development with University staff and external stakeholders to promote KE
 - Embedded into existing practice (e.g. community scholars program, writers retreats and community visits)

Where to for next 12-36 months?

- How can our Centre for Health Equity be more than (just) the (simple) sum of the existing units/programs in the future?
- How to build outputs, reputation and branding?