

Queensland PHCRED Fellows in the Spotlight

Queensland PHCRED statewide activities for 2010 concluded with our annual Fellows Meeting in November. Sixteen fellowship holders from the PHCRED Qld sites presented their projects with many presenting their research for the first time. Cunnamulla and Charleville were also represented with a lively presentation on the "Reading Bug" community project from Jo and Rita who attended the PHCRED Rural and Remote training workshops held in South Western Queensland earlier in the year.

The overall quality of the presentations was excellent. The research undertaken by the fellows was of high standard for novice researchers and they covered a vast array of topics in primary care including community and hospital based projects, researching psychosocial impacts, education / health related research, chronic illness, exploring sexuality, unsettled babies, indigenous research, palliative care research, and the list goes on.....

The methodologies used varied considerably with single/mixed methods including systematic literature reviews, face-to-face interviews, auditing records, extracting/analysing data from databases and administering questionnaires. The majority of fellows have gained vast skills and research experience over the short term of their fellowship, including:

- *How to do research using different research methodologies*
- *Developing an ethics application*
- *Forming research questions and developing a research proposal/protocol*
- *Working collaborations with stakeholders*
- *Undertaking research being involved in conducting interviews, analysing data, preparing papers for publication – just to name a few*

Workshops held in conjunction with the fellows meeting on 'grant writing' and 'the essentials of getting your research published' gave participants additional valuable skills and tips to assist them to continue in their research careers.

In summing up the day Tina Janamian (PHCRED UQ) emphasised that the key message is for the fellows and all researchers to disseminate their research findings.

Amanda Torkington (JCU Fellow) presented her project "Fly-in fly-out & drive-in drive-out: *the psychosocial impacts on mining employees – a qualitative study*"



Other presentations included:

Jennifer Chamberlain-Salaun (JCU Fellow): *"Terminology used to describe health care teams: An integrated literature review"*

Renee Blackman (MICRRH Fellow): *"The Beginning and Becoming"*

Jo Pennisi (Griffith Fellow): *"Introduction to research question: How did the idea develop?"*

Rita Goodman & Jo Garton (central Qld): *"The South West Birth to Prep – spread the word (Reading Bug) project"*

Karina Baigrie (MICRRH Fellow): *"School Nurses for Queensland Primary School Kids: The role and scope of practice of Registered Nurses, employed by Queensland Health, who work with primary school aged children"*

Jasmine Glasson (central Qld): *"Active Roma: Evaluating the Partnership and Success"*

Alison Hsu & Susan Thomas (Griffith Fellows): *"Developmental outcomes in children with history of positional plagiocephaly"*

Gillian Eastgate (Bond Fellow): *"Sexuality and sexual abuse prevention in adults with intellectual disability: a study of family members and support workers"*

Pamela Douglas (UQ): *"The unsettled baby: Performing a literature review of a complex clinical problem"*

Suzanne Smith & Glenda Duffy (JCU Fellows): *"What is effective community participation within health for Aboriginal communities?"*

Shaun Solomon (MICRRH Fellow): *"Patient stories, understandings and perceptions of chronic disease self management"*

Anne Bucetti (UQ Fellow): *"How do GPs provide palliative care in rural/remote Queensland?"*

Janine Howlett (Bond Fellow): *"Parent's pre-existing knowledge and beliefs about acute otitis media and its impact on shared decision making"*

Johanna Lynch (UQ Fellow): *"Beyond symptoms – defining mental health assessment priorities"*

Justin Coleman (UQ Fellow): *"Indigenous Child Health Checks: the view from the city"*

Susie Radford (Bond Fellow): *"The Headspace Gold Coast Model"*