

Welcome to CREATE

The inaugural edition

Welcome to the first CREATE bulletin, a monthly newsletter bringing you up to date news and events from within the Centre. The second month of operations has seen significant progress in the realm of relationship building and the development of work plans, and everyone is excited about the months ahead.

Chief Investigators meet with the CEO and Chair of NACCHO

On Wednesday 6th November, Chief Investigators (CIs) Profs Alan Pearson, Alex Brown and Ngiare Brown and Assoc Prof Edoardo Aromataris met with Dr Lisa Briggs (CEO, NACCHO) and Justin Mohamed (Chair, NACCHO) in Sydney for an informal meeting over dinner. The meeting was extremely positive and helped strengthen the relationship between CREATE and NACCHO. As a result of the meeting, CREATE is pleased to announce that Lisa Briggs is to become the first non-CI member of the Leadership group.

Meeting of the Chief Investigators

On Tuesday 12th November, the Chief Investigators of CREATE (with the exception of Annette Braunack-Mayer, who unfortunately could not make it) participated in a highly constructive meeting during which the programs direction, structure and schedule were discussed. Topics of interest included PhD scholarships, the inaugural Leadership Group meeting (scheduled for February 2014), and the development of several documents clarifying the processes and scope relating to the program. Of importance, a list of potential members of the Leadership Group was finalised, with invites to be sent out shortly.

Meeting of the Associate Investigators

Following on from the Chief Investigators meeting, on Tuesday 19th November Associate Investigators (AIs) met to discuss both the overall program, and also how each AI saw their role within the program. It was fantastic to hear a broad range of skill sets and strengths, and the diversity of areas in which AIs considered their future within CREATE, such as

guideline development, program implementation and community engagement. A second meeting will be established in the coming weeks for those AIs not able to attend the first meeting. More details will follow.

Congratulations Associate Professor Edoardo Aromataris!

Due to his increased role within the program, particularly within the synthesis component of work conducted within the Centre, all Chief Investigators agreed that Assoc Prof Edoardo Aromataris be upgraded from Associate Investigator to Chief Investigator E within the Centre, taking the number of Chief Investigators to five. Congratulations Ed!

Prof Pearson presents CREATE in JBI seminar

On Friday 8th November, Professor Pearson presented a seminar focused on the structure and scope of the CREATE program at the Joanna Briggs Institutes Graduate Research Seminar Series. Over 45 people came to listen to Prof Pearson speak, the most attendees for any seminar in 2013. It was fantastic to hear CREATE so eloquently condensed into a 45 minute presentation, and many comments were made regarding the potential for the work within the program to not only improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, but the health of Indigenous peoples worldwide.

Research Fellow / PhD update

An advertisement for the positions of research fellows within the School of Population Health (within the field of evidence synthesis and ethics) and NACCHO (within the field of evidence synthesis and implementation), as well as two or more PhD students, has been drafted and will be advertised soon. The research fellows will join Dr Judith Streak Gomersall and Dr Karla Canuto as the core research team of the Centre.

CREATE joins the twitterverse!

The Centre has recently joined twitter under the tag NHMRC_CREATE. Click on the 'follow' tab for updates on the program and any other important news and events.



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Website coming soon....

A website is currently being developed for CREATE and will include information such as the program structure, profiles of investigators, a description of the translational health care cycle and how it applies to the program, and detailed objectives of the Centre. More information will be provided soon.

CREATE logo competition

A competition for the development of a CREATE logo will be commencing shortly. Details of the competition, to be hosted on the SAHMRI Wardliparingga webpage, will be open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders with the successful applicant receiving a prize of \$250, a certificate and a trophy. Two runners up will each receive a certificate and trophy. Submissions close on December 6th, so get in quick!

CREATE Profile: Dr Odette Gibson



Odette Gibson is a post-doctoral research fellow with the Wardliparingga Aboriginal Health Research Unit (WARU) at the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute. Her role is to participate, lead, mentor and develop capacity in health research, of which the core focus is, 'closing the gap' in life expectancy between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in SA. Odette is interested in primary health care delivery, systems and investment (funding, workforce, clinical management support systems and infrastructure), chronic disease management in pragmatic settings, and population health. Developing research interests include the use of scarce health

dollars to obtain the greatest health outcomes and measurement of health system performance and health outcomes for Indigenous Australians. Her experience includes the recent completion of a PhD in health services research and policy with an economic lens and working at the coalface delivering primary care health services and policy coordination in remote Torres Strait Islander communities.