

Summary of Linkage Projects Applications for Funding to Commence in 2006

Queensland

Griffith University

LP0668369 Prof SE Bunn; Dr F Sheldon; Dr BD HARCH

Approved Project Title **Spatial scale of influence of riparian and catchment land use on stream ecosystem health**

2006 : \$80,000

2007 : \$74,000

2008 : \$67,000

Primary RFCD 2707 ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTION

Partner Organisation(s)

SEQ Western Catchments Group Inc.

Moreton Bay Waterways and Catchments Partnership

Administering Institution Griffith University

Project Summary

Human activities at the landscape scale comprise one of the greatest threats to the ecological integrity of river ecosystems. Government and community groups across Australia are making significant efforts in riparian protection and rehabilitation in an attempt to improve the health of degraded waterways but are hampered in their goal to maximise the environmental gains for every dollar or unit effort invested. The proposed research on understanding the spatial scale of influence of land use and the aggregative effects on stream ecosystems will provide a robust framework to assess various options and optimise benefits from management actions.

LP0668186 Prof CJ Sampford; Prof W Maley; Mr M Smith

Approved Project Title **A Place to Call Home: expediting repatriation and ending the practice of warehousing refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs)**

2006 : \$210,949

2007 : \$237,050

2008 : \$210,000

Primary RFCD 3705 DEMOGRAPHY

Partner Organisation(s)

AUSTCARE

Administering Institution Griffith University

Project Summary

Half of the world's 12 million refugees and 25 million IDPs have been living in camps for five to ten years (and longer). The proposed model for refugee and IDP repatriation and reintegration will: significantly increase their human security; alleviate the economic burden on host countries; contribute to the development goals of the countries of origin; facilitate the targeting of humanitarian assistance for resolving protracted refugee and IDP situations; and reduce the threats to regional stability. The research will also enhance both Australia's reputation in this humanitarian sector and its institutional capacity to successfully repatriate and reintegrate refugees and IDPs.

LP0668287 Dr SW Smallbone; A/Prof RK Wortley; A/Prof MR Kebbell; Dr M Rallings

Approved Project Title **A Prospective Longitudinal Study of Child-Sex Offender Recidivism**

2006 : \$74,935

2007 : \$74,365

2008 : \$24,650

Primary RFCD 3904 LAW ENFORCEMENT

APA(I) Award(s): 1

Partner Organisation(s)

Queensland Department of Corrective Services

Administering Institution Griffith University

Project Summary

The project has important implications for the prevention, prediction and treatment of sexual offences against children. New prevention strategies may be devised through the identification of individual, interpersonal and situational factors involved in sexual offence onset and recidivism. Better prediction models may be used to inform risk assessments for individuals applying to work with children, sentencing decisions involving child-sex offenders, and decisions about the suitability for release of child-sex offenders from prison. Finally, more effective approaches to treatment may be developed from a better understanding of risk factors involved in recidivism.

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LP0667727 A/Prof PR Thomas; Dr DL Neumann; Dr SL Hooper

Approved Project Title **Optimising Performance Under Pressure: Testing and Developing Athletes' Attentional Focus Strategies**

2006 : \$54,328

2007 : \$65,000

2008 : \$49,000

Primary RFCD 3214 HUMAN MOVEMENT AND SPORTS SCIENCE

APA(l) Award(s): 1

Partner Organisation(s)

Queensland Academy of Sport

Administering Institution Griffith University

Project Summary

Sport has long played a significant role in Australia's cultural identity, but the economic value of this industry must also be recognised. Australia has invested heavily in supporting our athletes, teams and coaches, who have achieved high levels of success in international sports. In using innovative technology to optimise performance, the research has the potential to enhance Australia's international reputation in the sport sciences, and may well prove essential to our future competitiveness. In promoting innovative, evidence-based coaching and psychological skills training that develop and foster human talent, the project will also assist strategic initiatives to increase community participation in sport.