

# Summary of Linkage Projects Proposals for Funding to Commence in 2007

## Victoria

### Deakin University

**LP0775072** A/Prof CA Beavis; Prof CM Bradford; Dr JA O'Mara; Dr C Walsh

**Approved Project Title** **Literacy in the digital world of the twenty-first century: learning from computer games.**

**2007 :** \$ 64,000

**2008 :** \$ 40,000

**2009 :** \$ 47,000

**Primary RFCD** 3302 CURRICULUM STUDIES

#### Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

Department of Education & Training

Australian Centre for the Moving Image

The Victorian Association for the Teaching of English

**Administering Organisation** Deakin University

#### Project Summary

The creation of a literate and tech-savvy workforce and community is essential to Australia's future prosperity. By helping teachers better understand and teach ICT-enabled forms of text and literacy, drawing on insights from young people's actual engagement with digital culture in their leisure hours, the project will help strengthen young Australians' capacity to critically evaluate and use ICTs for effective learning and communication. This project will help produce the skills, knowledge and orientations necessary to create smart information use, through developing and strengthening young people's uses and understandings of ICT-based forms of text and literacy.

**LP0775125** Dr KE Cook; Prof PG Smyth; A/Prof AM McClelland; Dr EC Davis

**Approved Project Title** **The implications of welfare reform for single parent families in their transition to paid work**

**2007 :** \$ 44,225

**2008 :** \$ 38,665

**2009 :** \$ 31,268

**Primary RFCD** 3701 SOCIOLOGY

APA(I) Award(s): 1

#### Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

Brotherhood of St Laurence

**Administering Organisation** Deakin University

#### Project Summary

The study will clarify the policy and practice implications of welfare reform by focussing on its implementation and impacts. These findings will: provide single parents with insight into the experience of returning to work; enable social welfare agencies to design programs and services to meet the changing needs of single parents; provide data for welfare policy review and development; and contribute to the theory and evidence base for ongoing debates such as the effect of combining multiple roles (for example work and parenting) on single parents and the implications of voluntary versus mandatory welfare to work programs.

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**LP0775248** Prof MB Powell; A/Prof MR Kebbell; Dr CH Hughes-Scholes

**Approved Project Title** The measurement and prediction of police interviewing performance and the dissemination of good practice through a distributive workplace learning system

**2007 :** \$ 100,270

**2008 :** \$ 80,462

**2009 :** \$ 93,222

**Primary RFCD** 3904 LAW ENFORCEMENT

**APDI** Dr CH Hughes-Scholes

**Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)**

Victoria Police

**Administering Organisation** Deakin University

**Project Summary**

This research aims to develop the first ever standardised measures of police interviewers' performance, focusing on interviews about sexual offences. Standardised measures are essential for quality control evaluation, identifying training needs, assigning workload, predicting case outcome and benchmarking organisation capabilities. By improving the quality of police interviews about sexual offences, this research will improve the reporting, prosecution and conviction rates of sexual offences, which will have a deterrent effect on potential offenders. Further, this research will reduce the stress of witnesses and suspects involved in the legal process and reduce burnout of police interviewers by increasing competency and job satisfaction.