

# Summary of Linkage Projects Proposals for Funding to Commence in 2008

## Victoria

### La Trobe University

**LP0882812** Dr HM Cleak; Dr AJ Bickerdike; Prof MJ Schofield

**Approved Project Title** **The Efficacy of Family Mediation where Family Violence is Present**

**2008 :** \$ 37,186

**2009 :** \$ 46,263

**2010 :** \$ 46,372

**Primary RFCD** 3903 JUSTICE AND LEGAL STUDIES

#### Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

Relationships Australia Victoria

**Administering Organisation** La Trobe University

#### Project Summary

The family mediation model of dispute resolution offers separated couples a cheaper, more empowering method to resolve property and child custody matters. Current government policy encourages family mediation even where a history of violence exists, yet little is known about the safety and effectiveness of this approach. Family violence is experienced by over 20% of the adult female population with far reaching effects on emotional and health status, family stability and child development. There is thus a critical need to determine the safety and wellbeing outcomes of current practice to inform policy development in handling difficult family violence cases.

**LP0882351** Prof F Hardman; A/Prof BW Neville; A/Prof R Lewis; Dr J White; Ms PA McCann; Dr KM Hutchison; Mr G Powell

**Approved Project Title** **Engaging adolescents in schooling: A longitudinal study of student use of electronic self-assessment tools within advocacy models of student support.**

**2008 :** \$ 90,000

**2009 :** \$ 75,000

**2010 :** \$ 65,000

**Primary RFCD** 3301 EDUCATION STUDIES

APA(I) Award(s): 1

#### Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

Catholic Education Office, Bendigo

Catholic College Wodonga

Catholic College Bendigo (Yrs 10-12)

Coburg Senior High School

St Augustine's School P-10, Kyabram

Seymour Technical High School

Collingwood College

**Administering Organisation** La Trobe University

#### Project Summary

This research investigates the effectiveness of a program of student support directed to reducing adolescent disengagement from learning and early school leaving. There are potentially significant economic and social benefits to the broader Australian community, particularly in country areas and low socio-economic urban areas. Completing school provides young people with a broader range of options for their economic future, promotes social inclusion, and provides greater protection against negative consequences of unemployment, such as isolation, depression, and substance abuse. Enjoyment of schooling increases the ability of young people to develop to their full potential, and lead healthy, productive and fulfilling lives.

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**LP0882306** A/Prof R Hoye; Dr MG Nicholson; Dr KM Brown

**Approved Project Title** **Social Glue? The contribution of sport and active recreation to community wellbeing**

**2008 :** \$ 35,000

**2009 :** \$ 29,000

**2010 :** \$ 32,000

**Primary RFCD** 3704 HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

### **Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)**

Victorian Health Promotion Foundation

**Administering Organisation** La Trobe University

### **Project Summary**

Australian federal, state and local governments allocate more than \$4,094 million per year to the provision of sport and recreation services, facilities and programs which service more than 5 million regular participants. This funding is, in part, based on the premise that involvement in sport and recreation develops community wellbeing through the facilitation of social inclusion and connectedness. This research will contribute to the development of policies and practices that will enhance the capability of sport and active recreation organisations to contribute to community wellbeing.

**LP0882081** Prof TA Murray; Dr PW Davies

**Approved Project Title** **An Archaeology of Institutional Confinement: the Hyde Park Barracks 1848-1886**

**2008 :** \$ 78,648

**2009 :** \$ 78,648

**2010 :** \$ 78,648

**Primary RFCD** 4302 ARCHAEOLOGY AND PREHISTORY

APDI Dr PW Davies

### **Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)**

Historic Houses Trust of NSW

**Administering Organisation** La Trobe University

### **Project Summary**

This project has three benefits. First, it will help Australians understand more about the history of government care for the sick and the destitute, an issue that strongly resonates in the contemporary community. Second, by focusing on the archaeology of migration we can improve our understanding of its consequences. Third, the visitors to the Hyde Park Barracks Museum will be better able to understand the richness and diversity of the archaeological and historical records of early Australian history. This will enhance the heritage value of archaeological assemblages that present significant challenges to those who seek to display or interpret them.