

Summary of Linkage Projects Proposals for Funding to Commence in 2008

New South Wales

University of Western Sydney

LP0882088 Dr FR Cameron; Prof RI Hodge; A/Prof BM Neilson; Dr J Salazar; Prof JP Conroy; Prof DJ Karoly; Mr S Chan; Ms C Meehan; Ms LJ Kelly; Prof GP Durant; Mr W LaBar; Dr R Sandell
Approved Project Title **Global Citizenship and the Agency of the Museum Sector in Climate Change Interventions**

2008 : \$ 174,000

2009 : \$ 161,000

2010 : \$ 235,000

Primary RFCD 4003 CURATORIAL STUDIES

APA(I) Award(s): 1

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

Powerhouse Museum

Museum Victoria

Australian Museum

Questacon - the National Science and Technology Centre

Liberty Science Center

Administering Organisation University of Western Sydney

Project Summary

Australia plays an important role in the global response to climate change. This project will benefit Australian communities by building capacity to more effectively respond to and make informed decisions about climate change by looking to the museum sector as change-agents, well-equipped to operate as a global network. It will develop institutional capacity to communicate high-level state of the art knowledge about climate change to produce better informed citizens; provide forums where diverse interests can meet; and produce new avenues for Australian communities to interact and contribute to local and global debates and decision-making on climate change.

LP0882856 A/Prof RJ Leonard; Dr JD Bellamy; A/Prof RL Ollerton

Approved Project Title **Investing and Cashing in Social Capital: Using denominational differences among Christian churches to identify the costs and benefits of different network patterns**

2008 : \$ 60,000

2009 : \$ 35,000

2010 : \$ 30,000

Primary RFCD 4402 RELIGION AND RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

National Church Life Survey (NCLS) Research

Administering Organisation University of Western Sydney

Project Summary

How much do Christian churches contribute to strengthening Australia's social fabric? Do different denominations contribute in different ways, with some more concerned with relationships within the congregation while others are more concerned with reaching out to the wider community, crossing boundaries of age, class, gender, religious affiliation and ethnicity? This project utilises the large National Church Life Survey (NCLS) databases to assess the contribution to social capital of churches across Australia. NCLS Research is the world leader in surveys of church life and this project will form a new basis for international comparisons with the USA, England and New Zealand.

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LP0882328 Dr GE Munns; A/Prof WK Sawyer; Mr CR Murray

Approved Project Title **Teachers For a Fair Go: A study of teachers who 'make a difference' to students in poverty.**

2008 : \$ 28,000

2009 : \$ 135,000

2010 : \$ 96,000

Primary RFCD 3303 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHERS

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

NSW Dept of Education and Training/ Priority Schools Programs

Administering Organisation University of Western Sydney

Project Summary

Restricted educational outcomes are central to entrenched disadvantage in poor communities in both rural and urban Australia. This project directly addresses education's role in equal opportunities for all Australians. It seeks to work with, and inform, Australia's largest educational jurisdiction (the NSWDET) about practices which gain success for its poorest students. The project also applies new ideas around motivation and engagement from within the MeE Framework, developed at the University of Western Sydney. Using teachers as co-researchers also takes forward methodological practices in investigating what makes a difference in the social and academic outcomes of students in poverty.

LP0882603 A/Prof VA Schmied; Dr JH Fenwick; Dr A Sheehan; Mrs FA Saxton; Ms L Passant

Approved Project Title **Establishing Breastfeeding: an analysis of the language and practices used by midwives and lactation consultants when interacting with new mothers**

2008 : \$ 37,463

2009 : \$ 35,117

2010 : \$ 25,627

Primary RFCD 3211 NURSING

APA(I) Award(s): 1

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

John Hunter Hospital

Campbelltown Hospital

Administering Organisation University of Western Sydney

Project Summary

Breastfeeding confers extensive health benefits for infants and women, and social and economic benefits for Australian society. Studies indicate that although 80 to 90 percent of women initiate breastfeeding, approximately 25% cease within the first six weeks. It is estimated that if the prevalence of breastfeeding at three months post-birth increased from 60% to 80%, a saving of at least \$11.5 million would be made to the Australian health system. This study will provide knowledge about the impact of health professionals' practices on women's infant-feeding decisions, identifying effective components of professional support to inform interventions that increase breastfeeding duration