

Summary of Linkage Projects Proposals for Funding to Commence in 2009

Victoria

La Trobe University

LP0990259 A/Prof C Bigby; Dr PM Ramcharan

Approved Project Title **Self Advocacy and Inclusion: What Can be Learned from Speaking Up**

2009 : \$ 28,500

2010 : \$ 58,500

2011 : \$ 60,000

2012 : \$ 30,000

Primary RFCD 3212 PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES

APA(I) Award(s): 1

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

Reinforce

Jewish Care

St John of God Services Victoria

Office of Public Advocate

Annecto

Office of the Senior Practitioner, Department of Human Services

Administering Organisation La Trobe University

Project Summary

Despite substantial effort and the closure of large institutions, research shows that people with intellectual disabilities in Australia remain marginalised in the community. Developments internationally indicate that much can be learned about the links between self advocacy and accomplishing national policy priorities for social inclusion. An independent voice, developing confidence and securing rights, all features of self advocacy, have proven potential in securing policy that is 'fit-for-purpose' and building social capital, thus strengthening the social and economic fabric of our communities. Additionally, this project tests the benefit of inclusive research, placing Australia at the forefront of innovative research approaches.

LP0991471 A/Prof AG Peele; Dr CQ Tran; Mr D Krenus

Approved Project Title **Increasing the efficacy of laboratory x-ray sources for imaging**

2009 : \$ 35,500

2010 : \$ 71,000

2011 : \$ 65,500

2012 : \$ 30,000

Primary RFCD 2499 OTHER PHYSICAL SCIENCES

APA(I) Award(s): 1

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

Berthold Australia Pty Ltd

Administering Organisation La Trobe University

Project Summary

X-ray laboratory sources are used extensively for imaging: from the humble dental and medical x-ray to sophisticated 3D non-destructive testing methods; from the microscopic to large mechanical parts. This project will pursue methods that improve the imaging capability of such equipment with direct application across the fields of materials and medical imaging.

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LP0990440 Dr A Perlesz; Dr J Power; Prof MK Pitts; Prof MJ Schofield; Dr AJ Bickerdike

Approved Project Title **Work, Love and Play: Understanding resilience in same-sex parented families**

2009 : \$ 52,365
2010 : \$ 104,731
2011 : \$ 104,731
2012 : \$ 64,068
2013 : \$ 23,406
2014 : \$ 11,703

Primary RFCD 3212 PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES

APA(I) Award(s): 1

APDI Dr J Power

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

ACON (AIDS Council of NSW Inc)
Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria
Relationships Australia Victoria
Victorian Health Promotion Foundation
Relationships Australia Inc
Queensland Association for Healthy Communities

Administering Organisation La Trobe University

Project Summary

This research will provide information about the experiences of same-sex parented families in accessing health and community services in Australia and New Zealand. This will inform policy development aimed at improving access to services and reducing discrimination for same-sex attracted people and other minority groups. Additionally the research will increase knowledge about the impact of limited social or community support on the health and wellbeing of families. Families are a key unit in society, and supporting strong and healthy families - in all their forms - is an important part of supporting the overall economic and social and physical wellbeing of society (National Research Priority 2: Promoting and Maintaining Good Health).