

## Summary of Successful Linkage - Projects Proposals for Funding to Commence in 2010 by State and Organisation

### Victoria

#### La Trobe University

**LP100200479** Prof Judith M Brett, Dr James P Leibold, Mr Tsebin Tchen, Mr Eugene Seeto, Dr Mei-fen Kuo  
**Approved** **Unlocking Australia's Chinese archive: the political organisation and social experience of**  
**Project Title** **the Chinese Australian community, 1909-1939**

2010	\$40,091.00
2011	\$80,182.00
2012	\$80,182.00
2013	\$40,091.00
2014	
2015	

Primary FoR 2103 HISTORICAL STUDIES

APDI Dr Mei-fen Kuo

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

The Chinese Nationalist Party of Australasia, Sydney, The Kuo Ming Tang Society of Melbourne

**Administering Organisation** La Trobe University

#### **Project Summary**

Australia's social and economic fabric will be strengthened by incorporating the organisations and experiences of the inter-war Chinese Australian community into Australia's history of citizenship and civic participation. This will foster the Chinese community's sense of inclusion in the national story and will make that story available to non-Chinese Australians, thus contributing to the social cohesion in multicultural Australia. It will also illuminate the impact of the White Australia Policy on a significant minority group which will benefit Australia as it responds to the legacy of this policy. It will also strengthen Australia's understanding of its historical engagement with the regional Chinese diaspora and with China.

**LP100200716** Dr Suzanne J Dyson, Dr Michael G Flood, A/Prof Moira M Carmody  
**Approved** **Taking a stand: a case study of culture change addressing violence against women in a**  
**Project Title** **major sporting organisation in Australia**

2010	\$34,351.00
2011	\$61,202.00
2012	\$40,185.50
2013	\$13,334.50
2014	
2015	

Primary FoR 1117 PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES

APAI 1

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

Australian Football League, VicHealth

**Administering Organisation** La Trobe University

#### **Project Summary**

This project will provide a focused investigation of settings-based primary prevention of violence against women, a contribution which has been absent thus far in Australian and international scholarship. This project will potentially contribute to improving women's health and wellbeing, and preventing crimes associated with violence against women. It will do this by informing policy development and identifying principles for good practice in institutional settings. It will also generate knowledge regarding the processes involved in changing attitudes and behaviours to achieve culture change within organisations and the wider community.

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**LP100200376** Prof Ramon Lewis, Dr Philip J Riley, Dr Andrea Gallant  
**Approved Project Title** **Improved student outcomes through positive classroom management**

2010	\$34,449.00
2011	\$67,430.00
2012	\$66,826.50
2013	\$33,845.50
2014	
2015	

Primary FoR 1303 SPECIALIST STUDIES IN EDUCATION

APAI 1

**Partner/Collaborating Organisation(s)**

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (Northern Metropolitan Region)

**Administering Organisation** La Trobe University

**Project Summary**

The return on national investment in improving teacher quality is high. Research shows that teacher classroom practice overwhelmingly outweighs student background factors, as well as class size, spending levels and teacher salaries in explaining variation in student achievement. Developing teachers' skills and a strong sense of efficacy in classroom management reduces both teacher and student stress and student distraction. This makes a substantial contribution to improving academic outcomes for students, reducing rates of drop-out and exclusion, and reduces the cost to the nation of a high rate of attrition from the teaching profession. Findings will have implications for achieving sustainable change in professional practice more broadly.

**LP100200179** Prof Vaughan R Prain, A/Prof Bruce G Waldrip, A/Prof Jeffrey P Dorman, A/Prof Mary B Keeffe, Dr Craig G Deed, Dr Peter J Cox, Dr Zali K Yager, Ms Debra J Edwards, Ms Cathleen B Farrelly  
**Approved Project Title** **Improving regional secondary students' learning and well-being**

2010	\$65,727.00
2011	\$133,216.00
2012	\$136,811.00
2013	\$69,322.00
2014	
2015	

Primary FoR 1301 EDUCATION SYSTEMS

APAI 2

**Partner/Collaborating Organisation(s)**

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Loddon Mallee Region , Drouin Secondary College, Warragul Regional College

**Administering Organisation** La Trobe University

**Project Summary**

Given the academic under-performance and lower life opportunities of Australian regional and rural students compared to their metropolitan counterparts, this research has the potential to make a significant social, cultural and economic contribution to the community. This research will be useful in developing an evidence-based framework to guide policy and practice in implementing an effective systematic approach to regional education and, where appropriate, other contexts. The research's economic benefit centres on gains for individuals, local communities, and the nation in enhancing regional students' academic achievements, sense of well-being and aspirations; leading to more productive citizens.

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**LP100200234** Dr Tonya N Stebbins, Dr Christina Eira  
**Approved Project Title** **Meeting point: integrating Aboriginal and linguistics knowledge systems for description of contemporary revival languages in Australia**

2010	\$14,938.50
2011	\$26,769.50
2012	\$21,617.00
2013	\$9,786.00
2014	
2015	

Primary FoR      2004      LINGUISTICS

### Partner/Collaborating Organisation(s)

Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages

**Administering Organisation**      La Trobe University

### Project Summary

Past policies of assimilation have been extremely detrimental to the Aboriginal languages of many parts of Australia. As part of the process of healing from this past, many Aboriginal communities are moving to revive their languages. This research will support communities by developing an accessible and theoretically robust model of language revival which emerges from their own as well as academic approaches to the subject. Practical outcomes will include clearer, more extensive and rigorous information available to Aboriginal communities and the linguists who work with them, and recommendations for optimal pathways for language revival which respond to the priorities and directions of the communities concerned.

**LP100200757** Prof Caixian Tang, Prof Deli Chen, Dr Roger D Armstrong, Dr Nicole J Mathers  
**Approved Project Title** **Below-ground processes: filling the missing gap in predicting the response of grain production to elevated carbon dioxide (CO2) in southern Australia**

2010	\$54,000.00
2011	\$108,000.00
2012	\$118,000.00
2013	\$64,000.00
2014	
2015	

Primary FoR      0503      SOIL SCIENCES

### Partner/Collaborating Organisation(s)

VIC Department of Primary Industries

**Administering Organisation**      La Trobe University

### Project Summary

Climate change is expected to have major impacts on the Australian grains industry, which is worth \$7 billion annually. Although increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO2) are expected to initially increase plant productivity, the realisation of these productivity benefits is expected to be limited by water and/or nutrient deficiencies. Given our low rainfall and infertile soils, there is considerable uncertainty about the applicability of overseas data used to model how Australian grain systems will respond to climate change (especially elevated CO2). This project will lead to better predictions of the impact of climate change on Australian grain systems so that appropriate adaptation responses can be developed by government and industry.