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WA Centre for Health Promotion Research Annual Report 2008
1.0 DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The WA Centre for Health Promotion Research (WACHPR) is a multi-disciplinary research centre within the Faculty of Health Sciences at Curtin University of Technology. The WACHPR was the first research centre in health promotion to be established by an Australian university. Since its inception in 1986, the WACHPR has attracted over $20 million to fund both research and consultancies. In the past 5 years WACHPR has achieved over 150 peer-reviewed publications and presented at 86 national and international conferences. The primary research team has also received four awards for excellence in research and teaching.

WACHPR is recognised nationally and internationally as a premier centre of excellence for research and training in health promotion. The Centre is committed to ethical practice and social justice and is responsive to changing community needs and responsibilities. We aim to achieve our vision through the:

- conduct of high quality applied research;
- provision of high-level expertise in the design, planning, dissemination, implementation and evaluation of quality health promotion programs and services; and
- provision of research training and capacity building techniques to undergraduate and postgraduate students, allied health professionals and community health workers. To date the WACHPR has supported over 500 students by providing practical training in health promotion research.

The research team has considerable expertise around the development, implementation and evaluation of community-based intervention research. This expertise includes:

- expertise in health promotion, nutrition, psychology, injury prevention, mental health, sexual health and physical activity intervention development, implementation and evaluation;
- history of collaboration with public and private sector organisations;
- a history of working in controversial areas whilst always maintaining a high level of confidentiality and professionalism;
- expertise in the development of valid measurement instruments and data collection, and
- experience in health promotion, marketing, media and behaviour change communication.
The Centre has developed key areas of research strength and ongoing community partnerships: These areas of research strength have been developed through a large number research project grants and national and international partnerships.

- **Core Research**: alcohol and other drugs; peer-based programs for marginalised youth, breastfeeding and nutrition, physical activity and sexual health.
- **Other Research**: bullying prevention, good practice standards and policy development, peer-based research, and workplace health
- **Other foci**: health promotion education and training; policy and advocacy, theory and evidence based health promotion methodologies

In 2008 WACHPR was active on more than 15 research projects across a range of key health issues and in varying settings. These included:

- **Community based interventions** (for example: mental health in rural and regional communities, young families and nutrition, fatherhood and breastfeeding support, food security in lower socio-economic areas, aging populations and wellbeing)
- **Organisational setting interventions** (for example: projects with police service, mining companies, tertiary institutions, government departments and others)
- **Interventions targeting marginalised or at risk young people** (for example: peer based and other health promotion interventions with indigenous, same sex attracted, rural or lower socio-economic young people targeting mental health, sexual health, alcohol and other drug use and other risk behaviour)

The Centre has produced 12 peer-reviewed journal articles, one book chapter, more than 60 conference presentations at national or international conferences and community feedback forums, production of a range of research and funder reports, and the production of community feedback reports and flyers in various formats to more effectively distribute key findings to the communities participating in the research

In addition to these core functions, the WACHPR conducts health promotion continuing education/capacity building courses for the health promotion sector generally, as well as tailored courses for the HIV sector, workplace health, allied health staff training and development, implementation and evaluation of community-base interventions. Further activities include consultancy and evaluation services, and assistance and advice with public health policy activity.
WACHPR affiliated staff were instrumental in Curtin University’s participation in the successful European Union – Australia Government Collaboration on Public Health Education project (DEEWR $500,000, 4 European and 4 Australian Universities 2009-13). WACHPR affiliated staff were also key organising committee members in the planning of the National Health Promotion Conference to be conducted in Perth in early 2009.

Examples of WACHPR’s recognition within the research community included:

- Co-Director Prof Bruce Maycock was invited to present in Malaysia at an international round table discussion on Public Health priorities in the Asia Pacific region for the Asia Pacific Academic Consortium of Public Health. He was also invited by the University of Malaysia Sabah to participate in a regional conference on Empowerment of Indigenous people where he presented a paper, and was a keynote speaker at the inaugural meeting of the Australian Fatherhood Research network.

- Co-Director Professor Peter Howat was awarded two key awards during 2008 in recognition of his sustained contribution to the health promotion field:

In 2009 the WACHPR will be building on the significant strengths it has developed in the areas of strength: nutrition, physical activity, mental health, sexual health, alcohol and drug use, and peer-based programs for marginalised youth.
2.0 CENTRE PARTICIPANTS

2.1 Research Team

2.1.1 Management Committee

The core Management Committee of WACHPR is comprised of its Co Directors (listed below) who have equal influence on the direction of research conducted by WACHPR. Directors meet formally each month and minute these meetings accordingly including a list of actions and those responsible for each action. All Directors manage research projects on which they are the Principal Investigator and provide regular updates to other Directors.

All Co-Directors are fully engaged in community advocacy, student supervision, teaching and research. Professors Colin Binns and Sue Fyfe are Ex-Officio Co-Directors of WACHPR. As such, they are invited to Directors’ meetings and provide valuable support and direction as requested.

Associate Professor Alexandra McManus oversaw the day-to-day conduct of WACHPR until she took up a position with CHIRI in mid 2008. This 0.8 FTE position affiliated with WACHPR was not reappointed by the School of Public Health.

2.1.2 WACHPR Co-Directors

**Dr Graham Brown (FTE 0.1), BBus(Mktg)(Hons), PGDipHP, PhD(Curtin)**
Co Director, WA Centre for Health Promotion Research
Senior Lecturer, School of Public Health

**Dr Sharyn Burns (FTE 0.1), BEd, PGradDipHP, MPH(Curtin), PhD(Curtin)**
Co-Director, Western Australian Centre for Health Promotion Research
Director, Health Promotion and Sexology

**Professor Peter Howat (FTE 0.1), DipTeach(ChCh), DipEd(Otago), BSc(Cant), PhD(III)**
Co Director, WA Centre for Health Promotion Research
Director, Centre for Behavioural Research in Cancer Control
Co Director, WA Centre for Public Health

**A/Professor Alexandra McManus (FTE 0.8), BScHP(H.Biol), PGradDipPH, MPH(Curtin), PhD(WAust)**
Co Director, WA Centre for Health Promotion Research
Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Behavioural Research in Cancer Control

**Professor Bruce Maycock (FTE 0.1),** BPE(WAust), PGDipBus(ECU), MEd(WAust), PhD(Curtin)
Co Director, Western Australian Centre for Health Promotion Research
Director of Research, School of Public Health
Professor, School of Public Health
Professor, Tier one group at National Drug Research Institute
Professor WHO Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health Impact Assessment

### 2.2 Research Associates

Linda Burke, BA(ECowan), MPH (Curtin)
Jude Comfort, BA(Hons) PGDipHS(Curtin), GradDipAppSc(ECowan), MIH(Curtin)
Lisa Cooper, DipEd(ECowan), BScHP(Curtin)
Lynda Fielder, BScHP(Curtin)
Jonathan Hallett, BA(Murdoch)
Zoë Hyde, BScIT PGDipHP(Curtin)
Ray James, MSc PhD(Curtin)
Jonine Jancey, BScHP(Hons)(Curtin)
Carlie Jones, BScSpSc(ECowan)
Andrew Joyce, BA(Hons)(Melb), GradDipEd(Monash), DPsych(LaTrobe)
Roanna Lobo, MappPsych(Oxf), MSc(Sur)
Melissa Mairata, BA(ECowan)
Helen Mitchell, PGradDip(HP), MPH
Claire Nicholson, BSc(HP) (final yr)
Clemency Nicolson, BAppScN&FS
Christina Pollard, BAppScN&FS GradDipDietetics(WAIT), MPH (Curtin)
Linda Portsmouth, BAppSc(WAIT), BA(Murd), PGradDipHP MHlthComm(Curtin)
Jennifer Tohotoa, MPH
3.0 PARTNERSHIPS

WACHPR has a number of strategic partnerships and collaborations that are essential to the conduct of excellence in research. Several also facilitate the translation of research into practice. Below are examples of some of the collaborations during 2008.

3.3 Current WACHPR partnerships

WACHPR have formed a number of significant research and collaborative partnerships that facilitate excellence in research. A list of current research partnerships follows.

3.3.1 Research partnerships within Curtin University

- Prof Duncan Boldy, Centre for Research into Aged Care Services
- A/Prof Barbara Horner, Centre for Research into Aged Care Services
- Prof Andy Lee, Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- Prof Clare Roberts, Research Centre in Applied Psychology
- Dr Susan Carruthers, National Drug Research Institute
- Prof Sven Silburn, Centre for Developmental Health
- A/Prof Satvinder Dhaliwal, Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- A/Prof Yvonne Hauck, School of Nursing and Midwifery
- Prof Rob Donovan, Centre for Behavioural Research in Cancer Control
- Prof Duncan Boldy, Centre for Research on Ageing
- A/Prof Gareth Merriman, Sexology
- A/Prof Sandra Thompson, Centre for International Health
- Prof Mike Daube, Public Health Advocacy Institute of WA
- Ms Therese Shaw, Epidemiology and Biostatistics

3.3.2 Research partnerships in WA

- Ms Deborah Costello, Injury Control Council of WA
- Ms Jaye Edwards, True Colours (Uniting Care West)
- Ms Jane Forward, Youth Focus
- Ms Christeen Hannan, FPWA Sexual Health Services
- Ms Jillian Obiri-Boateng, City of Rockingham Youth Services
- Ms Lyn Shirley, Uniting Care West
- Ms Nadine Toussaint, Freedom Centre (WA AIDS Council)
- Ms Kerstin Stender, Perth Inner City Youth Services
- Ms Joni Kieft, Acting Executive Officer, Youth Affairs Council WA
Ms Trish Langdon  Western Australian AIDS Council
Dr Tim Leahy  Aboriginal Health Council of WA
Mr Trevor Shilton  Heart Foundation WA
Mr Angus Callander  Vinci Seafood Exporters Pty Ltd
Mr Kingsley Waterhouse  Director Maritime, Challenger TAFE
Mr Andrew Cribb  Naturaliste Marine Discovery Centre, Hillarys
Mr Kevin Shanks  Senior Policy Officer WA GP Network
Dr Janet Howieson  Department of Fisheries
Mr Richard Stevens  R&D Manager, WA Fishing Industry Council
Mr Terry Slevin  Cancer Council of WA
Mr Trevor Shilton  Heart Foundation WA
Ms Lisa Laschon  Youth Affairs Council of WA

3.3.3 National
Prof Caroline Finch  NSW Risk Management Research Centre, NSW
Dr Kypros Kypri  University of Newcastle, NSW
Prof Mark Stevenson  University of Sydney
Dr Jeanne Ellard  National Centre in HIV Social Research
Dr Julie Mooney-Somers  National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research
Dr Garrett Prestage  National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research
Dr Sean Slavin  Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society
Don Baxter  Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations
Dr Len Stephens  Australian Seafood Cooperative Research Centre
Prof Lyn Cobic  Flinders University, SA
Prof Linda Tapsell  Director, National CRC Functional Foods
Ms Jayne Gallagher  Director, Seafood Services Australia,
                       President, International Association of Seafood Professionals
Prof Robert Gibson  University of Adelaide
Mr Roy Palmer  Director of Tigrey P/L - Trainers and Consultants to the
                       Seafood Industry
Mr Rob Lake  Positive Life NSW
Mr Russell Westacott  Acon (AIDS Council of NSW)

3.3.4 International
Dr Fuzhong Li  Oregon Research Institute, USA
Dr Jane Scott  University of Glasgow, UK
3.3.5 External Committee Representation

- National Board member, Public Health Association of Australia [PHAA]
- President, Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations
- Reviewer, Scientific Committee World Anti-doping Agency
- Board Member, Public Health Advocacy Institute of WA
- WA Representative, Australian Network of Academic Public Health Institutions (ANAPHI)
- Executive Committee, Western Australian Cancer and Palliative Care Network; Primary Care, Cancer Prevention and Screening Collaborative
- Member Tobacco Control Coalition
- Member, Aboriginal Health Council of WA Public Health Reference Group (2008-)
- Member, Australian Fatherhood Research Network
- Member, Cardiovascular Health Committee, National Heart Foundation of Australia (WA).
- Member, Curriculum Council of WA – Health studies reference group
- Member, Drug and Alcohol Office Prevention Directorate
- Member, Health Research Council of New Zealand Program Assessing Committee
- Member, International Union for Health Promotion and Education
- Member, International Union for Health Promotion and Education, SW Pacific Regional Board
- Member, National Collaborating Centre Drug Prevention United Kingdom
- Member, Public Health Training Review Committee, Department of Health, Western Australia, 2008.
- Member, WA Community Alcohol Network
4.0 RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

4.1 Research Overview

WACHPR’s key areas of research in 2008 include alcohol and other drugs, sexual health, mental health promotion, nutrition and physical activity, fatherhood and support of breastfeeding. WACHPR’s research activity also covers areas such as bullying prevention, good practice standards and policy development, loneliness and social isolation among seniors, and workplace health.

Appendix 1 (Script Research Centre Performance Report) provides an overview of relevant project grants and publication output. In addition, this includes more than 60 conference presentations at national or international conferences and community feedback forums, production of a range of research and funder reports, and the production of community feedback reports and flyers in various formats to more effectively distribute key findings to the communities participating in the research.

4.2 Research Activity Initiatives

WACHPR has sustained its commitment to build on the research strengths of the Centre and its key partners to move towards the achievement of nationally competitive research grants. This multi-year strategy has now resulted in two successful NHMRC collaborative grants commencing in 2009.

To increase the efficiency and effectiveness of research activity and output, WACHPR has also initiated a policy for key WACHPR Co-Directors to

- Increasing the number of Masters and PhD students focusing their research on WACHPR related projects; and
- Reduce the number of Masters and PhD students being supervised by key Co-Directors on research projects outside of the Co-Directors research portfolio area.

This initiative is ongoing but has resulted in an improvement in the proportions during 2008 (see 4.3.2 below).
4.3 Research Training Initiatives

4.3.1 Short Courses

WACHPR also conducts a series of short courses for allied health professionals throughout the year. In 2008, courses in the following areas were conducted:

- HIV Community Sector Health Promotion Short Course
- Health promotion planning, methods and evaluation short course;
- Range of training and development programs as part of research and consultancy projects

4.3.2 Masters and PhD research within WACHPR Projects

The following table only includes research students linked to WACHPR research programs, and not other research students supervised by WACHPR Co-directors.

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5.0 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The key performance indicators for the WACHPR are articulated in the WACHPR Strategic Plan 2002 – 2007. The performances achieved for 2008 are listed below under the appropriate strategic objective.

**Strategic Objective: To build on its previous research program achievements and obtain at least one major applied grant each year.**

The Centre has produced 12 peer-reviewed journal articles, one book chapter, more than 60 conference presentations at national or international conferences and community feedback forums, production of a range of research and funder reports, and the production of community feedback reports and flyers in various formats to more effectively distribute key findings to the communities participating in the research.

WACHPR has continued to exceed its targets in this area, with 2008 seeing WACHPR staff involved in two successful new NHMRC grants:


Other significant new grants achieved during 2008 include:

- MY-Peer Project (lotteries WA) Evidence-based standards for peer based marginalised youth health programs $118,000 (awarded in 2008 to commence in 2009) complemented by the Healthway PhD Scholarship for the same project.
- Social Research Into Overseas-Acquired HIV Among Male Western Australian Residents - $81,892 (awarded late 2007/early 2008, commenced 2008)
Strategic Objective: To secure tenders that have a high likelihood of success and that are directly related to staff expertise.

WACHPR assesses tender opportunities based on criteria of staff expertise, building on strategic research areas, and capacity to result in peer reviewed publications. During 2008 the vast majority of opportunities that were selected for tendering were successful. This included the following successful new tenders over $10,000 in areas of WACHPR expertise.

- Monitoring and Evaluation Action Research for WA AIDS Council: $16,000
- Consultancy: Development and implementation of HIV Community Sector Health Promotion Short Course $36,000 (2008)

- WACHPR affiliated staff were the main drivers behind Curtin University's participation in the successful European Union – Australia Government Collaboration on Public Health Education project (DEEWR $500,000, 4 European and 4 Australian Universities 2009-13)

Strategic Objective: To increase the number and quality of education and training courses offered by the WACHPR.

Staff from Health Promotion and WACHPR again conducted the popular Health Promotion Short Course during the School of Public Health Winter School.

WACHPR also conducted a tailored 3 day Health Promotion short course for the HIV community sector in Adelaide, Brisbane, Darwin, Melbourne, Perth, and Sydney (tender noted in previous Strategic Objective).

Discussions commended during 2007 with the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (AHCWA) and other partners has resulted in 2008 a tailored Health Promotion training program being developed specifically for Aboriginal Health Workers.
Strategic Objective: To continue to share knowledge and expertise within the University and the wider community

In addition to the publications listed in Appendix 1 WACHPR has actively pursued wide dissemination of its research results during 2008 including:

- Over 60 conference presentations at national or international conferences and community feedback forums
- Production of a range of publically available research and funder reports
- Production of community feedback reports and flyers in various formats to more effectively distribute key findings to the communities participating in the research
6.0 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The following actual and projected figures only include the costing of time allocation from the Co-Directors and limited research assistant support. All major research grants within WACHPR are managed by the Director who is named as the Principal Investigator to the grant. As such, all monies provided are expended on the project to which it was assigned. Hence the figures provided here are reduced from previous more expanded annual report budgets. All other research funding and finances were managed by Assoc Professor Alexandra McManus until she moved to CHIRI in mid 2008.

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Note 1
The actual figures for 2008 only include the direct WACHPR expenses of the following Co-directors and research staff.

Co-Directors:
A/Prof Alexandra McManus 0.8 FTE Jan to Jun 2008
Prof Bruce Maycock 0.1FTE Jan to Dec 2008
Prof Peter Howat 0.1FTE Jan to Dec 2008
Dr Sharyn Burns 0.1FTE Jan to Dec 2008
Dr Graham Brown 0.1FTE Jan to Dec 2008

Research Assistant (listed under operational costs)
Claire Nicholson 0.4 FTE Jan to Jun 2008
Note 2
The project figures for 2010 and 2011 are based on the following

Co-Directors:
- Prof Bruce Maycock 0.1FTE Jan to Dec 2008
- Prof Peter Howat 0.1FTE Jan to Dec 2008
- Dr Sharyn Burns 0.1FTE Jan to Dec 2008
- Dr Graham Brown 0.1FTE Jan to Dec 2008

Research Assistant (listed under operational costs)
- Research Assistant 0.2 FTE Jan to Dec 2008

7.0 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES
The WACHPR is well placed to make a strategic move from a leading state centre to a
nationally and internationally leading centre in health promotion research and practice.
WACHPR has a strong profile amongst external stakeholders across the key areas of
research and within the Health Promotion sector generally.

However the profile and influence of WACHPR internally to the University has reduced
during the second half of 2008, with significant staff changes and reduced capacity of staff to
participate in WACHPR strategic directions and research output beyond the projects on
when they are focused. In mid 2008 the co-directors decided to not renew the one day a
week research assistant contract for WACHPR and retain RPI funds for individual projects.
During late 2008 Assoc Prof Alexandra McManus, who oversaw much of the day to day
administration of the Centre, took up a new position with CHIRI. All remaining co-directors
are 0.1 FTE to WACHPR, with substantial other teaching and research commitments.

In 2009 WACHPR will be reviewing the organisational structure and research strengths and
nominating a Director for WACHPR to develop a new strategic plan for the next five years
which will build on the core strength of WACHPR and fine tune its focus.

The WACHPR Co-directors will be meeting in 2009 to
- Nominate a Director of WACHPR to better refine and coordinate the strategic focus of
  WACHPR, increase the Centre’s profile within the Curtin research community;
• Lead the formulation of the next WACHPR five year strategic plan and its alignment within the context of the CHIRI priorities and the Curtin University goal to be listed in the top 20 Universities in Asia;

• Put in place sustainable administration processes whereby
  o non RPI related items and other key research activity (such as project reports, conference presentations, invited presentations, partnerships and so on) are entered into SCRIPT;
  o all relevant SCRIPT data can be checked for accuracy and completeness.
  o Annual reports and other administrative requirements are submitted in a timely fashion

Infrastructure support funding will need to be sustained to support the consolidation and further development of these areas in order to achieve nationally and internationally competitive research grants and continue the growth and development of the Centre.

8.0 IMPACT

WACHPR research is committed to community and stakeholder participation that has clear benefits (both direct and indirect) for the communities with whom we work. Two areas described below are examples of the evidence of this impact.

8.1 Sustained national and international research, advocacy, and teaching leadership

The recognition of the sustained research, advocacy, teaching and leadership provided by Co-Director Professor Peter Howat can be evidenced by two key awards that Prof Howat received during 2008

• Fellow of the Public Health Association of Australia. Awarded May 28, 2008.

In recognition of Co-Director Prof Bruce Maycock’s work in the area, he was invited to present in Malaysia at an international round table discussion on Public Health priorities in the Asia Pacific region for the Asia Pacific Academic Consortium of Public Health. He was also invited by the University of Malaysia Sabah to present a paper in a regional conference on Empowerment of Indigenous people, and has been requested to return in 2009.
WACHPR was also a finalist in the biannual Healthway Awards for Health Promotion research focusing on capacity building for the success of the Professor Annie Anderson Visiting Fellow program. WACHPR was successful in gaining funds, managing the program, and achieving broad based sector engagement and capacity development.

8.2 Recognition of quality HIV and Sexual Health Advocacy and Research

Over the past six years WACHPR has mobilised active interest in HIV social research in WA and lobbied for the broadening of studies to take a national approach to benefit the HIV prevention and sexual health promotion in all states and territories of Australia. This has included forming and sustaining significant ongoing partnerships with the national community sector and research organisations working in HIV and sexual health and WACHPR is now recognised nationally as a significant player in the area.

WACHPR is now an investigator on five current collaborative research projects with the National Centre in HIV Social Research (NCHSR), National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research (NCHECR), and the Australian Research Centre in Sex Health and Society (ARCSHS). No other research centre outside of NSW and Victoria has achieved this level of sustained collaboration in HIV social research.

Chief Investigator

- Overseas Acquired HIV Social Research Project (with co-investigators from NCHSR / NCHECR / ARCSHS)

Co investigator

- Pleasure and Sexual Health Project (National quantitative and qualitative study of perceptions of sexual health and HIV among gay men) NCHECR / ARCSHS / WACHPR
- National Seroconverter Study (National quantitative and qualitative study of men who have recently acquired HIV) NCHECR / ARCSHS / WACHPR

Collaborator

- Virtual Communities and HIV Prevention (collaboration on a NCHSR Project)
- National Online Gay Men Cohort Study (collaboration with NCHSR / NCHECR / ARCSHS)

These projects are in addition to contracted research and evaluation work with community based organisations WA AIDS Council, FPWA Sexual Health Services, AIDS Council of
NSW and Positive Life NSW. During 2008 Dr Graham Brown also conducted a tailored 3 day Health Promotion short course for the HIV community sector in Adelaide, Brisbane, Darwin, Melbourne, Perth, and Sydney. Graham Brown was also sponsored to attend and present at the International AIDS Conference in Mexico City – the largest HIV related conference in the world with over 23,000 delegates.

The recommendations from HIV and Sexual Health Research reports conducted by WACHPR have resulted in major new health promotion projects, to start in 2009, being funded by the WA Department of Health. One of these projects is a major three year Youth Peer Based Sexual Health Intervention project to be based at the Youth Affairs Council of WA to build the capacity of the WA youth sector to implement peer based sexual health education targeted at risk and marginalised youth in WA.

This work, as well as WACHPR’s work with the national research centres and participation on various Commonwealth Government working parties in HIV and Hepatitis C, culminated in late 2008 with Dr Graham Brown being re-elected President of the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations and being personally appointed to the Commonwealth Ministerial Advisory Committee for Blood Borne Viruses and Sexually Transmissible Infections.
### Appendices

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Good practice standards for peer based marginalised youth health programs
Mr Graham Ernest Brown, A/Prof. Bruce Richard Maycock, Dr Alexandra McManus, Ms Sharyn Kay Burns, A/Prof. Clare Mary Roberts, Dr Susan Joy Carruthers
WA Health Promotion Foundation 0

Reducing overweight and obesity in mothers of young children (MYC)
Prof. Peter Aran Howat, Dr Alexandra McManus, Ms Sharyn Kay Burns, Mr Satvinder Singh Dhaliwal, Ms Jonine Jancey
WA Health Promotion Foundation 74,010

b. Publications

McManus A, Nicholson C, Tohotoa J 2008, The Taste Bubs Program: A nutrition resource to help parents of very young children to understand the normal development of eating behaviours, encourage enjoyment of healthy eating and prevent eating problems in their children., Western Australian Centre for Health Promotion Research, Curtin University of Technology.


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