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## Director's Report

I recently had the pleasure of joining McCaughey Centre staff for celebratory drinks to mark the first anniversary of the Centre's launch. That led me to reflect on the extraordinary hard work that has led to the Centre rapidly becoming an important new source of ideas about the drivers of community wellbeing, mental health and health equity within and beyond Victoria. In a little over twelve months McCaughey Centre staff and our many collaborating partners have been responsible for:

- 9 ARC and NHMRC funded research projects totalling over \$6.5 million;
- 22 government and philanthropic research projects totalling over \$5.5 million;
- over 25 refereed and 30 non-refereed publications;
- over 50 conference presentations including many invited key note addresses;
- over 50 media articles and radio interviews;
- over 20 workshops and forums including the new McCaughey Centre Seminar Program which has frequently hosted standing room only events;
- 10 PhD enrolments;
- the Community Indicators Victoria web site which is providing local level wellbeing data for all Victorian communities and local governments; and
- the successful accreditation of the Cochrane Collaboration Public Health Review Group.

This newsletter highlights just a few recent developments and initiatives. More information can be found on the Centre web site – stay tuned for news about an upgraded, new look web site in the near future.

A few forthcoming events I'd particularly like to highlight are:

- the McCaughey Centre Seminar Program for the second half of 2008 (details can be found [here](#));
- the [5th World Conference on the Promotion of Mental Health and the Prevention of Mental and Behavioural Disorders: From Margins to Mainstream](#), to be held in Melbourne from September 10-12; and

- the public lecture: 'Happiness, Progress and Wellbeing: The View from Bhutan' to be given by Karma Tshiteem, Secretary Gross National Happiness Commission, Royal Government of Bhutan (6 pm, Friday September 12, Melba Hall, University of Melbourne). The McCaughey Centre, in partnership with VicHealth, will be hosting Karma's visit to Melbourne which will provide an exciting opportunity for furthering cross cultural dialogue about the meaning and measurement of progress, happiness and wellbeing.

## McCaughey Centre Project Highlights

### ***Community Indicators Victoria***

The [Community Indicators Victoria](#) project continues to see new developments, including an exciting new feature – Wellbeing Maps. The CIV website has become a regular access point for individuals and organisations interested in understanding the wellbeing of Victorian communities, with more than 100,000 visitors to the website and 1,000 registered members creating their own live reports. CIV registered members now include staff from all Victorian State Government Departments, 64 of the 79 Victorian local governments as well as several hundred community and private sector organisations.

The new Community Wellbeing Map is a highly interactive data map which provides a wide range of information about Wellbeing Indicators for all Local Government Areas in Victoria. To access it, simply go to the CIV home page, scroll down to the Wellbeing Map and follow the links.

During 2008 the CIV team are building a collection of stories and case studies about how community wellbeing indicators are being used to support community engagement, policy, and planning. It would be great if you could take a moment to email the team at [civ-info@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:civ-info@unimelb.edu.au) and tell us how you have been using community indicators within your community or in your workplace.

The CIV team would like to express its gratitude for the recent award of \$100,000 by the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust. This generous gift will go towards supporting the continued maintenance of Community Indicators Victoria.

Finally, see the events section for details on a webinar demonstrating the new Wellbeing Maps by Dr Xiaogang Chen.

### ***Cochrane Public Health Review Group Update***

The Cochrane Public Health Review Group was successfully launched on 22 May 2008 at the annual Australasian Cochrane Symposium in Hobart. Since the launch, the group has author teams working on four titles, and several expressions of interest for further titles under negotiation. The group is also working on collaborative arrangements with the Centres for Disease Control in the USA, the World Health Organisation and delivering systematic review training with the German Cochrane Centre later in the year.

## Freedom from Violence

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### ***The Crisis Advocacy Response Service (CARS)***

Dr Marion Frere along with colleagues Professor Cathy Humphreys and Dr Stuart Ross is undertaking a project exploring the establishment and early indicators of effectiveness of the Crisis Advocacy Response Service (CARS). CARS has been established as a pilot in the Northern Metropolitan Region of Melbourne to provide a 24 hour face-to-face crisis response to women and children experiencing family violence.

The research team will conduct interviews and focus groups with people working in the agencies participating in the CARS pilot. The aim of the research is to document changes in multi-agency working relationships in an integrated crisis response service, and to identify some of the outcomes of the service reorientation.

This project feeds into an ARC project on the Family Violence Reform Initiative study outlined below.

### ***Victorian Family Violence Reform Initiative***

This project is being undertaken by Dr Marion Frere (the McCaughey Centre), Dr Stuart Ross (Department of Criminology, University of Melbourne), and Prof Cathy Humphreys, the project leader (School of Social Work, University of Melbourne), along with colleagues Dr Chris Laming and Dr Karen Crinall from Monash University. This project, an ARC funded partnership with the Victorian Government, will examine the Victorian Family Violence Reform Initiative, which aims to improve responses to family violence by integrating services across the whole of government.

Over the last three two months, a Project Manager (Louise Stockfield) and two Post-Doctoral Fellows ( Dr Lucy Healey and Dr Kristin Diemer) have been appointed to the project. Four regions have provided in-principle approval to participate as case sites (North and West, Hume, Eastern and Gippsland) and the Victorian Inter-Departmental Committee on Violence Against Women has approved the detailed research plan. As a first step, researchers will invite senior government representatives who have responsibilities in the area of family violence to participate in interviews on the development of the Family Violence Reform Initiative. The goal of this aspect of the research is to understand the enablers and barriers to policy making and policy research that crosses portfolios and Departments.

## Freedom from Discrimination

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### ***Refugee Resettlement in Regional and Rural Victoria***

Research addressing the resettlement of refugees in regional and rural Victoria has been published in a report entitled *Refugee Resettlement in Region and Rural Victoria: Impacts and policy issues*. The report, authored by Dr Brooke McDonald (La Trobe University), Prof Sandy Gifford (La Trobe University), Kim Webster (VicHealth), Prof John Wiseman (the McCaughey Centre) and Sue Casey (Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture), provides valuable insight into the

benefits and issues experienced by refugees settling into rural and regional communities.

The authors make recommendations for the development of policies and programs to support resettlement, based on careful examination of the impacts of resettlement on refugee health and wellbeing and on the regional communities they settle in. Evidence from international experiences as well as Australian case studies underpins the findings, and provides a set of key factors to be considered in developing resettlement programs.

The full report can be found [here](#).

### ***A Framework for Combating Racial Discrimination in Victoria***

The anti-racism project is progressing well with key support from Onemda and VicHealth. The team are working with the Cochrane Public Health Group to undertake a comprehensive review of anti-racism interventions to identify successful and promising strategies. The framework is expected to go before the relevant VicHealth Advisory Boards in August-September with final release expected in December.

The team have also submitted a proposal to the University's Social Justice Initiative seeking funding to develop a project to identify the economic cost of racism to Australia.

## **Social Inclusion and Connectedness/Public Health, Health Equity**

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### ***Social Participation Research Summary***

Naomi Priest has carried out a review of national and international literature documenting social participation and mental health and wellbeing outcomes, and the social and economic benefits of participation. The review findings will be used to inform activity in the area of social participation, and will be used as an advocacy and awareness raising tool for researchers, policy makers, the media and practitioners across sectors.

### ***Policy Signpost #2: Universities working with and for communities***

The McCaughey Centre will shortly be releasing the second of its *Policy Signpost* series, with the publication of Sarah MacLean, Priscilla Pyett and Deborah Warr's report on collaborative participatory research. The report, entitled *Universities Working with and for Communities: Strategies for collaborative community research and knowledge exchange*, addresses the benefits and difficulties of working closely with community groups in public health research, and makes recommendations for future research of this kind. Examining a number of case studies where researchers from universities have worked closely with communities, the report details a major focus of the work of the McCaughey Centre, and a philosophy underpinning many of our projects.

A seminar and launch will be held to celebrate the publication of the report on 26 August. See 'Events' for more detail.

The full report is available on our website [here](#).

## **Economic Participation and Security**

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### ***Work Stress and Depression***

A recent study into work-related depression, led by Associate Professor Tony LaMontagne, has attracted significant media interest over the last month. Tony spoke to print, radio and television journalists about the research, which found that almost one in six cases of depression amongst Victorians are caused by job stress.

Women and workers in lower skilled occupations were found to be more susceptible to job stress, with stressful working conditions defined as a combination of high job demands and low control over how the work is done. Tony and his team hope that the research will lead to better support for employees, with particular focus on women and workers in lower skilled occupations.

References to media articles can be found [here](#).

### ***Economic Benefits of Eliminating Job Strain***

A new project to be undertaken by Associate Professor Tony LaMontagne (the McCaughey Centre) and Dr Kristy Sanderson (University of Tasmania) with the support of VicHealth will complement and extend the work of the Workplace Stress in Victoria project. The team propose to quantify the financial benefits of addressing job strain, and to cost the preventable causes of depression from the perspectives of society, individuals and employers.

The researchers will prepare a review of job stress and common mental illnesses, including a brief examination of job stress and suicide and the effects of parents' job stress on children.

### ***Latrobe Valley Asbestos Disease Projects***

A/Prof Tony LaMontagne and team have been conducting community-based collaborative research on asbestos-related disease in the Latrobe Valley over several years. The current NHMRC-funded project with the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre on developing new screening tests for mesothelioma was made possible by the relationships developed with community partners in the Valley over the last 7 years. This story is included as one of the case studies in the Centre's latest Policy Signpost, *Universities Working with and for Communities*.

The team's multi-disciplinary approach to addressing the asbestos disease legacy includes social and historical as well as epidemiological and biomedical research. A paper by Dr. Cecily Hunter (Centre for Health and Society) and A/Prof LaMontagne was recently published *Social History of Medicine*. The paper traces the history of community responses to asbestos disease in the Valley, and was used as background to a June 8 *Sunday Age* article by Carmel Egan entitled *Why*

*the Valley needs to hear sorry.* A/Prof LaMontagne and colleagues articulate the need for a comprehensive social and public health response to the asbestos disease legacy; including the need for healing and reconciliation at the level of communities that have been particularly hard hit by the epidemic (the Latrobe Valley has the highest rate of asbestos disease in Victoria). This might be achieved through public apologies, memorialisation, or other means.

Paper reference:

Hunter CE and LaMontagne AD (2008): Illness, work, and community: An historical view of responses to asbestos disease in a power-generating region of Australia. *Social History of Medicine*; doi: 10.1093/shm/hkn033 (19 pages).

## Healthy and Sustainable Environments

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### ***Climate Change and Community Engagement***

This project on the value of community engagement in supporting Victoria's response to climate change is to be led by Professor John Wiseman and Jess Fritze of the McCaughey Centre, and is commissioned by the Department of Planning and Community Development. The study will examine the value of partnering with communities in the design, promotion and implementation of responses to climate change.

Researchers will investigate the costs, outcomes, efficiency and additional benefits of community engagement approaches to climate change in Victorian communities.

### ***Policy Signpost #3: Local Framework for Climate Change Adaption***

Hot on the heels of Policy Signpost #2 is our third Policy Signpost, due to be published in coming weeks. This report, authored by one of the McCaughey Centre's recently appointed Honorary Fellows, Rosie Rowe, along with Health Promotion Consultant Anita Scott, is aimed at supporting local planning for climate change. More detail will be provided in our next newsletter.



### ***TreeProject***

The McCaughey Centre is not only serious about research and policy on climate change; it is committed to reducing its own carbon footprint. On Sunday 27 July, staff from the McCaughey Centre took part in the revegetation of the Fairlea riverine as part of the Yarra/Merri wildlife corridor. Working with TreeProject, a non-profit community organisation dedicated to revegetating the

Victorian landscape with indigenous trees, shrubs and grasses, the staff helped with planting indigenous plants on the slope from the Fairlea Sports Area down to the river flats east of the Flycasting Pools.

## New Staff, Collaborators and Visitors

**Rebecca Conning** has joined the McCaughey Centre as a Research Fellow. Rebecca will be involved in the coordination and implementation of projects undertaken as part of an NHMRC research project exploring the effectiveness of 'knowledge translation' strategies in Victorian Local Governments.

**Melanie Davern** has recently moved from her role within Community Indicators Victoria into a new position as Research Fellow in Child Public Health and Health Equity Research. This new position involves working within the child public health and health equity research group under the supervision of Professor Elizabeth Waters and Dr Elise Davis, leading projects in the area of children's quality of life and mental health.

**Steve Gelsi** finished his outposting with the McCaughey Centre in June, and returned to his position with the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Steve commenced his role with the Centre in September 2006, and played a key part in the successful development and launch of the Community Indicators Victoria project. Steve has been a valued member of the team, and will be truly missed.

**Rose Mann** has commenced a new role with the Centre as a Research Fellow, and will be working on a number of projects including an examination of peer-interviewing, a collaborative project with Communities for Children concerning the resettlement of families with young children from migrant and refugee backgrounds, and an evaluation of the 'Greener Houses, Growing Greener Neighbourhoods' project.

**Amy McKernan** joined the McCaughey Centre in May, taking up the position of Executive Assistant and Centre Administrator.

**Laurence Moore** has recently become an Honorary Fellow of the McCaughey Centre with the title Associate Professor. Laurence is currently the Director of the Cardiff Institute of Society, Health and Ethics at Cardiff University, and has an impressive background in public health research.

**Ana Neumann** has been appointed an Honorary Fellow with the Centre. Ana is also currently a Research Fellow with the Murdoch Children's Research Institute.

**Lauren Prosser** will be taking on a new position with the Cancer Council Victoria as the Research and Evaluation Manager, Kids – 'Go for your Life'. Lauren will hold an honorary fellowship with the McCaughey Centre and her new appointment will begin on the 11th of August.

**Rosie Rowe** has become an Honorary Fellow with the McCaughey Centre. Rosie is currently the Executive Officer of the Southern Grampians and Glenelg Primary Care Partnership.

**Yoland Wadsworth** joins the centre as an Honorary Fellow with the title Associate Professor. Yoland joins us from the Youth Research Centre within the Faculty of Education, and has a wealth of experience in health research.

**Hannah Walker** commenced a position with the McCaughey Centre as a casual Project Officer in June.

## Postgraduate Students

The McCaughey Centre postgraduate students have now formally joined with the Centre for Health and Society (CHS) students to become the 'Centre for Health and Society/McCaughey Centre' student group. Di Cox of the McCaughey Centre is co-Chair of the group, along with Kim McLeod of CHS.

### **Conversazione**

This event will take place on 7 November, 10am – 3pm in Room 515, Level 5, 207 Bouverie Street. Conversazione provides an opportunity for postgraduate students to discuss their research in an informal setting, sharing highlights and interesting findings, the directions of their research, insights from methodology and theoretical issues.

### **Congratulations**

It's been a busy time for the Centre's postgraduate students, with two confirmation seminars and a completion seminar in the past couple of months. We'd like to congratulate Elisha Riggs and Rebecca Armstrong on successful PhD confirmation seminars, and Naomi Priest on her successful PhD completion seminar.

### ***New Students***

#### **Hoang Lem**

Hoang Lem joins the centre under the supervision of Dr Deb Warr and colleagues from the School of Social Work. Hoang's research will investigate the family experiences of refugees and migrants who have resettled in Australia. Refugee and migrant experiences have significant and ongoing impact on family life and the research will, through the narratives collected from parents and children, explore the unfolding meaningfulness of these experiences across generations. The research aims to develop improved understanding of factors that promote resilience and positive mental health outcomes in families who have experienced the upheaval, distress, and often significant trauma, associated with their experiences of resettlement.

#### **Joanie Smith**

Joanie Smith will soon be commencing her PhD study on the impact of formal and informal interventions on men's abusive behaviour and subsequent accountability. Joanie will investigate her topic through the perspectives of perpetrators, victims and Integrated Family Violence Reform Project (IFVSS) workers, providing

qualitative views about family violence interventions. Joanie will be jointly supervised by Professor Cathy Humphreys (School of Social Work) and Dr Marion Frere (the McCaughey Centre).

## Knowledge Transfer & Translation

### ***Policy Signpost #2: Universities Working with and for Communities***

Sarah MacLean, Priscilla Pyett and Deborah Warr's report on collaborative participatory research, entitled *Universities Working with and for Communities: strategies for collaborative community research and knowledge exchange*, will be released shortly. See 'Social Inclusion' projects for more detail.

The full report is available on our website [here](#).

### ***Policy Signpost #3: Local Framework for Climate Change Adaption***

Policy Signpost #3: Local Framework for Climate Change Adaption is also due to be released in the next month. More detail can be found under the Healthy and Sustainable Environments project heading.

## Seminars and Events

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### ***McCaughey Centre Events***

#### **The McCaughey Centre Semester Two Seminar Series**

The program for the McCaughey Centre's semester two seminar series has been released. The full program can be viewed on our [website](#).

#### **PhD Confirmation – Community Wellbeing Indicators and Public Policy: Learning from Victoria**

Di Cox will hold her PhD Confirmation seminar on the subject of community wellbeing indicators and public policy. Di's PhD project will draw on a 'new institutional' theoretical framework to investigate how community wellbeing indicators shape the ideas and institutions of public policy in Victoria. Undertaking an ethnographic case study, the project will provide much needed understanding of the complex social processes involved in turning indicators into action in the context of Victorian local governance.

The seminar will be held on Tuesday 7 August at 1.00pm, in room 515, Level 5, 207 Bouverie Street. This is a free event, and all are welcome. Contact Amy on 8344 9101 for information.

#### **Suspicious of the Apocalypse**

A highlight of our seminar series will be an upcoming seminar by Richard Eckersley, director of Australia 21 Ltd and a visiting fellow at the National Centre

for Epidemiology and Population Health, the Australian National University. Richard's seminar, entitled *Suspensions of the Apocalypse: Global threats, sustainability and human wellbeing*, will discuss responses to climate change and other global threats and look at how growing understandings of health and happiness can contribute to wellbeing.

The seminar will be held on Tuesday 12 August at 1pm, in room 515, level 5, 207 Bouverie Street. This is a free event, and all are welcome. Please call Amy on 8344 9101 or see [here](#) for information.

### **What research means to us: A special forum to learn from community partners in research**

This event has been organised to coincide with the launch of Policy Signpost #3, *Universities Working with and for Communities: Strategies for collaborative community research and knowledge exchange*. The forum will be held from 10am to 12.30pm and will be followed by lunch. Discussants at the forum represent a range of community and research settings. More details to follow and it will be essential to RSVP for this event.

### **Happiness, Progress and Wellbeing: The View from Bhutan**

The McCaughey Centre will be hosting a public lecture on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September by Karma Tshiteem, the Secretary of the [Gross National Happiness Commission](#) in Bhutan. Mr Tshiteem will speak about Bhutan's work in developing an alternative to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for measuring progress, based on four key dimensions: sustainable and equitable socioeconomic development; cultural preservation; environmental conservation; and good governance.

The lecture will be held in Melba Hall at 6.00pm, Friday 12 September, and further detail will be available on our website soon. Please contact Amy McKernan on 8344 9101 or [mcka@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:mcka@unimelb.edu.au) for more information and to RSVP.

### ***Community Indicators Victoria Events***

#### **Free Online Webinar, hosted by GeoWise Limited, presented by Dr Xiaogang Chen on Community Indicators Victoria**

Thursday 14th August 2008, 4.00pm, (Australian Eastern Standard Time, Brisbane). Community Indicators Victoria has developed an online Geographic Information System (GIS) which is an interactive mapping and analysis tool to enable visual communication of wellbeing indicators. The CIV Wellbeing Map uses InstantAtlas to present wellbeing information in a geographical context, revealing spatial variations and patterns across Victoria. Dr. Xiaogang Chen will show you how the CIV project uses InstantAtlas to present local community wellbeing indicators to improve citizen engagement, community planning and policy making. View the CIV wellbeing map on the [Community Indicators Victoria website](#), and go to the [event registration page](#) to register for this free event.

#### **Developing and Using Community Wellbeing Indicators: Panel discussion**

The McCaughey Centre is coordinating a panel presentation and discussion on community wellbeing indicators at the [5th World Conference on the Promotion of Mental Health and the Prevention of Mental and Behavioural Disorders: From Margins to Mainstream from 10 – 12 September, 2008](#). The Panel will be chaired by John Wiseman from the McCaughey Centre and speakers will include: Sue West (Community Indicators Victoria), Mike Salvaris (RMIT University), Sally Bodenham (City of Ballarat) and Jill Colson (Shire of Yarra Ranges).

### ***Partner events***

#### **Climate Justice Seminar**

Saturday 2nd August 2008, 10.45am-5.00pm (register from 10.30am). Further details regarding speakers and sessions available [here](#). Venue: Public Lecture Theatre, Old Arts Building, University of Melbourne. For further information contact Sue Bolton by [email](#), or on (03) 9639 8622 or 0413 377 978 or visit the Climate Justice [website](#).

#### **NatStats 2008**

This landmark conference organised by the Australian Bureau of Statistics will be an important opportunity to explore and discuss new approaches to measuring progress and wellbeing at national, regional and local levels. The conference will be held in Melbourne from November 19 – 21.

See <http://www.nss.gov.au/natstats/natstatshome.nsf>.

### ***Presentations***

#### **Population Health Congress**

Several McCaughey Centre staff recently attended the inaugural Population Health Congress in Brisbane. The conference had three key themes; environment, social capital/social inclusion and food and health. The conference was attended by over 1300 delegates and therefore provided a wonderful opportunity to showcase the work of the McCaughey Centre. The Cochrane Public Health Review Group also hosted a booth which provided opportunities to meet potential authors and research collaborators. The following were staff presentations at the conference.

**Willenberg L, Ashbolt R, Holland D, Gibbs L, Waters E.** Can easily implementable strategies be employed within the school playground to increase physical activity? Paper presented at the inaugural Population Health Congress. July 6-9 2008, Brisbane, Australia.

**Waters E, Doyle J, Armstrong R.** The Cochrane Public Health Review Group - New Opportunities for Collaboration. Poster presented at the inaugural Population Health Congress. July 6-9 2008, Brisbane, Australia.

**Priest N, Mackean T, Waters E, Davis E.** Aboriginal perspectives of early childhood wellbeing in an urban setting. Paper presented at Population Health Congress. July 6-9 2008, Brisbane, Australia.

Green, J, Renzaho, A, Eisenbruch, M, **Waters, E**, Williamson, L, Holt, L. '[Socially situated health literacy for newly-arrived African parents: Community networks as central to knowledge exchange](#)'. Presentation to Population Health Congress 2008, Brisbane, 6-9 June 2008.

**Riggs E**, van Gemert C, **Gibbs L, Waters E**, Gussy M, Alloush L, El-Khoury A. A culturally competent study exploring the socio-cultural determinants of child oral health from refugee/migrant communities. Population Health Congress, July Brisbane 2008

## **Publications**

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### ***Journal articles***

**Doyle J, Armstrong R and Waters E**. Cochrane Update: Key issues in Cochrane systematic reviews: cultural and economic considerations. *Journal of Public Health* (in press).

**Armstrong R, Waters E**, Roberts H, Oliver S, Anderson L and Petticrew M. Systematic Reviews of Health Promotion and Public Health Interventions. In Heggenhougen K, (Ed), *Encyclopedia of Public Health*. (in press). Elsevier Press.

**Doyle J, Armstrong R, and Waters E**. Issues raised in systematic reviews of complex multisectoral and community based interventions. *Journal of Public Health Advance Access published on April 28, 2008 J Public Health 2008 30: 213-215; doi:10.1093/pubmed/fdn029*

Ingleby, R., **Prosser, L., Waters, E.**, (2008) "UNCROC and the Prevention of Childhood Obesity: The right not to have food advertisements on Television", *Journal of Law and Medicine*, 16(1): 3 -10.

**Lamontagne AD, Keegel T, Vallance D**, Ostry A, and Wolfe R (2008): [Job strain—attributable depression in a sample of working Australians: Assessing the contribution to health inequalities](#). *BMC Public Health* 8: 181.

**Riggs E**, Gussy M, **Waters E, Davis E**, Gold L, Gleeson E, Kilpatrick N. Understanding Country KIDS: process and impact evaluation of a community-based child oral health promotion intervention in rural Victoria. *The Australian Dental and Oral Health Therapists Association Journal*, May 2008 p.17-20

**Warr, D**. 'Working on the ground to redress disadvantage: lessons from a community-based preschool program'. *Australian Community Psychologist* (2008) 20): 22-34.

Cook K, **Davis E** & Davies B. Discrepancy between expected and actual child support payments: predicting the health and health-related quality of life of children living in low-income, single-parent families. *Child: Care, Health and Development* 2008; 34: 267-275.

Shelly A, **Davis E, Waters E**, Mackinnon A, Reddihough D, Boyd R, Reid S, Graham HK. The Relationship Between Quality of Life (QOL) and Functioning for

Children with Cerebral Palsy. Does Poor Functioning equate with Poor QOL? *Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology* 2008; 50: 199-203.

**Waters E, Davis E**, Nicolas C, Wake M, Lo SK. The impact of childhood conditions and concurrent morbidities on child health and wellbeing. *Child: Care, Health and Development*, 2008; 34: 418-429.

**Davis, E**, Davies, B, Cook, K, **Waters, E. Gibbs, L, Priest, N.** A cross cultural examination of barriers to social inclusion for children: a qualitative study using child centred methods. *International Journal of Mental Health Promotion* 2008; 10: 41-51.

**Davis E, Waters E**, Mackinnon A, Reddihough D, Boyd R, Graham K. Correspondence: Quality of Life of Children with Cerebral Palsy: Importance of condition-specific instrument and proxy reports. *Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology* 2008; 50: 167.

### **Reports**

**McDonald B**, Gifford S, Webster K, **Wiseman J.** ['Refugee Resettlement in Regional and Rural Victoria: Impacts and Policy Issues'](#), VicHealth, March 2008.

**Warr D.** ['Findings from the Broadmeadows Community Neighbourhood Renewal Survey Round 2: 2006-2007'](#), The McCaughey Centre, March 2008.

**West S, Badham M.** ['A Strategic Framework for Creating Liveable New Communities: Final Report'](#), Growth Areas Authority, Melbourne, March 2008.

### **Seminars & Presentations**

**Armstrong R, Waters E**, Moore L, Swinburn B, Carter R, Lo SK, Dobbins M, Anderson L, **Prosser L** and Petticrew M. Local-level decision making: the role of evidence. Poster presented at the Canadian Cochrane Symposium, February 2008, Edmonton, Canada.

**Armstrong R and Waters E.** Invited presentation at Knowledge Translation Workshop. 14 March 2008, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia.

**Wiseman, J.** ['Developing and using community indicators: Learning from the experience of Community Indicators Victoria'](#). Presentation to ACT Community Inclusion Board, 17th April 2008.

**Doyle J**, Anderson L, **Waters E** and Littell J. The Cochrane Public Health Review Group – new opportunities for collaboration. Paper presented at The 8th Annual Campbell Collaboration Colloquium, 13 May, 2008, Vancouver, Canada.

**Armstrong R, Waters E**, Moore L, Swinburn B, Carter R, Lo SK, Dobbins M, Anderson L, **Prosser L**, and Petticrew, M. Knowledge translation to support local action for obesity prevention. Paper presented at the 16th European Congress on Obesity, Geneva May 14-17 2008.

**Armstrong R.** Knowledge translation for decision-makers: expanding the reach of the Cochrane Library. Paper presented at the Australasian Cochrane Symposium. May 22-23 2008, Hobart, Australia.

**Doyle J, Waters E, Armstrong R.** Introducing the new Cochrane Public Health Review Group Oral presentation at the Paper presented at the Australasian Cochrane Symposium. May 23 2008, Hobart, Australia.

**Willenberg L, Ashbolt R, Holland D, Gibbs L, Waters E.** Can easily implementable strategies be employed within the school playground to increase physical activity? Poster presented at the Faculty of Public Health Conference. June 3-5 2008, Cardiff, UK.

**Wiseman, J, West, S, Cox, D, Frere, M.** ['Community wellbeing indicators: Tools for community engagement, planning and policy'](#). Presentation to the IPAA Conference 18 June 2008.

### ***CIV Publications and Presentations***

The recently published VicHealth Newsletter includes the article 'Website a window to wellbeing' which provides an excellent short overview of the ways in which Community indicators Victoria is being used to support citizen engagement, policy and planning. See [VicHealth Newsletter: Winter 2008](#).

CIV staff have also given numerous presentations on Community Indicators Victoria including for the Queensland Department of Communities, the ACT Social Inclusion Board and at the 2008 IPAA conference in Sydney. A copy of the IPAA conference presentation can be found at: [http://www.mccaugheycentre.unimelb.edu.au/presentations\\_library/CIV\\_IPAA\\_June2008.pdf](http://www.mccaugheycentre.unimelb.edu.au/presentations_library/CIV_IPAA_June2008.pdf).

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