Member’s story

A project that Dr David Ritchie was involved with was nominated for an Excellence Award through the Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MHLD). For the past 5 years a Master of Health Services Management partnership between MHLD and CSU has enabled final year Masters students to participate in an Advanced Management Practice subject, a year long virtual management consultancy. For the past 4 years the project focus has been on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, and for the past 3 years an engagement with the Narrandera Aboriginal Elders and community. The Senior Executive of MLHD has provided 0.5FTE Project Officer support for three years now, including associated expenses in running Yarn-ups or community consultation meetings. The award was sponsored by CSU, and presented by Brett Biles, an academic in the School of Community Health. It was a $1500 professional development scholarship for a MHLD staff member, a trophy and framed certificate. Watch the YouTube - [https://youtu.be/MXaTuULvHqQ](https://youtu.be/MXaTuULvHqQ) for the award ceremony. D.R.

ProgresS & Sucesses One

The Australian Community Psychologist (ACP) is a refereed journal of the Australian Psychological Society’s College of Community Psychologists. It publishes two issues a year, online, available to all. The works published are of relevance to community psychologists, psychologists, social scientists and others interested in the field. The journal features empirical research reports, reviews and essays on matters of theoretical and general relevance, and reviews of professional and applied areas. It also features manuscripts addressing matters of general, professional and public relevance, techniques and approaches in psychological practice, professional and public policy issues, and reviews of books. Submissions by emerging researchers and practitioners are encouraged. For information on submissions please visit our website.

We also welcome new reviewers who are able to provide constructive peer critique on submitted manuscripts. If you are interested to be a reviewer, please email the Editor at editor.acp@outlook.com with a description of your experience in reviewing (or related activities), your research/practice interests and methodological expertise.

ProgresS & Sucesses Two

Our group leader Oliver Burmeister has been promoted to Professor in 2018 Promotion round! Congratulations Professor Burmeister! We are proud of you and looking forward to more of your great leadership for successes of the HSR group!

Warm welcome Jenni and Jess

We are excited to announce the approval of Faculty funding for two days per-week support from Research Officers (ROs): Jenni Greig (left) and Jess Sowden (right). The ROs are here to support the research capacity of this group and the Workforce Wellness Research Unit, so please contact them if they can help in relevant ways.

Jess and Jenni both have a background in psychology and are located in Bathurst. Their tasks include updating the group’s website, putting together promotional material and supporting research activities of our members. Oliver

Thought stimulus: What will AI hold for the future of health service, even human race? Send in your thoughts to Dr Shaun Wang and you will have a little happy surprise!
**Guide on submitting items to HSR Progress:**

- **Success & Progress:** publications, grant awards and any other progress that occurred three months prior to the publication of the HSR Progress Newsletter. Be short and in dot font formats.
- **Member Bio:** word count limited to 150 words plus a personal photo (or longer if space allows).
- **Health service partner organisation or any other significant story:** 150 words as limit (or longer if space allows).
- **Any other small items such as trivia may be included.**
- **Submissions may be edited by the editor without consultation with the submitters for inclusion in the Newsletter.**

**Members’ Say:**

**What** would you like to see in future HSR Progress issues?  
**Will** we see you be featured in future HSR Progress?  
If yes, send items to **Dr Shaun Wang**

**Goals of HSR Progress**

To facilitate cross-fertilisation of ideas and foster collaborations within the group and with our partners.

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*Vaira Lucero is the family name and Matias is given name, so Dr M. Vaira Lucero is correct*

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I have numerous years of experience as an academic, teaching undergraduate economic subjects in Sydney (Macquarie University) and back in Argentina where I am originally from. I have also worked in Sydney as a senior researcher in a research institute focused on the economics of peace (Institute for Economics and Peace). Working there, I was in charge of one of their first report of a series called Mexican Peace Index that was launched in Mexico City in 2013.

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