



# Social Policy Research Centre

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## Abbreviations

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ADFA	Australian Defence Force Academy
ADHC	Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Family and Community Services NSW
AIFS	Australian Institute of Family Studies
AHURI	Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute
AlzNSW	Alzheimer's Australia NSW
ARACY	Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth
ARC	Australian Research Council
DEEWR	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
DHS	Department of Human Services (Victoria)
DIAC	Department of Immigration and Citizenship
DSRC	Disability Studies and Research Centre
FACS	Department of Family and Community Services (NSW)
FaHCSIA	Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
FASS	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
GSAG	Gender Statistics Advisory Group
HILDA	Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia
LSAY	Longitudinal Surveys of Australian Youth
NGO	Non-Government Organisation
NYARS	National Youth Affairs Research Scheme
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PM&C	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
SCIA	Spinal Cord Injuries Australia
SPRC	Social Policy research Centre
SPREP	Social Policy and Research Evaluation Panel (FaHCSIA)
UNSW	University of New South Wales
VET	Vocational Education and Training
VICDHS	Victorian Department of Human Services

## 1. The Centre

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The Social Policy Research Centre (SPRC or the Centre) conducts research, provides higher-degree research training, and fosters discussion of the nature and consequences of social policy and of the social needs and processes which give rise to it. The SPRC undertakes research across a wide range of social policy topics, taking a variety of approaches which are organised into three fields of research and three methodologies. The three fields of research are: poverty, inequality and social inclusion/exclusion; communities, families and care through the life course; and the organisation and delivery of human services. The three methodologies or approaches are: comparative social policy (with a focus on the Asia-Pacific region); community service outcomes and evaluations; and analysis of policy and societal trends.

The Centre was established in 1980 under an agreement between the Commonwealth Government (through the then Department of Social Security) and the University of New South Wales. The initial five-year agreement was extended in 1985, 1990 and 1995 before being terminated in 2000. The Centre currently attracts funding from a range of sources including Commonwealth and State government departments; research funding bodies such as the Australian Research Council; international funding agencies; and a variety of Australian and international non-government organisations. Financial and in-kind support is also provided by the University of New South Wales; the Centre is located in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS).

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## 2. Director's Report

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### Staffing

While the SPRC made a number of new appointments, there was also a considerable reduction in the number of staff in 2011. In addition, the University recognised the achievements of a number of staff through promotion.

#### Departures

David Abelló  
 Duncan Aldridge  
 Sharni Chan  
 Lucy Day  
 Robyn Edwards  
 Roxanne Lawson  
 Jane Lloyd  
 Sarah Maddison  
 Silvia Mendolia  
 Killian Mullan  
 Marianne Rajkovic  
 Melissa Roughley  
 Juanita Vargas  
 Karina Wilmott

#### New Appointments

Rosemary Kayess  
 Ariella Meltzer  
 Margaret Raven  
 Fiona Williams  
 Karina Wilmott

#### Promotions

Lyn Craig  
 Xiaoyuan Shang  
 Jen Skattebol

### Higher Degree Research Program

The SPRC provides interdisciplinary PhD training in social policy in a stimulating and supportive environment. The SPRC offers a unique opportunity for higher degree by research study at PhD and Masters by Research in areas that explore and extend the theory and practice of social policy in Australia and internationally. In 2011 the centre had 26 higher degree research students.

### Events Program

The SPRC hosted the 12th Australian Social Policy Conference, Social Policy in a Complex World, from 6-8 July 2011. The Conference program included the Second Chinese Social Policy Conference and for the first time a Higher Degree Research Workshop.

The Conference was officially opened by Professor James Donald, Dean Faculty of Arts and Social Science, and Commissioner Alison McClelland, of the Australian Government Productivity Commission. The plenary speakers were **Professor Paula England**, Professor of Sociology, Stanford University USA; **Professor Bea Cantillon**, Professor of Social Policy and Director of the Centre for Social Policy, University of Antwerp, Belgium; and **Professor John Quiggin**, Australian Research Council Federation Fellow in Economics and Political Science, University of Queensland.

A total of 152 papers were presented at the conference from a wide variety of presenters, dealing with the key issues in Australian social policy.

The SPRC is looking forward to the next Australian Social Policy Conference to be held in 2013.

In addition to the conference, the Centre once again ran a successful seminar program. There were 14 seminars during the year, a number of which were collaborations. The 2011 Seminar Program was jointly organised by Roger Patulny and Melissa Wong.

In April 2011 the Centre hosted a workshop on “The Wellbeing of Children in Australia” that brought together Australian and international experts working on these issues with policy makers and advocacy groups. The workshop presented results from two Australian Research Council funded projects at the University of New South Wales, the first on ‘Comparing the living standards of children and older people within and between nations’, and the second on ‘Supporting families: Horizontal and vertical equity in the Australian tax-benefit system in historical and comparative perspectives’.

In October 2011, the Centre co-hosted a workshop on “Emotions in social life: New advances in sociological and policy research”. This one-day workshop was co-hosted with the Department of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Sydney. The workshop brought together leading Australian researchers to present and discuss their research on the interconnections between emotionality, social theory and policy, and was successful in improving the visibility of sociological research on emotions within Australia.

### **Staff Achievements**

Professor Deborah Brennan was appointed to the NSW Government Review of funding for early childhood education.

Professor Peter Whiteford was an invited participant to the Commonwealth Government’s Tax Forum held in Canberra on 4-5 October 2011.



Professor Ilan Katz, Director

### **3. SPRC Management Board**

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At December 2011

Professor James Donald, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, UNSW (Chair)  
Professor Ilan Katz, Director, SPRC, UNSW  
Dr kylie valentine, Deputy Director, SPRC, UNSW  
Ms Melissa Roughley, Faculty General Manager, FASS, UNSW  
Ms Urania Stamos, Senior Management Accountant, FASS, UNSW  
Dr Kristy Muir, Associate Dean (Research), FASS and Senior Research Fellow  
SPRC  
Mr Warwick Dawson, Director, Research Partnerships  
Mr David Cami, Administration Coordinator, SPRC, UNSW (Attendee)

Meeting Dates: 9 March, 18 May, 22 July, and 20 September

#### **Executive Staff**

##### **Professor and Director**

Ilan Katz (BA Witwatersrand, PhD Brunel)

##### **ARC QEII Fellow and Deputy Director (to November)**

Lyn Craig (DipSocWk Victoria, NZ, Dip BusSt. BA Massey, BSocSc PhD UNSW)

##### **Senior Research Fellow and Deputy Director (from November)**

kylie valentine (BA PhD Syd.)

##### **Research Professor in Social Policy**

Peter Saunders (BSc DipEc S'ton, PhD Syd., FASSA)

##### **Acting Centre Manager and Administration Coordinator**

David Cami (BSocWk Brussels, Diploma Ed Ghent)



## **4. SPRC Staff**

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As at December 31, 2011

### **Research Staff**

#### **Professors**

Deborah Brennan (BA Syd, MA Macq, PhD Syd, FASSA)  
Ilan Katz (BA Witwatersrand, PhD Brunel)  
Peter Whiteford (BA (Hons) Qld, Litt. B. ANU, D. Phil. York)  
Fiona Williams OBE (B.Sc. Hons, Univ. London, PhD, Open Univ)

#### **Professorial Fellow**

Bettina Cass (BA PhD UNSW, AO, FASSA)

#### **Professor of Indigenous Policy**

Patrick Dodson

#### **Research Professor in Social Policy**

Peter Saunders (BSc DipEc S'ton, PhD Syd, FASSA)

#### **Emeritus Professor**

Susan Kippax (BA Hons Usyd, PhD Usyd)

#### **ARC QEII Fellow and Associate Professor**

Lyn Craig (DipSocWk Victoria, NZ, Dip BusSt. BA Massey, BSocSc PhD UNSW)

#### **Associate Professors**

Karen Fisher (BA LLB Auck, MEc Macq, PhD, UNSW)  
Xiaoyuan Shang (BA Nankai, MA Renmin, PhD Sussex)

#### **Associate Dean (Research) FASS and Senior Research Fellow**

Kristy Muir (PhD, BA Wollongong)

#### **Senior Research Fellows**

Bruce Bradbury (BSocSc MCom PhD UNSW)  
Darryl Cronin (LLB Adelaide, LLM Macquarie)  
Tony Eardley (BA Oxon, DipSocAdmin Bristol, DPhil York)  
Trish Hill (BA Murdoch, PhD UNSW)  
Rosemary Kayess (LLB UNSW, BSocSc Hons UNSW, Ass Dip Comm Org UTS)  
Gerry Redmond (BSocSc Dublin, GradDipComp MA Bath)  
kylie valentine (BA PhD Syd.)

**ARC Post Doctoral Fellow and Research Fellow**

Roger Patulny (BA/Econ ANU, PhD UNSW)

**UNSW Post-doctoral Fellow and Research Fellow**

Natasha Cortis (BEc (SocSc) Hons PhD Syd, GradCert PubAdmin Canb)

**Post-doctoral Fellow and Research Fellow**

Marilyn McHugh (BSW Syd, PhD UNSW)

**Research Fellows**

Andrew Griffiths (BA USyd, MA in International Studies UTS)

Fiona Hilferty (BEd Hons, PhD Syd)

Shannon McDermott (BA Boston College MPS PhD, UNSW)

Margaret Raven (Bsc Hons, UWA)

Jen Skattebol (B Ed, Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood), PhD, UWS)

Cathy Thomson (BA Syd., MA UNSW, and PhD candidate)

**Research Associates**

Megan Blaxland (BSocSc Hons UNSW, PhD Syd)

Megan Bedford (BSocSc Hons UNSW)

Saul Flaxman (BSocSC Hons, UNSW)

Sandra Gendera (MA Vienna)

Myra Hamilton (BA Hons Syd)

Philip Hayes (BA NUI Galway, Msc Economics NUI Galway)

Silvia Mendolia Laurea (BA Hons, Economics) University of Turin (Italy), MSc (Economics) UCL (UK)

Abigail Powell (BA Hons, Sheffield, MA Nottingham, PhD, Loughborough)

Christiane Purcal (MA PhD Olden)

Pooja Sawrikar (BPsych PhD Syd)

Denise Thompson (BA Hons, PhD UNSW)

Melissa Wong (BEcon Syd, MCom, PhD UNSW)

Anna Zhu (BEcon UNSW, and PhD candidate)

**Senior Research Officer**

Christine Eastman (BA Comm Social Inquiry, UTS, GC Comm UTS)

**Research Officers**

David Abello BASocSc UTS

BJ Newton (BA Hons UNSW)

Ioana Oprea (BEc, MA IPE Tsukuba, Japan, and PhD candidate)

**Casual Researchers**

Elizabeth Adamson (MSc Policy Studies, Edinburgh, BA Hons, Queens, Canada)

Jane Bullen (BA Hons, ANU, PhD UTS)

Ariella Meltzer (BSocSci Hons)

## **Support Staff**

### **Acting Centre Manager and Administration Coordinator**

David Cami (BSocWk Brussels, Diploma Ed Ghent)

### **Project Coordinator**

Marie Delaney (MA Women's Studies UNSW, Certificate Marketing Macq.GSM)

### **Analysis and Reporting Manager**

Roxanne Lawson (Assoc Dip (Bus Admin), OAC)

### **Research Support Coordinator**

Catherine Keast (BSc Social Psychology, Hons, University of Kent)

### **Research Proposal Coordinator**

Carol Sullivan (BA Visual CSA, MLITT Women's Studies ANU)

### **Administration Officer**

Lisa McElhinney

### **Administration Assistant / Receptionist**

Rebecca Sinclair

### **Communications Officer**

Juanita Vargas (BA, Media Macq)

## Visitors and Conjoint Appointments

### Conjoint Appointments

Ching Choi – Associate Professor (Conjoint) (BA Sociology, MA Sociology, PhD Demography)

Gerard Goggin – Professor (Adjunct) (BA Hons Melbourne, PhD Sydney)

Sara Graham – Senior Lecturer (Conjoint) (BSc Lond, PhD WI)

Sheila Shaver – Emeritus Professor (Conjoint) (AB Stan, PhD LaT, FASSA)

Ian Watson – Senior Lecturer (Conjoint) (BA Hons, ANU, DipEd, CCAE, M.Ed., PhD Canberra)

### Visiting Appointments

Gul Izmir – Professorial Visiting Fellow (Docent of Operations Research, Universities Council of Turkey, PhD, MSc. Bosphorus University, Turkey)

Miki Murata – Senior Visiting Fellow (Faculty of Economics, Otemon Gakuin University in Osaka, Japan)

Jianping Yao – Visiting Fellow (North China Electricity Power University)

Carsten Wergin – Visiting Fellow (BA Hons, London Met, MA, Goldsmiths, Dr phil, University Bremen)

### Visitors to the Centre

Professor Anneli Anttonen – Department of Social Research, University of Tampere, Finland (January and February 2011)

Anne Roeters – PhD Candidate, Department of Sociology, Utrecht University, The Netherlands (February to April 2011)

Professor Sue Yeandle – Centre for International Research on Care, Labour and Equalities in the School of Sociology and Social Policy at the University of Leeds (February to March 2011)

Dr Kyunghye Lee – Michigan State University (July to August 2011)

Professor Teppo Kroger – Department of Social Sciences and Philosophy University of Jyväskylä, Finland (March 2011)

Kenia Parsons – Dept of Social Policy, London School of Economics and Political Science (January 2011 to December 2012)

Dr Minako Sakai – School of Humanities and Social Science, UNSW (February 2011 to March 2012).

## 5. Research Program

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The following research projects were newly funded in 2011.

### Poverty, social inequality and social exclusion

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GINI Growing Inequalities' Impacts – country report

**Peter Whiteford, Peter Saunders**

Principal funder: University of Amsterdam

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The role of community housing organisations in meeting the housing and support needs of homeless people

**Tony Eardley and Saul Flaxman**

Principal funder: AHURI

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Intergenerational mobility: new evidence from LSAY and HILDA data

**Gerry Redmond, Melissa Wong, Bruce Bradbury and Ilan Katz**

Principal funder: National Council for Vocational Educational Research – National VET Research and Evaluation Research Program

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Body image and disadvantaged/ vulnerable youth – NYARS

**Jen Skattebol**

Principal funder: DEEWR

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Experience of irregular maritime arrivals detained in immigration detention facilities

**Ilan Katz, Abigail Powell**

Principal funder: DIAC

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Efficiency and effectiveness of the Financial Management Program

**Tony Eardley**

Principal funder: FaHCSIA

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### Employment, family and the care of dependent others

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Consumer carer focus group

**Kristy Muir, Lyn Craig, Pooja Sawrikar**

Principal funder: Beyondblue

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Stage 2 Pathways through Care

**Ilan Katz (SPRC), Daryl Higgins and Carol Solloff (AIFS) Judy Cashmore (The University of Sydney) and Paul Delfabbro (The University of Adelaide)**

Principal funder: NSW Families and Community Services

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Mature age employment: research proposal

**Bettina Cass, Trish Hill, Denise Thompson, Saul Flaxman, Marie Delaney**

Principal funder: National Seniors Australia

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Developmental work on the foster care integrated funding model

**Marilyn McHugh**

Principal funder: Berry Street

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Care to work? Expanding choice and access to workforce participation for mature-aged women carers

**Bettina Cass**

Principal funder: UNSW

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What does a jobless family cost the government?

**Peter Whiteford**

Principal funder: PM&C

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Understanding the barriers to 13 and 26 week employment outcomes

**Peter Whiteford, Myra Hamilton**

Principal funder: Campbell Page

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Long-term unemployed and jobless people: a literature review and pilot study

**Deb Brennan**

Principal funder: Campbell Page

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Employment requirements of Australia's major industries

**Trish Hill**

Principal funder: Campbell Page

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The direct costs of children

**Bruce Bradbury**

Principal funder: FaHCSIA

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### **Community services outcomes and evaluation**

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Evaluation of the Time Out House Initiative (TOHI)

**Karen Fisher, Sandra Gendera, Kristy Muir (Advisor), Sally Robinson, Natalie Clements, Lesley Chenoweth, Donna McAuliffe (Griffith University)**

Principal funder: Queensland Alliance

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Evaluation of the Elizabeth Street Common Ground Supportive Housing Project

**Kristy Muir, Shannon McDermott, Marie Delaney, Pooja Sawrikar, Jane Bullen, Ioana Oprea, Tony Eardley (Advisor)**

Principal funder: DHS (Victoria)

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Evaluation of the program to expand the residential determination program to place children and vulnerable families in community-based detention

**Ilan Katz, Sandra Gendera and Christine Eastman**

Principal funder: DIAC

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Evaluation of New Income Management in the Northern Territory

**Ilan Katz, Bruce Bradbury, Christine Eastman and Marie Delaney**

Principal funder: FaHCSIA, SPREP

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beyondblue research impact evaluation

**Deborah Brennan, Abigail Powell, Jane Bullen and kylie valentine**

Principal funder: beyondblue

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Protecting Australia's children research audit

**Myfanwy McDonald, Daryl Higgins (AIFS), kylie valentine (SPRC) and Alister Lamont (AIFS)**

Principal Funder: FaHCSIA

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Review of the Interagency Plan Performance Framework

**Sarah Maddison, Andrew Griffiths, kylie valentine, Jane Lloyd**

Principal funder: Aboriginal Affairs NSW

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Proposal to develop a methodology and data collection instrument to map the Australian Government's investment in the successful development of all young Australians

**Gerry Redmond and Ilan Katz**

Principal funder: DEEWR, Office for Youth

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Evaluation capacity development for the Aboriginal child disability and family support research

**Karen Fisher, Marianne Rajkovic, Darryl Cronin and Ariella Meltzer**

Principal funder: Northcott Disability Services

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Collection of employment data from social and community services providers in receipt of direct Commonwealth funding

**Natasha Cortis, Christine Eastman, Fiona Hilferty and Ilan Katz**

Principal funder: DEEWR

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Building Stronger Communities: final evaluation

**Tony Eardley and Saul Flaxman (SPRC), Edgar Liu and Gethin Davidson (City Futures Research Centre, UNSW)**

Principal funder: Housing NSW

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Family Support Program Evaluation 2011-2014

**Fiona Hilferty**

Principal funder: FaHCSIA

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Advisory Services for Phase 2 of the Stronger Families in Australia Study

**Ilan Katz**

Principal funder: AIFS

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Out of home care national survey scoping study

**Ilan Katz**

Principal funder: AIFS

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Development of a consultation package and analysis methodology Disability Services

**Kristy Muir**

Principal funder: DHS (Victoria)

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State of Our Community Report

**Fiona Hilferty**

Principal funder: Campbell Page

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Disability supported accommodation analysis

**Karen Fisher**

Principal funder: NSW Treasury

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Evaluation of the Michael Intensive Supported Housing Accord

**Tony Eardley**

Principal funder: University of Western Australia

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Advisory services for Stage 1 of the NSW Out-of-home Care Study

**Ilan Katz**

Principal funder: AIFS

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Assistance in Developing an evaluation framework for the introduction of domestic violence clauses into industrial awards and agreements

**kylie valentine**

Principal funder: Australian Domestic and Family Violence Clearing House

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Common Approach to Assessment Referral and Support Project (CAARS II)

**Ilan Katz, Fiona Hilferty**

Principal funder: ARACY

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Assistance in Developing an evaluation framework for the introduction of domestic violence clauses into industrial awards and agreements

**kylie valentine**

Principal funder: Australian Domestic and Family Violence Clearing House

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Common Approach to Assessment Referral and Support Project (CAARS II)

**Ilan Katz, Fiona Hilferty**

Principal funder: ARACY

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Evaluation of drug and alcohol programs for offenders or people at risk of offending in support of the National Indigenous Law and Justice framework

**Ilan Katz, kylie valentine**

Led by the Australian Institute of Criminology

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## **The organisation and delivery of human services**

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Advisory services for stage 1 of the NSW out-of-home care study

**Ilan Katz**

Principal funder: FACS (NSW)

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Workforce indicators suitable for use in the ageing, disability and home care sectors in NSW

**Fiona Hilferty and Natasha Cortis**

Principal funder: ADHC

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Review of multi-agency child welfare initiatives

**kylie valentine and Fiona Hilferty**

Principal funder: NSW Ombudsman

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Preventing child abuse and neglect through a common approach to assessment, referral and support, stage 2

**Ilan Katz and Fiona Hilferty**

Principal funder: ARACY

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Research into maximising life choices of people with spinal cord injury

**Marie Delaney, Rosemary Kayess, Saul Flaxman, Denise Thompson and Karen Fisher**

Principal funder: SCIA

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A literature review about the role of assistive technology in supporting people with a physical disability and complex care needs

**Denise Thompson**

Principal funder: ADHC

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Research on the need for two care workers in a community setting

**Rosemary Kayess, Denise Thompson, Ariella Meltzer, kylie valentine, Karen Fisher**

Principle funder: ADHC

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Service and support requirements for people with younger onset dementia and their families

**Karen Fisher, Ariella Meltzer, Rosemary Kayess, Denise Thompson**

Principal funder: AlzNSW

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Best practice in placement of jobseekers with mental health difficulties

**Fiona Hilferty**

Principal funder: Campbell Page

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### **Comparative social policy**

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Data mapping exercise for children and women in Malaysia

**Gerry Redmond, Melissa Wong and Peter Whiteford**

Principal funder: UNICEF Malaysia Country Office

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UNICEF Global Study of Child Poverty and Disparities – Kiribati

**Peter Whiteford**

Principal funder: UNICEF

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Gender and intra-household entitlements: a cross-national longitudinal analysis

**Trish Hill**

Principal funder: Open University, UK

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## **Australian Research Council Grants awarded during 2011**

During 2011 SPRC staff prepared applications to the Australian Research Council for seven grants. The outcomes of three applications remain unknown and the successful applications listed below will commence in 2012.

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We can't afford not to: supporting young people within their families and communities from early adolescence to early adulthood

**Kristy Muir and Lyn Craig**

Partners: The Foundation for Young Australians; Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

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Are the kids alright? Understanding the wellbeing of Australian children in their middle years

**Gerry Redmond and Jen Skattebol**

Partners: Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; Australian Bureau of Statistics; Australian Institute of Health and Welfare; Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; Australian Council for Educational Research; The University of York; University of Frankfurt

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## **Collaborative Research Network**

Collaborative research network: policy and planning research for sustainable regions

**Deb Brennan**

Principal Funder: Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education

The overall objective of this project is to develop high quality, internationally-recognised research in policy and planning for sustainable regions, in collaboration with other research institutions that have demonstrated expertise and research capability in this area. The project involves a range of capacity building activities that build research strength in social and economic sustainability, with a special emphasis on children and young people. The SPRC is partnering with the Centre for Children and Young People (Southern Cross University) to achieve these objectives.

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## Indigenous Research Program

In 2011 the Indigenous Research Program continued to focus on 'big picture' projects concerning the reconciliation dialogue process and the use of evidence in Indigenous policy, while simultaneously conducting several smaller contracted projects across a range of policy areas. The following research projects were conducted in 2011.

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Northern Territory Emergency Response Briefing Paper

**Margaret Raven**

Principal funder: National Congress of Australia's First Peoples

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Where's the evidence? Understanding the use of evidence in Indigenous policy (LP100100732)

**Ilan Katz**

Principal funder: Australian Research Council

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Evaluation capacity development for the Aboriginal disability child and family therapy research project

**Karen Fisher**

Principal funder: Northcott Disability Services

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Review of the Performance Framework for the Interagency Plan to Tackle Child Sexual Assault in Aboriginal Communities

**kylie valentine and Sarah Maddison**

Principal funder: NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs

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## 6. Higher Degree Research Program

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During 2011 there were 26 students in the Centre's research program. Students are offered a unique opportunity to further their studies in areas that explore and extend the theory and practice of social policy in Australia and internationally. Higher-degree research students enjoy a rich, collegial research culture and the benefit of studying within a centre recognised for its excellence in social policy research and engagement with other academics and government and non-government policy makers and service providers, forging effective knowledge-creation partnerships.

The SPRC Higher Degree Research student seminar series established during 2009 continued during 2011, and included a one-day workshop held in November. The seminars presented during 2011 were based on the topics of the current postgraduate students.

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### **Elizabeth Adamson – PhD**

Early Childhood education and care policies addressing low-income families in Australia, the UK and Canada

Supervisors: Deborah Brennan (supervisor) and Fiona Williams (co-supervisor)

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### **Timothy Broady – PhD**

Parental bonding and empowerment in foster care

Supervisors: Ilan Katz (supervisor) and Marilyn McHugh (co-supervisor)

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### **Tammy Burnstock - Masters by Research**

Volunteer Home Visiting (VHV): what role does VHV play in an integrated early intervention strategy for parents with young children?

Supervisors: Bettina Cass (supervisor) and Natasha Cortis (co-supervisor)

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### **Sherman Chan – PhD**

Financial exclusion: indicators and consequences

Supervisors: Peter Saunders (supervisor) and Peter Whiteford (co-supervisor)

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### **Darryl Cronin – PhD**

Dialogue, freedom and reconciliation

Supervisors: Paul Patton (supervisor) and Kylie Cripps (co-supervisor)

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### **Bob Davidson – PhD**

The changing structure of markets in government-funded human services programs

Supervisors: Peter Saunders and Deb Brennan (Joint-supervisors)

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### **Peter Davidson – PhD**

Why some countries are more unemployed than others: a comparison of employment participation policies in four countries

Supervisors: Peter Saunders and Peter Whiteford (joint supervisors)

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### **Sandra Gendera – PhD**

A gender perspective on social investment policy in the South

Supervisors: Lyn Craig (supervisor) and kylie valentine (co-supervisor)

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**Angelica Hannan – PhD**

Gender, migration and social policy

Supervisors: Deborah Brennan (supervisor) and Bettina Cass (co-supervisor)

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**Wendy Hermeston – PhD**

Looking after the grannies: kinship care in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in New South Wales

Supervisors: Bettina Cass (supervisor) and Deborah Brennan (co-supervisor)

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**Helen Hodgson – PhD**

A comparative analysis of the Australian and UK family tax transfer systems

Supervisors: Bettina Cass and Chris Evans (Atax, UNSW) (joint supervisors)

School of candidature: Atax

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**K.M. Kabirul Islam- PhD**

Food Security and Social Safety Net Programs: A Study of Bangladeshi Rural poor Households

Supervisors: Peter Whiteford (supervisor) and Jen Skattebol (co-supervisor)

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**Bridget Jenkins – PhD**

Grandparents as primary carers of their grandchildren

Supervisors: Deborah Brennan and kylie valentine (joint supervisors)

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**Ariella Meltzer – PhD**

Experiences of disability and care for siblings with and without disabilities during the transition to adulthood

Supervisors: Kristy Muir and Leanne Dowse (School of Social Sciences, UNSW), (joint supervisors)

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**Timothy Murton – PhD**

Linking social security reform to economic growth: a comparative study of China and Vietnam

Supervisors: Peter Whiteford and Binh Tran-Nam (Atax, UNSW)(joint supervisors)

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**Yuvisthi Naidoo – PhD**

Living standards of the elderly: cross-national comparisons

Supervisors: Peter Saunders and Bruce Bradbury (joint supervisors)

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**BJ Newton – PhD**

The contribution of intergenerational cycles of trauma and social disadvantage to child neglect in Indigenous families and communities

Supervisors: Ilan Katz and Fiona Hilferty (joint-supervisors)

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**Emma Partridge – PhD**

Understanding the use of evidence in Indigenous policy

Supervisors: Ilan Katz and Karen Fisher (joint supervisors)

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**Marianne Rajkovic - Masters by Research**

Parents and carers of children with autism

Supervisors: kylie valentine and Deborah Brennan (joint supervisors)

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**Vicky Saunders – PhD**

Refugee children and resettlement

Supervisors: Ilan Katz (supervisor) and Jen Skattebol (co-supervisor)

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**Alec Sewell – PhD**

A qualitative study of integration in human services to meet complex needs

Supervisors: Leanne Dowse (School of Social Sciences, UNSW) and Tony Eardley (joint supervisors)

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**Ciara Smyth – PhD**

A study of the dual-earner/dual-carer family model in households with pre-school children. New title - Exploring parental responsibility for children's cognitive development

Supervisors: Lyn Craig (supervisor) and George Argyrous (ASB, UNSW) (co-supervisor)

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**Zimin Tan – PhD**

The establishment of the child protection system suitable for China

Supervisors: Ilan Katz (supervisor) and Xiaoyuan Shang (co-supervisor)

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**Cathy Thomson – PhD**

Carers and the costs of care in an ageing society

Supervisors: Peter Saunders and Trish Hill (joint supervisors)

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**Inara Walden – PhD**

Community engagement in Indigenous policy making

Supervisors: Trish Hill and Jen Skattebol (joint supervisors)

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**Anne Wills – PhD**

Women caring for an adult child with disability: implications for retirement incomes

Supervisors: Deborah Brennan (supervisor) and Karen Fisher (co-supervisor)

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## **Annual Workshop for SPRC Higher Degree Research Students**

In addition to the Seminar Program, the Annual Workshop for SPRC Higher Degree Research students was held on 28 and 29 November. The program for the workshop featured presentations from current and commencing students.

### **Day 1**

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#### **Macro Policy - Discussant: Roger Patulny**

Darryl Cronin, 'The Native Title Act – did it create a cross cultural framework for political dialogue?'

Peter Davidson, 'Long term reliance on unemployment payments in 4 countries'

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#### **Rural Policy - Discussant: Gerry Redmond**

K. M. Kabirul Islam, 'Food security and social safety net programs: a study of Bangladeshi rural poor households'

Inara Walden, 'Talking back to policy: closing the gap in Walgett, a remote NSW town'

Marianne Rajkovic, 'What support is there currently which is effective for mothers supporting children with Autism Spectrum Disorder in regional NSW?'

Research plans – Short papers from beginning students

Ariella Meltzer, 'Beginning the research: experiences of disability and care for siblings with and without disabilities during the transition to adulthood'

BJ Newton, 'Towards an Indigenous understanding of adequate and inadequate parenting'

Sandra Gendera, 'A gender perspective on social investment policy in the South'

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#### **Kinship, foster care and support for families - Discussant: Marilyn McHugh**

Wendy Hermeston, '"Put in Our Proper Place" a study about where, when and how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are placed in kinship care and foster care, in the NSW welfare system'

Alec Sewell, 'Engaging the complexity of social needs'

Bridget Jenkins, 'Grandmother care and family power in Australia'

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### **Day 2**

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#### **Care, well being and community services - Discussant: Myra Hamilton**

Cathy Thompson, 'Ageing, informal care and the direct costs of care'

Tammy Burnstock, 'Situating Volunteer Home Visiting in a continuum of support for families in NSW'

Yuvisthi Naidoo, 'The economic living standards of older Australians'

Short papers from SPRC staff and visitors

Zimin Tan, 'Child, family and State -- a brief discussion on Chinese Child Protection System'

HarnShian Boo, 'A mixed methods study of power relations and division of labour in different types of family arrangements in Australia'

Anna Zhu, 'Fertility progression and female labour force participation in Australia'

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#### **Children and families - Discussant: Natasha Cortis**

Ciara Smyth, 'Exploring parental responsibility for children's cognitive development: parents' perspectives'

Tim Broady, 'Foster carers' perceptions of bonding and empowerment: Impacts on role identity and ongoing satisfaction'

Elizabeth Adamson, 'ECEC funding in Australia, the UK and Canada: Situating government subsidised in-home child care within a social investment discourse'

## 7. Intern Program

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Congruent with the Centre's strategic objective of building capacity for the next generation of social policy researchers, the SPRC has established an internship program which enables senior undergraduate and postgraduate students from Australia and overseas to undertake unpaid placements in a leading multi-disciplinary policy research environment. Interns have unique opportunities to gain an understanding of social policy in a dynamic and high profile research environment, to get practical experience in research and evaluation, and to develop their research and analytical skills.

During 2011, SPRC supported the interns listed below:

**John Birrell**, Bachelor of Economics/Bachelor of Laws, Australian National University (Aurora Project intern)

**Michaela Epstein**, Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science, University of New South Wales (Aurora Project intern)

**Krishna Dermawan**, Bachelor of Commerce, University of New South Wales

**Lauren Hislop**, Bachelor of Social Science, University of Newcastle

**Lydia Jebakumar**, Bachelor of International and Global Studies, Sydney University (Aurora Project intern)

**Isabella Partridge**, Bachelor of Arts, University of Sydney

**Georgia Van Toorn**, Bachelor of Social Science and Policy Studies, University of New South Wales

**Katy Woods**, Juris Doctor, University of Melbourne (Aurora Project intern)



## 8. Dissemination

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### SPRC Newsletter

The SPRC publishes a regular newsletter containing articles about current issues in social policy, reports from research in progress in the Centre, information about forthcoming and recent seminars and conferences, and other information of interest to the social policy community. The SPRC Newsletter is available free of charge by post or through the Centre's website ([www.sprc.unsw.edu.au](http://www.sprc.unsw.edu.au)). The SPRC Newsletters published during 2011 were edited by Christiane Purcal, Cathy Thomson, Juanita Vargas and Bridget Jenkins.

No. 107, lead article by Gerry Redmond, 'Public investment in children: a fair go for all?'

No. 108, lead article by Peter Saunders and Melissa Wong, 'Social impact of the global financial crisis'

No. 109, lead article by Denise Thompson, 'Younger onset dementia often ignored'

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These longer reports are usually the final output from commissioned research projects undertaken by the SPRC. They are available for download from the SPRC website.

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## SPRC Seminar Series

SPRC held 14 seminars in 2011, many of which were delivered by researchers from overseas.

### SPRC Seminar Program, Session 1

8 February	Fiona Williams, Centre for International Research on Care, Labour and Equalities, University of Leeds UK)	Recognition, rights and the redistribution of care in Europe: political tensions and spaces
1 March	Sue Yeandle, Centre for International Research on Care, Labour and Equalities, University of Leeds UK	Caring for sick and disabled children: policies, services and support in the UK
12 April	Brendan Burchell, University of Cambridge, UK	New technologies and the intensification of work
10 May	Peter Saunders & Melissa Wong, SPRC, UNSW	The impact of the financial crisis on deprivation and exclusion: measurement and initial findings
31 May	Jenny Stewart & Wendy Jarvie, School of Business, UNSW@ADFA	Working with complexity: community engagement and the Murdi Paaki COAG trial 2002-2007



**SPRC Seminar Program, Session 2**

12 July	Michael Noble and Gemma Wright, Oxford Institute of Social Policy, University of Oxford, UK	Measuring multiple deprivation at a small area level in England: the Indices of Deprivation 2010
9 August	Mathias Sinning , Research School of Economics, ANU	Caring for sick and disabled children: policies, services and support in the UK
12 April	Brendan Burchell, University of Cambridge, UK	Who works beyond the standard retirement age and why?
23 August	Jianping Yao, North China Electricity Power University	Standard measurement and adjustment mechanism of minimum living standard guarantee system in China: using consumption expenditure percentile
13 September	Dina Bowman, Brotherhood of St Laurence	Pierre Bourdieu and Australian social policy research: some opportunities and challenges
27 September	Guoyuan Zhang, Children and Families Research Centre, Macquarie University	Evaluation on the local action for rural children project: early children development in China
11 October	Sandra Gendera, SPRC, UNSW	Meeting the service needs of Muslim families in Australia
8 November	Karen Fisher & Christiane Purcal, SPRC, UNSW	Community attitudes to people with disability
22 November	Maria del Carmen Huerta, OECD	Children and family policies across the OECD
6 December	Roger Patulny and Ioana Oprea, SPRC, UNSW	Do right boys like boys and do left girls like girls? Politics and favours in Australian male/female friendship networks

## 9. In-kind contributions from Industry Partners on ARC Linkage Grants

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Principal funder	Principal funder	In-kind partner contributions
Carers Social Inclusion: new frameworks, evidence and policy lessons	Australian Research Council	Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Human Services NSW (\$10,000); Carers Australia Inc. (\$17,000); Department for Families and Communities SA (\$8,664); Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (\$4200); Health Administration Corporation (\$2,900); NSW Department of Health; Social Inclusion Unit, Department of the Premier and Cabinet SA (\$5,000); University of Leeds (\$16,774)
Families at the Centre:Negotiating Australia's mixed market in early education and care - LP100200297	Australian Research Council	Mission Australia (\$18,586); Brotherhood of St Laurence (\$13,620); Lady Gowrie Child Centre Sydney ( \$20,000); Lady Gowrie Child Centre Inc Adelaide (\$11,000); The Gowrie (Qld) Inc (\$10,000); Early Childhood Australia Inc (\$20,000); the University of Leeds (\$6,110)
Social disadvantage and economic recession: promoting inclusion and combating deprivation	Australian Research Council	Anglicare Victoria (\$7,544), ACOSS (\$5,740), Benvolent Society (\$8,060), Mission Australia (\$8,780), Social Inclusion Unit dept of Prime Minister and Cabinet (\$9,160), Social Inclusion Unit SA (\$8,974), Social Inclusion Tas (\$7,436), St Vincent de Paul Society National Council of Australia Inc (\$7,000), UNSW (\$160,624)

Supporting families: Horizontal and vertical equity in the Australian tax benefit system in historical and comparative perspectives	Australian Research Council FaHCSIA (\$32,200), ACOSS (\$2,145), Uni of Essex (\$59,440), Institute of Policy Studies (\$9,592), Caledon Institute of Social Policy (Canada) (\$14,955)
Supporting families: Horizontal and vertical equity in the Australian tax benefit system in historical and comparative perspectives	Australian Research Council FaHCSIA (\$32,200), ACOSS (\$2,145), Uni of Essex (\$59,440), Institute of Policy Studies (\$9,592), Caledon Institute of Social Policy (Canada) (\$14,955)
Transition to adulthood of young people with disabilities from state care in China (LP100100533)	Australian Research Council Right to Play China (\$90,000)
Where's the evidence? Understanding the use of evidence in Indigenous policy (LP100100732)	Australian Research Council Australian Human Rights Commission (\$41,973); Lingiari Foundation (\$73,792)

## 10. Statement of Financial Performance 2011

	2011 \$	2010 \$
<b>Funds</b>		
Research Revenue	4,880,615	4,174,726
Donations	248,788	-
Fees	-	-
Faculty Funds	-	-
UNSW Operating Funds	3,715,574	1,037,049
Sundry Other Revenue	-	-
<b>Total Funds</b>	8,844,978	5,211,775
<b>Costs</b>		
People Costs	5,226,077	5,319,891
Scholarship Stipends	64,643	178,666
Contract & Consulting Services	864	55,383
Repairs and Maintenance	40	-
Consumables	54,218	121,655
Travel	308,843	260,892
Equipment	16,762	21,863
Other Expenses	68,077	109,058
Contract Overheads	185,907	884,615
Internal Expense	871,181	(179,700)
<b>Total Costs</b>	6,796,610	6,772,322
<b>Operating Result</b>	2,048,368	(1,560,548)
<b>Opening Balance</b>	(1,942,247)	(381,699)
<b>Closing Balance</b>	106,121	(1,942,247)

### **Notes to the Statement of Financial Performance**

#### 1. Debtors

Closing Balance	1,503,138	862,942
Opening Balance	862,942	439,289

2. General Funds are allocated at the beginning of the Financial Year. There are no carry forward funds.

3. A correcting entry is an adjustment to cash balance back to General ledger for Commercial and Restricted funds.