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It has been a fantastic end to the year at CREATE. Within the Centre relationships have been strengthened, the research plan has been refined, and the foundation has been set for an exciting and productive 2014. Within the first few months of next year, we will have recruited two additional research fellows, developed one or more overviews of reviews, and will have hosted our first Leadership Group meeting, in which we anticipate the first four topics will be selected and revised methodology developed.



As this will be the last bulletin for 2013, from everyone at CREATE, we hope you have a safe and merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Leadership Group Invites

Letters have recently been posted to nominated individuals inviting them to join the CREATE Leadership Group, and it is with excitement that we await the identification of those responsible for guiding and informing CREATE into the future. The Leadership Group will be responsible for selecting research topics, reviewing outputs and developing revised methodologies and guidelines, and forms an essential part of the program.

Overview of reviews

The two research fellows from CREATE, Judith Streak Gomersall (School of Translational Science University of Adelaide) and Karla Canuto (Wardliparingga Aboriginal Research Unit SAHMRI), along with Heath White, CREATE program manager, are working on the

first in a series of Systematic Review Overview papers to be published early in 2014. The aim of the first overview paper is to identify, assess and provide a birds-eye view description of all systematic reviews on chronic disease outcomes, prevention, management and treatment in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia.

SAHMRI Aboriginal health network meeting

On Thursday 28 November, SAHMRI held their quarterly Aboriginal Health Network meeting. The theme, titled 'Health can't do it alone', focused on the link between Education and Health. Among speakers were Tina Quitadamo, CEO Kura Yerlo, who discussed the Kura Yerlo program, as well as SAHMRI's own John Gray, who spoke on the most recent AIHW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Welfare report. Presentations were followed by constructive round-table discussions highlighting ways in which the marriage of education and healthcare can improve health outcomes in Aboriginal people.

CREATE logo competition ends today!

The competition to design a logo for CREATE ends today. We are looking forward to reviewing the entries and will announce the winner before the end of the year. The lucky winner will receive \$250 plus a trophy and certificate, and their logo will be used on all official CREATE documentation, including the website, bulletin and twitter.

Second meeting of the Associate Investigators

A second meeting for all of the Associate Investigators who were unable to attend the initial meeting (held on Tuesday 19th November) has been scheduled for Tuesday 10th December. Associate Investigators who attended the first meeting found it to be of great benefit in helping them understand the intricacies of the program, as well as providing them with the opportunity to ask questions and provide input with regards to what areas they anticipate contributing most strongly in the future.

CREATE Profile: Pam Fletcher

Mrs Pam Fletcher has recently accepted the role as a half time Administration Assistant within the Centre of Research Excellence in Aboriginal Chronic Disease Knowledge Translation and Exchange (CREATE) with great enthusiasm as it enables her to put to use her

practical / hands-on experience in a different operational environment. This will balance her role (for the past 2 years) as a half time Administration Assistant with the Synthesis Science Unit at the Joanna Briggs Institute, School of Translational Health Science, The University of Adelaide, where she is a layout editor for the database of Systematic Reviews and Implementation Reports.



She is looking forward to working with the team of dedicated academics and professionals committed to focusing on the application of translational research to improve health outcomes in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders peoples with a chronic disease. Her resourceful and proactive nature will give a smooth daily operation of the CREATE Program. She has had extensive experience in the financial sector after 35 years combined service in 2 major Australian retail Banks.