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New cancer care research scholarship opens

Ipswich Hospital Foundation (IHF), together with local benefactor Vicki Doig and West Moreton Health, has launched the Vicki and Regina Doig Research Scholarship for Cancer Care.

Funding is available for one \$15,000 project or three \$5,000 projects, of up to 12 months' duration, to support West Moreton Health staff to undertake a research project in cancer care.

Please email the team at WM_Research@health.qld.gov.au to receive the funding guidelines and application form. Applications close at midday on Monday 27 March, 2023.

The West Moreton Health Research and Innovation team is partnering with the Ipswich Hospital Foundation to create research funding opportunities, including grants and bursaries for WMH staff. This will allow staff to conduct high-quality research projects and learn more about health research.

The provision of funding to support projects makes a huge difference to the capacity of researchers to conduct research and, in turn, can have a major effect on the health and wellbeing of patients in the West Moreton region. The Vicki and Regina Doig Research Scholarship for Cancer Care Research is an example of this type of funding. More scholarship details are available on our West Moreton Health website by searching *Research News*.

Caption (from left): WMH Dr Michelle Delaney, IHF CE Scott Young, Vicki Doig, WMH Christopher Hicks, WMH Dr Emma Finch.

Meet our researchers: Dr Katrina Dunn and Dr Emma Finch

Dr Katrina Dunn

Director of Speech Pathology and Audiology

I've worked at West Moreton Health (WMH) for seven years. In March 2022, my PhD was conferred, and I now have an honorary research fellow appointment with University of Queensland. Currently I'm writing studies on the experiences of allied health professionals during the COVID-19 vaccination response as well as weekend service provision by speech pathologists in Australian health settings. I enjoy conducting research that is clinically relevant and contextualised, and supporting clinicians in demystifying research. I am keen to support service evaluation in West Moreton and develop of innovative models of care under a research framework. I am looking forward to working more with the Research and Innovation team to support progression of the [West](#)



About me

Favourite holiday destination

In 2017 I went around New Zealand. I love road trips. Locally, it's visiting family on the Sunshine Coast.

Books on my nightstand

With two daughters aged 1 and 3, my book pile currently includes the classics *Where is the Green Sheep?*, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?*

Dr Emma Finch

Senior Research Development Officer

I joined WMH in January as one of the new senior research development officers. My research interests are broad within health, but a primary focus for me is the management of communication and swallowing impairments in acquired brain injury. I'm particularly interested in populations with unmet need regarding conditions such as minor stroke and brain tumour. I also enjoy working clinically as a speech pathologist.

Before coming to WMH, I worked as a conjoint researcher between The University of Queensland and Princess Alexandra (PA) Hospital, and as a speech pathologist at the PA.



About me

Favourite holiday destination

I love going for quiet beach holidays with my kids where you can switch off from the world and go for long walks in the sand. My parents live in Northern NSW, so we often end up there.

Books on my nightstand

I've just finished reading *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. My siblings and I have just started a book club as a reason to keep in touch, and this was the first book. It's a great, quirky read.

Famous person I'd like to meet

This is tough! I would have liked to have met Queen Elizabeth II. She lived through so many major world events and managed to raise a family while working and appearing calm and on top of things.

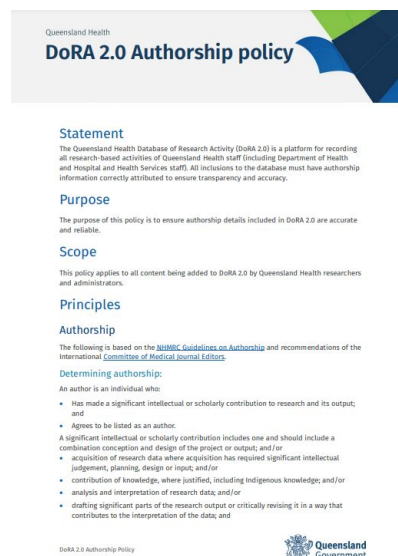
Why is authorship important?

Have you or your team been asked to be part of a research project? If yes, it's important to ask about authorship during initial discussions about potential involvement in the project. The specific question to ask is: Will you or your team member have the opportunity to be an author on the publications or presentations arising from the study? Being an author on publications has implications for tracking the research activity of the health service and potentially financial implications for the organisations involved. It's also a fantastic experience for you, boosts your CV and provides evidence of research experience if you're interested in exploring research opportunities such as a higher degree (PhD or MPhil) or applying for research funding.

There are criteria for what constitutes authorship. Here is the information listed on the [Queensland Health's Database of Research Activity \(DORA\)](#). If you are keen to be an author, it is important to ask the person who approached you to be involved about what you need to do to meet the criteria.

If you are an author, please list West Moreton Health as one of your affiliations.

If authorship is not something you are keen to pursue, it is important to discuss your role in the project and set boundaries regarding your time commitment. Authorship can be a valuable and rewarding experience. For more information or advice, contact the [WMH research and innovation team](#).



Queensland Health
DoRA 2.0 Authorship policy

Statement
The Queensland Health Database of Research Activity (DoRA 2.0) is a platform for recording all research-based activities of Queensland Health staff (including Department of Health and Hospital and Health Services staff). All inclusions to the database must have authorship information correctly attributed to ensure transparency and accuracy.

Purpose
The purpose of this policy is to ensure authorship details included in DoRA 2.0 are accurate and reliable.

Scope
This policy applies to all content being added to DoRA 2.0 by Queensland Health researchers and administrators.

Principles


Authorship
The following is based on the [WAMEC Guidelines on Authorship](#) and recommendations of the [International Committee of Medical Journal Editors](#).

Determining authorship:
An author is an individual who:

- Has made a significant intellectual or scholarly contribution to research and its output; and
- Agrees to be listed as an author.

A significant intellectual or scholarly contribution includes one and should include a combination of research conception and design of the project or output; and/or

- acquisition of research data where acquisition has required significant intellectual judgements, planning, design or input; and/or
- contribution of knowledge, where justified, including Indigenous knowledge; and/or
- analysis and interpretation of research data; and/or
- drafting significant parts of the research output or critically revising it in a way that contributes to the interpretation of the data; and

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Latest research at WMH

Research projects authorised to begin at West Moreton Health (2 December 2022 to 1 March 2023):

- Queensland Paediatric Diabetes Database, Dr Karissa Ludwig, Clinical Services, Paediatrics
- AFFIRM (CBT-TA): Evaluation post-implementation of the therapy program within the West Moreton Health District area, Australia, Ms Amber Johnson, Mental Health and Specialised Services, Child and Youth Mental Health Service
- Evaluation of the Q-MOST pilot, Ms Jeanette Pittaway, Mental Health and Specialised Services, Child and Youth Mental Health Service
- Feasibility of the Climate Anxiety and Adaptivity Scale (CAAS) in assessing climate anxiety in young people accessing mental health services, Miss Rebecca Betts, Mental Health and Specialised Services, Child and Youth Mental Health Service
- Impact of an online transition to specialty practice programme for emergency department nurses: a before and after study, Ms Kesha Bennett, Nursing and Midwifery, Emergency Department

- Smoking cessation chatbot: Prototype testing and feedback from consumers, clinicians and academics, A/Prof Henry Marshall (The Prince Charles Hospital), Preventative and Prison Health, Oral Health
- Epidemiology of *Burkholderia pseudomallei* clinical, veterinary, and environmental isolates from South East Queensland, Australia, Dr Ian Gassie (QLD Forensic and Scientific Services), QLD Pathology

If you are looking to submit an application for Research Ethics and/or Research Governance review and have queries about the process or what is required, contact our friendly [Research Ethics and Governance Officers Carine and Janani](#).

Latest research articles at West Moreton Health

West Moreton Health (WMH) staff co-authored 25 research articles that were published between December 2022 and February 2023:

- Queensland Centre for Mental Health Research (QCMHR): 15 research articles by QCMHR staff employed by WMH.
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology: 2 research articles
- Urology: 2 research articles
- Anaesthetics, BreastScreen and Screening Services, Orthopaedics, Paediatrics, Prison Health Services, Prison Mental Health Services, Service Evaluation Research Unit, and Speech Pathology: 1 research article

West Moreton Health staff are highlighted in bold.

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Celebrating innovative women in research for International Women's Day

Professor Fiona Wood is the Director of the Burns Service of Western Australia and is a world leading plastic and reconstructive surgeon and burns specialist. Professor Wood has been a researcher and burns surgeon for more than 30 years. She pioneered the innovative 'spray-on-skin' technique, which significantly reduces permanent scarring for burns victims.



Today, the technique is used worldwide and has saved numerous lives. Spray-on-skin reduces pain, chance of infection, decreases scarring and promotes faster healing. This is an excellent example of innovative research being translated into clinical practice.

Upcoming events and opportunities

Performing an Advanced Literature Search on Clinical Knowledge Network (CKN): CKN provides access to thousands of high-quality medical journals across all specialties. In this session you will learn some advanced searching techniques that you can use to improve the quality and precision of your literature searches. 9 – 9.45 am, Monday 20 March 2023.

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Resources for Psychologists on CKN: The PsycINFO database is the world's largest resource devoted to peer-reviewed abstracts of literature in behavioural science and mental health. In this webinar you will learn how to search the database, using special limiters, field code searching, subject heading search, requesting full-text and more. 9 – 9.30 am, Monday 27 March 2023.

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