The Jack Brockhoff Child Health and Wellbeing Program is part of the legacy of Sir Jack Brockhoff, who through his generosity established The Jack Brockhoff Foundation. The Foundation’s purpose is to provide philanthropic support to organisations whose activities are designed to have a positive and enduring impact on the health and wellbeing of communities.

The Foundation awarded the Jack Brockhoff Centenary Gift to the Jack Brockhoff Child Health and Wellbeing Program, making a substantial contribution to long term human resource investment and enabling development of novel and important ways of working to promote child health and wellbeing.
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We are proud to report on The Jack Brockhoff Child Health and Wellbeing Program achievements of the past year. We have continued to build on our existing portfolio of work including: adapting disability services to family needs; the completion of the Beyond Bushfires: Community Recovery and Resilience study; and high impact evidence reviews being published by our Cochrane Public Health team.

In addition, we are developing new partnerships and projects to respond to contemporary issues including: a partnership with Behind the News, the ABC children’s news television program; and Count Me In, a new sports participation project promoting migrant and refugee social inclusion.

We are very grateful for the Professor Elizabeth Waters Memorial Travel Scholarship that was established by Liz’s friends and family. As the inaugural director of our program, Liz’s legacy will be supported through this scholarship and will help establish strong connections between our program and international collaborators. Our research has always been characterised by partnerships with community, service providers and government. This year we have been approached by previous partners such as the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation and The Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture (Foundation House) who are keen to re-engage with us to understand and build on the influence of their own programs of work on child health and wellbeing.

In this report we have adopted a new format to enable ease of reporting against our recent 2016-2018 Plan and to be more focused on the impact and outcomes of our research.

Associate Professor Lisa Gibbs
Director, The Jack Brockhoff Child Health & Wellbeing Program
ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The work of the The Jack Brockhoff Child Health and Wellbeing Program is conducted by an interdisciplinary team of leading public health researchers, working to address gaps in knowledge about child health and wellbeing. Our research addresses key questions that inform decisions in policy and practice at the community, national and international levels.

Our research projects are driven by a passion for justice, equity and human rights. We are concerned with the key drivers of child health; the influence of culture and social contexts on a child’s early years that impact health, educational, social and employment prospects later in life.

Our research shows that the best solutions for tackling big issues in child health are rarely found solely within the health system. We believe it is essential to look at child health issues in a broader cross-sectoral context – how they relate to areas such as the economy, education and urban planning for example.

The foundation of the Program commenced in 1995, and has been based on the principle of collaboration in Australia and internationally. We have formed strong practice-research partnerships across a wide variety of sectors and disciplines, including government, education, community health, dental health, disability, emergency management, social welfare and childcare.

We engage members of the public, including children and their families in decision making, because research must be inclusive and broadly relevant if it is to contribute to community wellbeing. Through our partnerships we build the capacity of organisations to use research and evidence more effectively to improve child health and wellbeing.

Funding for this work requires great ideas, wonderful people, and significant and important findings. We wouldn’t be able to achieve this without our philanthropic contributors, who share this vision for prevention, and recognition of the need for research in solving ‘the wicked problems’.

The Jack Brockhoff Child Health and Wellbeing Program was founded by our inaugural Director Professor Elizabeth Waters. Sadly, Elizabeth passed away in September 2015. We continue to be inspired by her vitality, passion and work to build on her legacy.
Enhancing opportunities for all children to thrive

We are building evidence about what makes a difference for children - in families, schools, communities, services and society - to build on the known social determinants of health.

We are focussing our research and knowledge translation efforts on:

• Supporting positive mental health and resilience
• Promoting common drivers of physical health and wellbeing
• Responding to the impacts of a changing world on children’s lives

We know that it takes time to achieve a meaningful shift for major public health issues.

We contribute by:

• Generating new knowledge
• Influencing policy and service delivery
• Building workforce capacity
• Developing and evaluating community based solutions

We achieve this through key strategic partnerships with government, service providers and community.

We are committed to excellence in the generation, translation and sharing of knowledge.
2016 ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE
POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH & RESILIENCE

We are conducting a series of trials and evaluations of programs promoting child mental health and resilience in different risk contexts:

• areas prone to natural disasters
• areas of social disadvantage
• areas with many children from refugee/migrant backgrounds

PHYSICAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

We are identifying family service needs for delivery of disability services to align with the National Disability Insurance Scheme

We are analysing birth cohort data to identify risk and protective factors for child oral health and obesity

We are identifying what interventions make a difference in child obesity prevention

IMPACTS OF A CHANGING WORLD ON CHILDREN’S LIVES

We have a new research partnership with ABC children’s television program Behind the News to analyse children’s responses to major news events

We are leading the International Kids in Action initiative to enable children to identify and respond to priority health and wellbeing issues

We are coordinating Cochrane Public Health to ensure the best evidence is available to respond to current public health issues
Global increases in migration in response to war and persecution have resulted in refugee settlement becoming a hotly debated issue internationally with clear population health challenges in terms of physical and mental health, wellbeing and integration. Our previous research with children and youth from refugee and migrant backgrounds across different settings has identified a range of important factors likely to support positive outcomes for resettled young people and families. This has provided a solid foundation for the current research.

Count Me In is a partnership project aiming to support sports participation for refugee and CALD (culturally and linguistically diverse) migrant children and young people currently being piloted and evaluated in the Moreland region. This project builds on evidence that sports participation provides a useful setting for improving physical and mental health and building social connections and aims to address multiple barriers for participation by these groups in mainstream settings. Key strategies for addressing these barriers are the employment of local bi-cultural community support coordinators, partnerships with local clubs and parent engagement.

Partners on this project include Merri Health, Moreland City Council, Centre for Multicultural Youth, Netball Victoria, AFL Victoria, Fawkner Primary School, Hadfield Sports Club, Haig Fawkner Cricket Club, Brunswick Zebras, Coburg Little Athletics and Futsal Rising Stars.

Within the first three months of the project, more than 90 children aged five to 16 have begun playing Netball, Cricket and Futsal.

While the evaluation of this project is still in the early stages, it is evident that children and families are enjoying participating and are building social connectedness through the process.

The role of the community support coordinator has been shown to be key in recruiting families, connecting them to clubs, supporting the registration process and assisting with ongoing communication.

Despite evidence for the lifelong benefits of sports participation for children, refugee and CALD migrant young people have low participation rates and Count Me In appears to provide an extremely promising model for addressing this. We are currently seeking additional funding to extend the pilot to additional local government areas and sports.
This lecture series is an engagement project led by Dr Karen Block in her role as Deputy Director of Researchers for Asylum Seekers (RAS) in partnership with the Melbourne Social Equity Institute (MSEI). The lecture series is in its third consecutive year and comprises a series of six lectures, university tours and a celebration event designed primarily for asylum seekers living in the community who have limited opportunities to engage in education. Each lecture session includes two short lectures from University academics, refreshments and informal conversations, along with small group discussions about the lecture topics. The lecture series aims to welcome and introduce asylum seekers to the campus, staff and students of The University of Melbourne. It offers opportunities for meaningful and stimulating intellectual and social engagement while providing useful information about Australian history, culture and society.

Lectures are usually attended by between 20 to 30 people from a wide range of different countries and postgraduate students from a number of faculties join in to facilitate the small group discussions.

The lecture series has thus provided a meaningful way for students and staff at the University to engage with asylum seekers and learn more about their lives, their skills and education prior to migration, and the issues they confront in establishing a new life in Australia. The series has also strengthened relationships between the University and partner organisations providing services to asylum seekers such as the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre and the Red Cross who refer their clients to the lectures.

An evaluation of the lecture series conducted in 2015 indicated that the lecture series was overwhelmingly positive for those who attended as well as for lecturers and volunteers who found the experience professionally and personally fulfilling.

Asylum seekers attending the free lecture series have particularly enjoyed learning about Indigenous Australians along with topics focused on education and employment systems, politics and migration history.

Feeling welcomed into the University and meeting students and staff are also highly valued aspects of the experience.
Survive and Thrive is a program led by the Anglesea Fire Brigade and Anglesea Primary school which is teaching children bushfire behaviour and how to live in a bushfire risk environment. The later stages of the program conclude with the students designing and delivering bushfire workshops to their families, peers, community and schools with similar bushfire risk.

The Jack Brockhoff Child Health and Wellbeing Program provided initial support in the planning of the program and in research and evaluation. University of Melbourne School of Engineering also provided environmental sensors and monitoring equipment for use in the program.

The assessment of the Anglesea Survive and Thrive program was a small pilot study of the children’s understanding of bushfire behaviour before and after the program. When fires threatened their coastal town the following summer, it was also possible to investigate how children applied their learnings – a very rare contribution to the disaster risk reduction evidence.

The findings showed increased capacity to respond safely to a bushfire event, increased sense of safety in their school environment, and in some cases children described how they made a contribution to their family’s response to the fire risk and evacuation procedures.

“I told them some things and they thought it was a good idea and they did it but once the fire wasn’t coming it was fine.”

The first cohort of students has now graduated the Survive and Thrive Program at Anglesea Primary School and two other groups are currently in progress. The program is now being offered at Strathewen Primary School in partnership with Arthurs Creek-Strathewen Fire Brigade with Country Fire Authority and other partner support.
There is already extensive evidence about the immediate impacts of disasters on individual mental health but little is known about the period three to five years after the event or about the interplay between individual, social and community level recovery. The Beyond Bushfires: Community Resilience and Recovery study addresses these gaps in the evidence. To share the findings from six years of research, the final symposium was held on Thursday 13th October 2016. The study showed extended impacts on individual mental health at five years post-bushfires, new insights into the complexity of social influences on recovery, and demonstrated individual and community capacity to adapt to changed lives and environments.

In keeping with the participatory approach throughout the study, the symposium provided an opportunity to discuss the findings and develop recommendations with the 140 stakeholders present, including community members (30%), academics (30%) and service providers and government representatives (40%).

Specific impacts from the study include:

- A commitment by the Department of Health and Human Services to include disaster impact in the 10 year mental health strategic plan for Victoria
- Department of Education and Training have formed a regular working group with research team members to inform their disaster planning and resilience building activities for school communities
- Department of Education and Training are sharing major linked datasets to enable detailed analysis of the long term impact of disasters on school communities
- Australian Red Cross have revised their Register Find Reunite service.

One of the strongest predictors of mental health and wellbeing outcomes was social ties

![Diagram showing the relationship between social ties, depression, PTSD, and community groups.](image-url)
The progressive roll-out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) from July 2016 shifts the current system for disability services and families with children with a disability in Australia. This change in the current system is intended to provide families with more choice and flexibility. However, there is still great uncertainty about how the changes will translate into everyday interaction between families and services.

EXPLORING FAMILY HEALTH AND WELLBEING AND NDIS (2014-2018)

Yooralla currently provides services to over 26,000 clients annually. Working in partnership with Yooralla, this National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) partnership grant funded study, aims to identify the essential components for a cost effective model of care that improves the health and wellbeing of children with disabilities and their carers. The research will provide a strong evidence base upon which disability organisations can base organisational redesign to optimise the health and wellbeing of children and carers within the context of the new National Disability Insurance Scheme.

To date, the study has explored the perspectives of both parents and staff on how a disability service could be improved.

Results have demonstrated the importance of a family-centred approach and a strong partnership between health professionals and parents, as well as the importance of building staff resilience.

Parents are fighting for services and have a range of unmet psychosocial needs. This study, unlike previous studies, captured the ideas of parents and staff about how to improve the service model. This work has national and international relevance including increased psychosocial support for the whole family. Based on these early research findings, a new cost effective service model is currently being developed to trial over a 12 month period. These findings will help shape Yooralla’s future services.
SUPPORTING THE MENTAL HEALTH OF MOTHERS OF CHILDREN WITH A DISABILITY (2016-2017)

In partnership with Kalparrin Early Intervention Services, a capacity building program for health professionals is being developed and evaluated. The ultimate intention of the program is to evolve early childhood intervention practice frameworks to ensure they focus on the whole family. Research participants will include 30 staff and 90 families that Kalparrin currently supports.

The work with Kalparrin has been informed by the first study conducted internationally on the mental health needs of mothers of children with a disability. The results from this study, which have now been presented in Europe and the USA, demonstrated that 75% of mothers perceived they needed professional mental health support within the previous 12 months. Forty-six percent of these mothers were unable to access support due to a variety of barriers.

Mothers have significant unmet mental health needs and we are now working in partnership with mothers of children with a disability and Kalparrin to develop the first program to build the capacity of early intervention services and health professionals to support the mental health of mothers.

In addition, a resource for parents on the importance of parental wellbeing and strategies for promoting wellbeing has been developed. This resource was developed for use within the National Disability Insurance Scheme and is currently being adapted for use in the USA.

“I am on a path I did not choose. My professional life as a high functioning lawyer is a distant memory. During the last 15 years, I have felt at various times depressed, anxious, angry and unable to cope with the demands on my life. And yes, there have been times when I have felt suicidal….
Poor oral health continues to be a leading cause of hospitalisation for children in Australia and internationally. While significant progress has been made in preventive measures, such as fluoridation, social changes including increased consumption of sugar and beliefs about the inevitability of tooth decay, means that more evidence is needed about how to protect children’s oral health.

**SPLASH!**

Splash! is a birth cohort study of approximately 500 children in the Barwon South Western (BSW) region of Victoria, Australia. It was established to identify early influences on child oral health and obesity. Biological, family and environmental data was collected at six time points: during pregnancy (baseline) and when the child was 6, 12, 24, 36 and 48 months of age. Splash! is one of very few Australian birth cohort studies to focus on regional and rural areas. The BSW region is geographically diverse and includes the larger regional centres of Geelong (population over 200,000) and Warrnambool (population over 30,000) as well as coastal and inland towns and rural communities. The total estimated population of the BSW region in 2006 was 350,109.

Recent findings from Splash! have shown that daily intakes of unhealthy foods may have become the social norm in infancy.

Previous evidence shows that children in families in higher socioeconomic circumstances are more likely to eat healthy food. The Splash! finding is important because it shows that the introduction of unhealthy foods for infants is not related to social disadvantage. Instead, it seems to have become the norm at the crucial age when tastes and preferences develop.

This is influenced by social and food environments and is possibly complicated by food access issues in rural Victoria. The study findings have been aligned with national, state and local nutrition policy to identify opportunities to intervene and reverse this worrying trend in the perceived acceptability of unhealthy foods for infants.
In an effort to gain a broader and more detailed understanding of the environmental, behavioural and biological predictors of early childhood caries in Victorian children, the VicGeneration (VicGen) birth cohort was established. The cohort of 466 children was followed from 2008 until 2016, with extensive longitudinal data collected regarding child oral health, nutrition and family health practices.

The VicGen cohort has provided extensive information about the types of items that children are eating and drinking across the first two years of life, an area where previously there has been little information available. Children in the VicGen cohort were more likely to be consuming healthy foods and drinks (e.g. fruit, vegetables, water) at age 12-14 months of age.

At age 18-20 months of age however, consumption of these items had decreased, with less healthy items (e.g. muesli bars, sweet biscuits, fruit juice) making up a larger proportion of the overall foods and drinks consumed in the diet. The cohort has also shown that children as young as 6-8 months of age are being introduced to fruit juice, hot chips and sweet biscuits, and children as young as 12-14 months have been introduced to soft drink.

VicGen has provided important evidence that the period between 18 months and 3 years of age is a critical window for the development of dental decay in young children. The proportion of VicGen children with decay increased from eight percent at 18 months of age to 23% at three years of age. Tooth decay is completely preventable and yet during this time period there was evidence of rapid decay of previously healthy teeth for many children, particularly for those who drank soft drink regularly. This highlights soft drink as an important target for oral health promotion messages. At the same time, for some children, teeth that showed early signs of decay had become healthy again.

This is an important new finding – that good oral health care can reverse early signs of decay.

Our research planning partnership with Dental Health Services Victoria (DHSV) was strengthened this year. This means that our research findings will inform DHSV planning for over 80 community dental clinics through Victoria, providing services to approximately 500,000 clients annually.

The findings will also influence the DHSV oral health promotion programs run in non-clinical sectors including the Maternal and Child Health Service, kindergartens, child care and midwifery services throughout Victoria.
Childhood obesity is associated with a wide range of adverse psychosocial and physical health outcomes. The international evidence base of the benefits of, and mechanisms for, prevention continues to strengthen. There have been environmental and social shifts which have resulted in a stabilisation of child overweight and obesity levels in Australia, albeit still at very high levels. The challenge is to synthesise the evidence and promote positive change.

**UPDATED SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF INTERVENTIONS TO PREVENT CHILDHOOD OBESITY (2014-2016)**

The Cochrane review of Interventions to Prevent Childhood Obesity, led originally by Professor Elizabeth Waters, is one of the most cited and downloaded reviews on the Cochrane Library. The program continues to support the final update of this review, funded in part by the World Health Organization (WHO). As strategic partners, WHO are also working in collaboration with the team to ensure the publication of supplementary policy-relevant information identifying factors critical to the success of interventions. The regular downloads of the 2011 review shows sustained relevance well after the publication date. It is anticipated the updated 2016 review will have equal or greater interest, reaching tens of thousands of policy makers, practitioners and academics annually.

The 2016 review will also reference the final outcomes paper from our original fun ‘n healthy in Moreland! study which will be published late this year or early next year. The paper reports on the complexity of school-based obesity prevention interventions and the success of the study in promoting changed school environments and improved child health and eating behaviours.

2011 Review Downloads

- 921 times per month
- 16,000 downloads in 18 months
CHILD CITIZENSHIP

Children have the right to contribute to decisions affecting their lives – it is enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. However, it is rare they have an opportunity to do so for major public health and social issues.


Behind the News is an ABC television news program designed for children and youth that has been broadcast into schools across Australia for the past 45 years. It has recently increased the interactive component of the program and has had a huge response from viewers (approximately 20,000 each time) when their views are sought on current issues.

We have recently formed a research partnership with Behind the News to analyse, publish and broadcast children’s views on current news topics.

Internal funding has been secured to help us to manage the large datasets and to link The University of Melbourne experts with the Behind the News team for specific news topics. In addition, the Royal Children’s Hospital have been invited to join the partnership. The Royal Children’s Hospital team conduct regular polls with parents on different topics and their work will provide the opportunity to compare parent and child views.
We are delighted to announce our launch of the Kids in Action Initiative in September 2016, in partnership with the International Collaboration for Participatory Health Research. Health research projects involving children under 14 years as decision makers and co-researchers, are eligible to register in the Kids in Action international network.

The intention of this initiative is to provide support to local projects, to share learnings about this challenging but important approach to research and to develop resources for others to promote positive experiences and outcomes of child participatory research projects. Kids in Action will also be promoted as a platform for organisations such as the World Health Organisation to seek children’s input into global issues.
When new public health issues arise, such as when child overweight and obesity rates escalated internationally, there is a need for evidence about what makes a difference. There is also a need for training in how to translate research evidence into policy and service changes.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Public Health Insight delivers two short courses: 1) Evidence-Informed Public Health and 2) Knowledge Translation for Researchers. They also provide customised in-house training and consultancies.

The Evidence-Informed Public Health course has been running since 2008. More than 375 people have been trained on 25 occasions during this time.

Participants have included local governments, state and federal government employees, community health service staff, researchers and non-governmental organisation (NGO) staff.

This year Public Health Insight ran the Knowledge Translation for Researchers short course for over 20 researchers from across Australia and the Evidence Informed Public Health short course for over 25 public health and health promotion professionals.

For participants in our Evidence-Informed Public Health course, evaluations have shown significant improvements in: participants’ access to evidence; knowledge in using, combining and applying evidence; and confidence in using evidence.

Participants in our Knowledge Translation for Researchers course have shown significant improvements in confidence in planning and applying knowledge translation to research.

In addition, this year, The University of Melbourne recognised the value of the Knowledge Translation for Researchers short course and awarded the team a grant to develop and adapt the course for researchers working across the University. The team are excited to collaborate with the Melbourne School of Government to run the first course in November 2016, which will support researchers of all disciplines to increase the impact of their work.
Cochrane Public Health supports, facilitates, edits and publishes unbiased systematic reviews of population level interventions that address the structural and social determinants of health, qualitative questions relevant to public health, and other questions that need an unbiased thorough approach for publication on The Cochrane Library. Reviews are used by governments, practitioners, researchers and NGOs to inform decisions about research priorities, program implementation and evaluation.

The Cochrane Library, as a whole, has an impact factor of 6.032. This means that systematic reviews contained on The Cochrane Library are highly cited. The reputation of Cochrane means that reviews are used to inform decision-making at government and local levels. This year the impact factor of Cochrane Public Health was 8.4 which exceeds the overall impact factor of Cochrane.

In 2016 Cochrane Public Health published six new reviews and one update. Some of the reviews published this year include:

- Population-level interventions in government jurisdictions for dietary sodium reduction
- Strategies to improve the implementation of healthy eating, physical activity and obesity prevention policies, practices or programmes within childcare services
- Promoting reintegration for reducing harmful behaviours and lifestyles in street-connected children (updated review)

Last year we reported on the publication of the review examining the relevance of portion, packaging and tableware size for influencing food choice and consumption. Since last year, the co-ordinated communication efforts, between Cochrane Public Health, Cochrane and Cochrane Australia, have contributed toward the review obtaining the highest global altmetric attention score of all Cochrane reviews. To date, 96 news articles from 75 news outlets have been published and the review was cited in two policy documents in the UK. In Australia, Channel 9 featured the review on their six o’clock news bulletin. The review has now been downloaded over 6000 times. Cochrane Public Health’s planning approach to dissemination is also being adopted more broadly across Cochrane.
Associate Professor Lisa Gibbs is the Director of The Program and supported by Associate Directors Dr Elise Davis and Dr Rebecca Armstrong. Dr Armstrong is Director of Public Health Insight and supported by Dr Tahna Pettman as Associate Director.

The senior leadership team are responsible for the management of research projects, research strategy, research income, staff development and operational issues.

They are supported by Professor Brian Oldenburg and the finance and administration team within the Centre for Health Equity, which is situated within the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health under the leadership of Professor Terry Nolan.

The Jack Brockhoff Child Health and Wellbeing Program is grateful for the ongoing advice and expertise of our advisory panel:

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The inaugural Director of The Jack Brockhoff Child Health and Wellbeing Program, the late Professor Elizabeth Waters, made a lasting contribution to the field of public health both nationally and internationally, fuelled by her passion and commitment to justice, equity and upholding the rights of children.

The Professor Elizabeth Waters Memorial Travel Scholarship was established by Liz’s friends and family to honour two of Liz’s great passions in life: excellence in child public health and travel.

The funds raised enable the University to provide one or more scholarships to staff, Higher Degree candidates, partners and collaborators in The Jack Brockhoff Child Health and Wellbeing Program and the research service, Public Health Insight at the University of Melbourne, who demonstrate excellence in their field of work. The scholarship(s) assist the successful applicants with expenses associated with attending a domestic or international conference, event or opportunity. The scholarship(s) are also available to international applicants travelling to Australia to collaborate with the Program and/or Public Health Insight.

This year it was possible to award funding to two separate scholarships, the first is being led by Dr Martin Hall, a long term partner and Honorary Research Fellow of The Jack Brockhoff Child Health and Wellbeing Program. Martin is the General Manager of Clinical and Oral Health Services at North Richmond Community Health. In addition to his role at North Richmond Community Health, Martin has also been conducting a pilot oral health intervention program in East Timor. The Kose Nehan program is currently being tested across eight schools in the district of Aileu and there is interest from the Timorese Government and the National University of Timor-Leste in expanding Kose Nehan to other districts in Timor. To ensure successful program implementation (including sustainability) there is the need to develop local capacity in evaluation and research. The Scholarship will allow Ms Ana Tillman, the Kose Nehan program officer and dental therapist, to travel to Australia on a study visit to gain support from sister schools in Australia and to spend time with The Jack Brockhoff Child Health and Wellbeing team to develop her skills in evaluation and research.

The second scholarship was awarded to Jodie Doyle. As the managing editor of Cochrane Public Health, Jodie plays a crucial role in facilitating the publication of Cochrane Public Health reviews. Jodie will use the scholarship funds to travel to South Africa in 2017 to attend the Cochrane Colloquium which will be a combined event with other evidence networks at the first ever Global Evidence Summit. At the colloquium, Jodie will promote the work of Cochrane Public Health and continue to build the profile of Cochrane Public Health both within Cochrane and internationally.
Professor Waters contributed an enormous amount to mentoring and building the capacity of promising public health academics. She was also very astute in anticipating new directions in research, insisting on research rigour and relevance of research to policy and practice. In recognition of this, a single one year internal Award was created in her honour. Dr Karen Block was identified as a worthy recipient of this Award for her research in relation to social inclusion for children and young people from a refugee and migrant background. The contribution her research has already made is important but we believe that with additional research support it has the potential to be a flagship program of work impacting on this important and timely field of research. As part of this Award, some core Brockhoff funding was allocated for Karen to draw on to cover the costs of research staff support to further her research program.
BROCKHOFF EXCELLENCE AWARD – MS HANNAH MORRICE
The Brockhoff Excellence Award is awarded annually in recognition of staff excellence in their field of endeavour. Ms Hannah Morrice was named a recipient of the 2015 Award in recognition of her care and professionalism while in the role of Media and Communications Officer and Executive Assistant to the Director. Hannah helped to maintain excellence and support the smooth operation of Program research activities, administration and communication systems during a year that involved distress and disruption for all.

CORALIE MATHEWS IN MEMORIAM AWARD – DR BRADLEY CHRISTIAN
This award was created in memory of our former colleague Coralie Mathews whose intellect, warmth and community spirit inspired us all. Dr Bradley Christian, Research Fellow and PhD Candidate was named the 2015 recipient in recognition of his constant commitment to conducting research that is meaningful in terms of community outcomes and addressing health inequities, and his success in connecting strongly with community partners particularly through the oral health program at North Richmond Community Health.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION AWARD – DR MARTIN HALL
This award recognises the essential role of our community partners in working with us to identify evidence gaps, build new knowledge and apply the findings through changed policies and services. Dr Martin Hall is an Honorary Research Fellow in The Jack Brockhoff Child Health and Wellbeing Program and General Manager of Clinical and Oral Health Services at North Richmond Community Health. He was named the 2015 recipient of this award in recognition of his commitment to an evidence-based approach including our shared oral health research program, and his application of equity and health promotion principles to his clinical practice.
OVERVIEW OF FINANCIALS

ESTIMATED FINAL INCOME AT 31 DEC 2016 (INCL. CARRY FORWARD OF $253,926) - $2,392,694

ESTIMATED FINAL EXPENDITURE AT 31 DEC 2016 - $2,004,863
PHD TOPICS

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