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Upcoming Professional Development Workshops for HDR Candidates

The following workshops are coming up in the next few weeks, all of which can be counted towards RD7003 Professional Development. Click on the workshops for more information about each one.

- [Entrepreneurship Explained workshops](#)
- [How to Avoid Drowning in the Literature](#)
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- [3MT Coaching Session](#)
- [Using R Software for Data Analysis & Graphical Presentation](#)
- [Using Microsoft Word Effectively to Manage Thesis Production](#)

Register via [CareerHub](#).

Thinkwell Workshops

In the week beginning Monday 10 July, Hugh Kearns from Thinkwell will be in both Townsville and Cairns presenting workshops.

[Turbocharge Your Writing: Getting Your Thesis Finished](#)

This workshop is specifically for HDR candidates who are in the writing intensive phase of their thesis, and/or academic/research staff who wish to increase their writing productivity. It will teach you how to maximise your writing output and how to overcome common obstacles that reduce your writing productivity

[Defeating Self-Sabotage: Getting Your Thesis Finished](#)

Do you find that despite your best efforts to 'work on your thesis' or get your research output going, it just doesn't seem to be happening? Does there always seem to be something more urgent, interesting or important to do?

Perhaps you are self-sabotaging. If you think you procrastinate, are a perfectionist, don't say 'no' often enough, are disorganised or are always 'busy', this seminar will help you to understand why your thesis or research isn't getting done and what you can do about it.

[The Seven Secrets of Highly Successful Research Students](#)

What do successful HDR candidates do to finish on time, to overcome isolation, doubt and writer's block, and to enjoy the process? And just as importantly what do they do in order to spend guilt-free time with their family and friends and perhaps even have holidays? If this sounds appealing, then this session will be of particular use to you.

Register for these workshops via [CareerHub](#).

Hugh will also be presenting **The Strategic Researcher** which is ideally suited for research teams, collaborators or co-authors, although all researchers will find it useful.

Overview: Are you seeking a research grant, but aren't sure how to approach it strategically? Or, despite obtaining the grant and getting the research done, do you find it hard to achieve the desired publication outputs? And if you do publish, how strategic are you about it? Do you just do the next paper on the list or do you think about which one will help with your next grant, or be read by more people, or have the greatest impact? Then in relation to the team you work in, are you being as productive as possible? For example, are you using all team members or colleagues in a way that increases your publication output as well as theirs? And finally, do you use your limited resources (e.g. statisticians, senior researchers, editors, etc.) in the most effective way possible?

When: Thursday 13 July at 9:30am to 12:00pm

Where: The Science Place, 142-111

Registration not required. *Please note that these workshops will not be video linked or recorded*

The Perth dog that's probably smarter than you

Here's a reminder about why it is so important to not be caught out by spam journal publishers. Have a look at the video and read the article.

The Perth dog that's probably smarter than you:

<http://www.perthnow.com.au/news/western-australia/the-perth-dog-thats-probably-smarter-than-you/news-story/a4de0d201ce420e0302c69532a399419>

Excerpt

Local "academic" Dr Olivia Doll — also known as Staffordshire terrier Ollie — sits on the editorial boards of seven international medical journals and has just been asked to review a research paper on the management of tumours.

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The five-year-old pooch has managed to dupe a range of publications specialising in drug abuse, psychiatry and respiratory medicine into appointing her to their editorial boards.

For more information about how to identify the quality and validity of a publisher, use the information at <http://libguides.jcu.edu.au/publishing> - especially the first three page: Being Strategic, Choosing Quality, and Understanding Publishers. For more information, contact the librarian who supports your discipline - see <https://www.jcu.edu.au/library/about/library-contact-details/liaison-librarian-discipline-responsibilities>.

Library staff were also recently asked about the validity of this conference:

2nd International Conference on Coastal Zones July 17-18, 2017 Melbourne, Australia

http://www.omicsgroup.com/conferences/ACS/conference/pdfs/coastalzone2017_Sponsorship.pdf

The OMICS group hosts conferences and journals for many different disciplines, so even if your research is not about coastal zones, make sure you do not get caught out by an OMICS offer. This radio interview is particularly revealing:

Predatory publishers criticised for 'unethical, unprincipled' tactics They create copycat 'science journals', exploit academic authors and publish junk 'peer reviewed' science. Hagar Cohen investigates one of the biggest of the alleged 'predatory' publishers, and the dubious tactics used in this growing sector.

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/backgroundbriefing/predatory-publishers-criticised-unethical-unprincipled-tactics/6656122>

L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science - Mentoring Scheme

This year the Australian L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science (FWIS) program will be launching its first mentoring scheme, in which our FWIS Alumni (past and present Fellows) will become mentors to passionate and ambitious PhD students. This will be a pilot program and we hope to continue in the future years as our Alumni grows.

We are incredibly proud of our current and past Fellows, who have established themselves as exceptional researchers, communicators and leaders within their scientific fields. We know how important it is for female role models and champions of change to exist to inspire and instil confidence into other women, especially in the early stages of their career. We believe by fostering a mentoring scheme where our Fellows can share their wealth of knowledge and experience to budding female scientists, we will provide an invaluable opportunity to develop the necessary skills and instil confidence in our future women leaders.

Therefore, we seek female PhD students to apply to join this 6-month mentoring program as mentees.

Visit the [website](#) for more information.

Research opportunity - Include your questions in the annual National Social Survey

Central Queensland University's Population Research Laboratory is pleased to advise that we are taking **researcher submissions** for the 2017 National Social Survey (NSS).

This is an opportunity to obtain national population data derived from questions designed by YOU (with assistance from the PRL), in order to meet your specific research needs. These tailored questions are included in our final survey for a fee (minimum of 5 questions for \$9,750). The resultant data set contains 1,200+ cases with your variables and over 30 demographic and core variables.

The NSS utilises a cost-shared omnibus survey model, which affords researchers the opportunity to collect high quality data from a sizeable national sample at a far lower cost than an independent survey. The NSS gathers information from a random sample (n=1200) of the Australian adult population using the Computer-Assisted-Telephone-Interview (CATI) technology resident in the PRL, incorporating dual-frame random digit-dialling (landline and mobile telephone).

We welcome researchers to submit their questions for inclusion in the National Survey. We have extended the closing date for expressions of interest in NSS participation until Friday 16 June, 2017

Written cost estimates are provided upon receipt of draft questions. Questions do not need to be in their final form at the point of inquiry as we can provide advice on how to best design and formulate.

If you require any additional information or would like to discuss your ideas, please contact me on the details below. Further information about the National Social Survey is also available here on the [PRL Website](#)

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Australian Lions Foundation Grant

The Australian Lions Foundation for Scientific and Medical Research on Marine Species Dangerous to Humans are pleased to offer the following grant to be awarded in September 2017 for use in 2017/2018.

Grants of up to \$4,000 are available to JCU enrolled postgraduate and honours students who research in the area of Marine Species Dangerous to animals. Previous recipients seeking further funding to allow continuation of their research are particularly encouraged to apply.

Applications may be made for less than \$4,000.

The closing date for applications is Monday 14th August, 2017.

Application Guidelines

A complete application consists of:

1. Title
2. Investigator Details (Investigator's name, Degree enrolled, Institutions and Contact details)
3. Supervisor's Details
4. Amount sought
5. 5 line summary of the proposal in plain English
6. Background and aims
7. Relevance to the key criteria
8. Approach
9. Budget
10. Publications - last 5 years
11. Conflicts of interest should be declared
12. Full Specification and quotation of all plant and equipment to be purchased as part of the trust

Note: A six page limit (in total) applies for items 6-10.

Note: Budgets should NOT include overheads, conference travel or consultants' fees.

Key Criteria

- Relevance to understanding the ecology of stingers
- Relevance to the identification of stingers in the field and/or during diagnosis of patients
- Relevance to the diagnosis of jellyfish syndromes and the treatment of patients
- Relevance to north Queensland and Torres Strait waters

Conditions of Award:

- a) Grants awarded are for 1 year.
- b) Applicants may be required to present their research outcomes at a meeting of the Australian Lions Foundation and should be prepared to speak at Lions Club meetings as and when requested.
- c) Applicants will be required to submit a 1 page article to appear in the Lions newsletter upon award of the grant.
- d) A final report on the project and financial acquittal of funds must be submitted to Lorna Hempstead (lorna.hempstead@jcu.edu.au) within one month of the completion of the project. The final report will be tabled at the Foundation meeting of the same year.
- e) On completion date of the project any unspent funds must be returned to the Foundation.
- f) Applicants are expected to include reference to the funding support received from the Australian Lions Foundation as part of any media release.
- g) Recipients of a grant must submit an article (no more than one page) for publication in the Northern District or Australian Lions Newsletter.

For further information please contact: Lorna Hempstead x14303 lorna.hempstead@jcu.edu.au (after 4th July only). **Please note:** Fully complete applications must be submitted to the Research Office by 31 July 2017 to enable feedback to be given.

Wildlife Disease Association Australasian Conference 2017: Sept 24-29 Falls Creek, abstracts open

For this year's Wildlife Disease Association Australasia conference we have pulled together a stunning venue, exciting field trips and a couple of little surprises in our traditional functions. We have also, for the first time, opened the conference at our member's rates to members of the Ecological Society of Australia and the Australasian Wildlife Management Society and two of our themed conference sessions are specifically focused on bringing perspectives of ecology and wildlife management into the meeting. I am particularly excited about this, and would greatly appreciate if you could pass our conference details on to colleagues from these organisations and encourage them to attend.

Abstract submission is now open and closes on 23rd June (i.e. very soon!). Abstract submission and registration are at wdaa2017.exordo.com. Even though registrations are open until the conference I'd strongly recommend registering early as there is a possibility we may have to cap registrant numbers (and certainly the field trips have limited numbers).

You'll find our conference flyer attached and I'd appreciate it enormously if you could also disseminate this to your colleagues and organisations. You can keep up to date with conference details on our special conference FaceBook page: www.facebook.com/wdaa.falls creek2017/ and for conference-related questions please email wdaa.falls creek2017@gmail.com<<mailto:wdaa.falls creek2017@gmail.com>>.

The Big Idea 2017 'Observers Program'

Throughout the second half of 2017, The Big Idea team will facilitate an **Observer's Program**, allowing you to experience and engage in The Big Idea 2017 through attending a selection of competition sessions and events. This program is a way for university staff to experience The Big Idea first-hand, before joining us in future years.

As a valued Observer, you are invited to attend the following competition sessions:

On campus lecture: presented at each participating university. Delivered by experienced staff at The Big Issue, and featuring a special Guest Speaker who has personally experienced homelessness, the on campus lecture provides an introduction to The Big Issue and the case for social enterprise in Australia. Please contact us to find out about the on campus lecture closest to you.

Online seminars: Observers are invited to attend several online seminars. You'll meet The Big Issue Management Team and hear from our Guest Speakers who share their experience of homelessness. You'll learn more about the case for social enterprise in Australia and hear from our highly regarded Thought Leaders as they discuss the economic and social impact of social enterprise in Australia. **Awards event:** Observer universities are given complimentary tickets to attend the Final Awards Evening on 5 December (held in Melbourne) to celebrate the announcement of The Big Idea winner.

Interested?

To register as an Observer, or to discuss this invitation further please contact Danya Sterling, Manager - Education Enterprises on 03 9663 4533 or bigidea@biqissue.org.au. Please note, registrations for the Observer program will be open until Friday 30th June 2017.

Joining The Big Idea Observer Program is the perfect way to understand how your university can benefit through the unique student learning opportunities available.

Please visit www.thebigidea.org.au for more information/

John Holliday Student Conservation Award

DPI Fisheries, a branch of NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI), is aware of the diverse range of research that is being done each year by university post-graduate students, and encourages the communication of the results of this work to assist the management of fisheries resources and aquatic habitats in NSW.

DPI offers the John Holliday Student Conservation Award to encourage post-graduate students to share their research findings on topics of interest to the Department. The winning entrant will receive a cash award of \$3,000. The Award is named in honour of the late Dr John Holliday, a former Senior Conservation Manager who pioneered the Department's involvement in aquaculture and fish conservation issues.

The award is open to post-graduate students who were enrolled at an Australian University during the year of Award and who undertook fisheries-orientated research work in NSW. To be considered, the applicant must have completed, or be completing, research/studies relevant to the Award Program (see below) and administered through an Australian University.

Applications for the 2017 Award must be submitted by **30 July 2017**.

For further information please visit [DPI website](#)

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