

# SYDNEY INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

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## Update from the Director

Welcome to our 2022 Spring edition. The Institute has provided several important events in recent months. In May 2022, we ran our first Health Policy Webinar '*Accelerating integrated health and social care policy*' with chair Professor John Eastwood, and speakers Dr Gabriela Uribe, Dr Suzy Honisett, and Ms Natalie Schreurs. The Institute also participated in the District's Innovation Week, where we held an Institute stall and showcased affiliates research through poster presentations. The event provided an excellent opportunity for networking and research discussion.

In June 2022, the Institute implemented our inaugural seed funding event, called '*Institute Research X-Factor*'. District affiliates pitched to win up to \$20,000 to support projects related to women, children and families. Dr Teresa Anderson AM, the District's Chief Executive, opened the event and presented the awards.

In August 2022, we provided a First 2000 Days webinar on '*Oral health in early childhood*' led by Professor Sameer Bhole as event chair, and speakers, Associate Professor Shilpi Ajwani and Dr Harleen Kumar.

Upcoming initiatives are a Research Networking Meeting in October, facilitated by Professor Adrienne Gordon, which will invite affiliates to discuss their research areas and opportunities for collaboration. In October, we will also present a Policy Webinar focused on domestic violence, and in November a '*Research Impact Academy Webinar*'.

Our student placement program continues to grow, with 13 students in 2022 working with District affiliate supervisors on novel research projects.

Finally, the Institute has supported a large number of grant applications in recent months, as we continue to work with our affiliates to drive research engagement and collaboration.



**Dr George Johnson**  
Institute Director

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# Innovation and Research Symposium June 2022

On Thursday 2 June and Friday 3 June, the Institute attended the Sydney Local Health District (the District) Innovation and Research Symposium. The focus of this year's symposium was 'Collaboration and Innovation'.

The Institute held a stall with merchandise and copies of the 2022 Institute Prospectus (available [here](#)). Affiliates were invited to present research posters at the stall across the two days, and we displayed over 40 posters.

Symposium attendees visiting the Institute's stall were invited to take part in a trivia quiz and interactive games. The winners of these activities were Mr Mohammed Mubashiruddin from Biomedical Engineering at RPA Hospital, Institute affiliate Ms Jenni Jones OAM from Child and Family Health Nursing at Croydon Health Centre, and Institute affiliates Dr Alicia Montgomery and Mr Pejman Adily, from the District's Community Paediatrics team.

Thank you to all who presented posters and interacted with us and our affiliates over the two days at the Symposium. Attendees showed a great deal of interest in the research being undertaken by the presenting affiliates.

Below are some photos of our time at the Symposium.



# Research X-Factor June 2022

On Wednesday 22 June the Institute held its inaugural seed funding event - 'the Institute Research X-Factor'. There were nine finalists whose seed funding grant applications were shortlisted by a review panel, and were invited to present at the Research X-Factor event.

The event was held in the Kerry Packer Education Centre, with in-person attendance and virtual audiences watching via live-stream. Dr Teresa Anderson AM, the District's Chief Executive opened the event, and it was hosted by Professor Andrew Baillie, Clinical Psychologist and Professor of Allied Health, Sydney Local Health District. Attendees enjoyed a morning of exceptional pitch presentations from the finalists, as well as talks from the Institute Management Group and our host.

The event culminated in the panel deciding on the finalists who would receive seed funding grants, with the winners being announced by Dr Teresa Anderson AM. Congratulations to the seed funding winners, Dr Bradley De Vries, Head of Department Obstetrics at RPA Hospital, Dr Arianne Sweeting, Staff Specialist Endocrinologist at RPA Hospital, Dr Sylvia Lim-Gibson, A/Director of Clinical Services Mental Health at Sydney Local Health District, and Dr Sarah Taki, Coordinator for Population Health Research and Evaluation Hub at Sydney Local Health District.

The Institute thanks all affiliates who submitted applications to the seed funding program, and to the finalists who presented at the event. You can read about the seed funding winners and watch a video from the day [here](#).



# Awards and achievements

## Queen's Birthday 2022 Honours



### **Congratulations to Institute Management Group Member and affiliate, Professor Sameer Bhole AM**

Professor Sameer Bhole has been appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his significant service to dentistry, to education and research, and professional associations. Sameer is the Clinical Director for Oral Health Services in the District and the Sydney Dental Hospital.



### **Congratulations to Institute affiliate, Ms Jenni Jones OAM**

Ms Jenni Jones was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for her service to family and child health nursing. Jenni is a Clinical Nurse Consultant with the Sydney Local Health District Child and Family Health Nursing Service and is also the Family Partnership Coordinator. She first joined the Community Health team in 1990.

## **Congratulations to Institute affiliate, Dr Jacqueline Small**



### **Dr Jacqueline Small has been appointed President of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP).**

Jacqueline is a Senior Staff Specialist and Team Leader at the Disability Specialist Unit (DSU), and the Clinical Lead for the Specialised Team for Intellectual Disability Sydney (STriDeS). She is looking forward to being only the fourth female RACP President and advocating for health reform, integrated and innovative care, climate change and health equity. You can watch her first President video [here](#).

## **Associate Professor Appointment for Institute affiliate Dr Hala Phipps**



Dr Hala Phipps has been appointed as Clinical Associate Professor for the Susan Wakil School of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Sydney, and an Adjunct Associate Professor for the School of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Technology Sydney.

Hala is humbled by this recognition of her contribution to the profession and her academic merit. She is looking forward to motivating and mentoring midwives to undertake research and raise the profile of midwifery.

## **Grant awarded to Institute affiliate Dr Natalie Ong**



Dr Natalie Ong is the recipient of the Avant Grant 2021 for a PhD program on *Improving care for children with intellectual disability in hospital*. The \$122K grant goes towards recruitment of research officers and educators to run an education program designed to upskill staff caring for children with intellectual disability. The PhD focuses on developing a Patient Safety Education Framework adapted for hospital staff caring for children with intellectual disability.

## Working With Children Week June 2022

Working With Children Week 2022 was celebrated from 20-26 June. The week recognises those who work with children in sport, education, health, and community organisations.

To celebrate Working With Children Week 2022, we asked some of our affiliates 'why they love working with children'.



'I love working with children because they are fun, honest and delightful. Every child deserves the future they dream of and helping them achieve their potential is a privilege and a great responsibility'.

**Dr Santuri Rungan, Staff Specialist Community Paediatrician  
Community Paediatrics, Sydney Local Health District**

'I love working with children because they are magnificent bundles of raw potential. The first five years of life hold the greatest opportunities for neurodevelopment. Working at the beginning of the lifespan provides many possibilities to set children on the path towards becoming their best selves.'

**Dr Amelia Lewis, Clinical Neuropsychologist, Disability Specialist Unit,  
Community Health, Sydney Local Health District**



'I love working with children because you always have your feet on the ground and have the joyful experience of promoting the best life possible for them and future generations'.

**Professor Sue Woolfenden,  
Director of Community Paediatrics, Sydney Local Health District,  
Co-Chair for Sydney Institute for Women, Children and their Families**

'I love working with children because they are the future of the world. Each child is unique and working with them is the most rewarding job.

It allows me to focus on the child's and parents' strengths, while helping them achieve their goals to become empowered and happier'.

**Professor Marjan Khajehei,  
Clinical Midwifery Consultant, Women's Health Research  
Western Sydney Local Health District**



# Publications

A snapshot of our affiliates' recent publications:

**Lovell R**, Greenfield D, **Johnson G**, Eljiz K, Amanatidis S. *Optimising outcomes for complex trauma survivors: assessing the motivators, barriers and enablers for implementing trauma informed practice within a multidisciplinary health setting*. BMC Health Serv Res 22, 434 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12913-022-07812-x>

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**Cheng, H**. *Review of bottle/formula feeding interventions for infant/toddler caries and excess weight prevention*. Preventive Health Conference, 13 May 2022 [Oral]

**Ong N**, Mimmo L, Barnett D, Long J, Weise J, Walton M. *Reported clinical incidents of children with intellectual disability: A qualitative analysis*. Dev Med Child Neurol. 2022 May 16. doi: 10.1111/dmcn.15262. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 35578400.

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## Becoming an Institute affiliate

We invite staff and partners to formalise their affiliation with the Institute, where we strive to offer networking, collaboration, and training and education opportunities. If you would like more information on becoming an affiliate, please email:

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