

NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Healthy Liveable Communities

CRE Newsletter 1 August 2014

News

This is a quarterly newsletter designed to keep you updated about the ongoing work of the **Centre for Research Excellence in Healthy Liveable Communities**.

CRE Workshop

The inaugural CRE Workshop and launch was held at the University of Melbourne on 27th and 28th March 2014.

Around 45 people attended the first day of the workshop including representatives from the National Heart Foundation, PIA, VicHealth, the Victorian Department of Health, and The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development.

The second day of the workshop was attended by the CRE Research Team and involved discussions about the work program.

Vision and Mission

The valuable ideas and feedback given by participants during the workshop on 27th March were synthesized to form the key values, vision and mission for the CRE. With your input the CRE Vision and Mission have now been finalised as follows:

Our vision is to:

Create environments where people can be healthy and connected through access to healthy, liveable, and equitable communities.

The CRE's mission is to:

Be an influential source of high quality and policy-relevant research that informs healthy urban design and planning.

Measuring liveability

The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre (TAPPC) has funded our team to develop and validate national 'liveability' indicators (<https://www.saxinstitute.org.au/media/what-makes-a-community-liveable/>).

The University of Melbourne hosted a national workshop 15th and 16th May 2014 to kick-start this project. The workshop brought together industry partners, advisors and researchers to gain policy-relevant input and plan the two year work program.

CRE Activities

The research team is almost fully in place, with 8 PhD students and 4 Research Fellows recruited. Work program plans across the five Themes are being finalised.

The 2015 CRE face-to-face meeting will be held in May 2015. Director of the University of British Columbia Health and Community Design Lab, Prof Larry Frank, will attend and review the CRE's work program and progress. For 30 years, Larry has been studying the effects of neighborhood walkability on travel patterns and sustainability.

PhD Students

The CRE now has a team of eight PhD students including Belen Zapata (UQ), Sarah Mizzi (UWA), Maureen Murphy (UOM), Haes Houweling (UOM), Venurs Loh (QUT), Fatima Ghani (QUT), Sarah Edwards (UWA), and King Wa Tam (UQ).



(Photo: Belen Zapata, Sarah Mizzi, Maureen Murphy, Haes Houweling, Venurs Loh, Fatima Ghani)

CRE Launch, 27th March 2014

Thank you to all those who joined us for the official CRE Launch.



(Photo: Liz Johnstone, Iain Butterworth, Emma Appleton, Geoffrey London, Michelle Cramer, John Miller)



(Photo: Kellie-Ann Jolly, Naomi Gilbert, Lisa Cain, Trevor Shilton, Britt Johnson, Melanie Chisholm, Jen Thompson)



(Photo: Lennert Veerman, Fiona Bull, Gavin Turrell, Billie Giles-Corti, Matthew Knuiman, Simon Washington)

Save the Date

CRE Virtual Meeting
3rd November
3:00 – 4:00pm AEDT

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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