

NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Healthy Liveable Communities

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News

CRE Activities

Since our launch in March this year, the CRE teams across Australia have been busy establishing Advisory Groups in WA, Qld, and Vic; and putting together (and commencing) work programs that both meet the needs of our stakeholders, while fulfilling our commitments to our grant. It's been challenging, but we now have a fully engaged research team, regular teleconferences to keep the team connected, and growing links with policy-makers and practitioners.

We have an initial website established at the University of Melbourne (www.mccaughey.unimelb.edu.au/programmes), but next year the UWA team will be putting together a more flexible website that will allow us to provide information more interactively with our stakeholders.

New appointments

Chief Investigator Takemi Sugiyama has accepted a position as A/Professor at Swinburne University of Technology.

Dr Xiaohu Feng has commenced as Senior Lecturer in Epidemiology, School of Health and Society, University of Wollongong.

CRE Writing Retreat

A CRE Writing Retreat is scheduled for 11 – 12 May 2015 to facilitate collaborative work.

CRE Face-to-Face Meeting

The 2015 CRE face-to-face meeting will be held in Melbourne on 13 - 14 May 2015. Prof Larry Frank, Director of the University of British Columbia Health and Community Design Lab, will be attending the meeting to review the CRE's work program and progress.

The first day will bring industry partners, policy makers and researchers together to hear about the CRE findings to date and to provide feedback. The second day will be a planning day for the researchers to review the second-year work program based on feedback received.

Active Living Tools

Congratulations to UWA's Centre for the Built Environment and Health for their award-winning tools:

- Healthy Active By Design (<http://www.healthyactivebydesign.com.au>)
- Public Open Space Tool (www.postool.com.au)

The Heart Foundation also recently re-launched its Blueprint for an Active Australia:

<http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/Blueprint-for-an-active-Australia-Second-edition.pdf>

Awards

We would like to congratulate all of the CRE members who have received awards for their hard work in 2014.



Photo: PhD student Belen Zapata received University of Queensland's 2014 Alan Lopez Public Health Award.

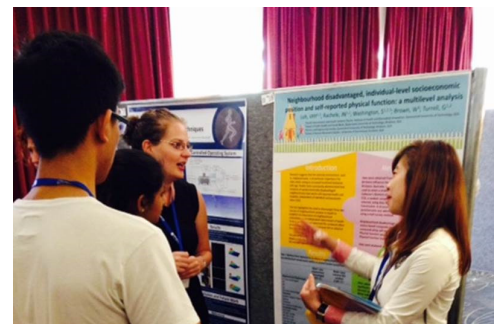


Photo: PhD student Venurs Loh was Runner-Up in the Judges Best Poster Award, and won the Real World Application Prize at the 2014 QUT IHBI Inspires Postgraduate Student Conference, Gold Coast.



Photo: Prof. Fiona Bull was presented with her Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for Services to Public Health by HRH Prince William.



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

Season Greetings

We would like to wish you all the best for the festive season



FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the newsletter, contact Antoinette Abou-Rizk at aboa@unimelb.edu.au.

CRE Publications

1. Villanueva K, Badland H, Hooper P, Koohsari M, Mavoa S, Davern M, Roberts R, Goldfeld S, Giles-Corti B (accepted December 5, 2014). Developing indicators of Public Open Space to promote health and wellbeing in communities. *Applied Geography*. 5-Year IF 3.049; Ranked 6/76 (Q1) JCR 2013 Geography.
2. Giles-Corti B, Sallis J.F, Sugiyama T, Lawrence F.D, Lowe M, Owen N (accepted December 4, 2014). Translating Active Living Research into Policy and Practice: One Important Pathway to Chronic Disease Prevention. *Journal of Public Health Policy*. 5-Year IF 2.189; Ranked 74/162 (Q2) JCR 2013 Public, Environmental, & Occupational Health.
3. Turrell G, Hewitt B, Haynes M, Nathan A, Giles-Corti B (accepted November 28, 2014). Change in walking for transport: a longitudinal study of the influence of neighbourhood disadvantage and individual-level socioeconomic position in mid-aged adults. *International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity*. 5-year IF= 4.807; Ranked 16/81 (Q1) JCR 2013 Physiology.
4. Villanueva K, Badland H, Giles-Corti B, Goldfeld S (accepted 6 November 2014). Can spatial analysis of the Australian Early Development Index (AEDI) advance our understanding of 'neighbourhood effects' on child health and development? *Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health*. 5-year IF=1.43; JCR 2013 ranking N/A.
5. Badland H, Mavoa S, Villanueva K, Roberts R, Davern M, Giles-Corti B. (accepted 29 July 2014). The development of policy-relevant transport indicators to monitor health outcomes and behaviours. *Journal of Transport & Health* (special issue: Geography and active travel). IF=N/A; N/A JCR 2013 ranking.
6. Badland H, Whitzman C, Lowe M, Davern M, Aye L, Butterworth I, Hes D, Giles-Corti B. (2014). Urban liveability: Emerging lessons from Australia for exploring the potential for indicators to measure the social determinants of health. *Social Science & Medicine*, 111:64-73. 5-year IF=3.69; Ranked 14/139 (Q1) JCR 2013 Public, Environmental, & Occupational Health.

Technical Reports

1. Ball K, Cleland V, Dollman J, Turrell G. (2014). Action area 7: Disadvantaged populations. In *Blueprint for an active Australia*. 2nd edition. Melbourne: National Heart Foundation of Australia. p.50-55.
2. Burke M, Stanley J, Duncan M, Stone J, Giles-Corti B. (2014). Action area 4: Active Travel. In *Blueprint for an active Australia*. 2nd edition. Melbourne: National Heart Foundation of Australia. p.32-37.
3. Giles-Corti B, Eagleson S, Lowe M (2014). Securing Australia's Future – Sustainable Urban Mobility: The Public Health Impact of Transportation Decisions. A report for the Australian Council of Learned Academies, The University of Melbourne, 2014.
4. Giles-Corti B, Mavoa S, Badland H, Roberts R, Davern M, Eagleson S. *Transport Walkability Index For Metropolitan Melbourne*, The University of Melbourne, 2014.
5. Giles-Corti B, Badland H, Hooper P, Timperio A, Sugiyama T, Foster S, Bull F, Cain L. (2014). Action area 1: Built environments. In *Blueprint for an active Australia*. 2nd edition. Melbourne: National Heart Foundation of Australia. p.14-18.
6. Giles-Corti B, Salmon J. (2014). Action area 13: Research and program evaluation. In *Blueprint for an active Australia*. 2nd edition. Melbourne: National Heart Foundation of Australia. p.82-65
7. Milton K, Smith B, Bull F. (2014). Action area 3: Health care. In *Blueprint for an active Australia*. 2nd edition. Melbourne: National Heart Foundation of Australia. p.26-31.

8. Salmon J, Ridgers N, Morgan P, Okely T, Lubans D, Hesketh K, Hinkley T, Dunstan D, Giles-Corti B. (2014). Action area 9: Children and adolescents. In *Blueprint for an active Australia*. 2nd edition. Melbourne: National Heart Foundation of Australia. p.60-65.

CRE Presentations

1. Giles-Corti B, Gunn L, Mavoa M, Villanueva K. (6 November 2014). City of Melbourne, Australia.
2. Giles-Corti B, Turrell G, Bull F, Washington S, Sugiyama T, Shiell A, Veerman L, Kavanagh A, Pettit C, Badland H, Gunn L, Hooper P. (12 -13 November 2014). Healthy Liveable Communities: Bridging gaps between evidence, policy and practice. 3rd Annual NHMRC Research Translation Faculty Symposium, Melbourne, Australia. (Poster)
3. Badland H. (22 October 2014). North West Metropolitan Melbourne Liveability Indicators workshop. Community practice in place-making, North-west Metropolitan Melbourne Regional Management Forum, Melbourne, Australia.
4. Giles-Corti B, Badland H, Rachele J, Gunn L, Hooper P, Bull F. (16 October 2014). The Centre for Research Excellence. Results so far. Presentation to the Department of Environment, Planning and Design, ACT Government. *Canberra, Australia*.
5. Giles-Corti B, Badland H, Rachele J, Gunn L, Hooper P, Bull F. (15-18 October 2014). Healthy Liveable Communities: Strengthening the evidence base. *Be Active 2014 Sports Medicine Australia Conference*, Canberra, Australia.
6. Lowe M, Whitman C, Badland H, Davern M, Aye L, Hes D, Butterworth I, Giles-Corti B. (30 May-2 June 2014). Healthy, liveable and sustainable cities: Developing and using indicators to inform urban planning policies. *2014 Institute of Australian Geography and The New Zealand Geographical Society Conference*, Melbourne, Australia.

Awards

Queensland

1. Loh, V (PhD Student, QUT) 2014. Runner-Up - Judges Best Poster Award, Neighbourhood disadvantage, individual-level socioeconomic position and self-reported physical function: a multilevel analysis, QUT IHBI Inspires Postgraduate Student Conference, Gold Coast.
2. Loh, V (PhD Student, QUT) 2014. Winner - Real World Application Prize, Neighbourhood disadvantage, individual-level socioeconomic position and self-reported physical function: a multilevel analysis, QUT IHBI Inspires Postgraduate Student Conference, Gold Coast.
3. Zapata, B (PhD Student, UQ) received the University of Queensland's 2014 *Alan Lopez Public Health Award*. The annual award encourages and supports excellence in Research Higher Degree students (PhD or MPhil) enrolled at the School.

Western Australia

4. Bull, F. 2014 Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for Services to Public Health, Buckingham Palace, England.
5. Heart Foundation (WA), HASSELL, Centre for the Built Environment and Health, AURECON & Bouncing Orange. Healthy Active By Design, Planning Minister's Award, 2014 Planning Institute of Australia (PIA)WA Awards for Planning Excellence, Perth.
6. Heart Foundation (WA), HASSELL, Centre for the Built Environment and Health, AURECON & Bouncing Orange. Healthy Active By Design, President's Award, 2014 Planning Institute of Australia (PIA)WA Awards for Planning Excellence, Perth.
7. Jones, E (Chair of the CRE Advisory Group in WA) was made a PIA Fellow, 2014 Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) WA Awards for Planning Excellence, Perth.
8. Centre for the Built Environment and Health (Fiona Bull, Bryan Boruff, Paula Hooper, Bridget Beesley, Sharyn Hickey, Mary Murphy, Lisa Wood). Public Open Space Tool (www.postool.com.au) for Perth and Peel. Parks and Leisure Australia Regional Awards for Excellence (WA) 2014: Research Project Award.

9. Centre for the Built Environment and Health (Fiona Bull, Bryan Boruff, Paula Hooper, Bridget Beesley, Sharyn Hickey, Mary Murphy, Lisa Wood). Public Open Space Tool (www.postool.com.au) for Perth and Peel. Parks and Leisure Australia Regional Awards for Excellence (WA) 2014: Award for Use of Technology.

Victoria

10. Giles-Corti, B (Principal investigator) and the PHL Team. 2014 Victorian Health Promotion Foundation Awards Finalist for *The development of liveability indicators to monitor the health and wellbeing of Victorians* project. Category: Research into action.
11. Giles-Corti, B. 2014 Thomson Reuters Highly Cited Researcher in recognition of ranking among the top 1 % of researchers for most cited documents in the field of social science.
12. Badland, H. 2014 Melbourne School for Population and Global Health Open Award for Excellence in Research Achievements. University of Melbourne.
13. Giles-Corti, B. 2014 Melbourne School for Population and Global Health Open Award for Excellence in Research Achievements. University of Melbourne.
14. Giles-Corti B, Badland H, Foster S, Mavoa S, Whitzman C, Turrell G. 2014 Planning Institute of Australia Award of Planning Excellence for: Byrne J, Sipe N, Dodson J. *Australian Environmental Planning: Current problems and future prospects* (2014). Routledge, London. (Co-authors of book chapter entitled *Healthy cities*).

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14. Feng, X. 2014. Accepted a new role as Senior Lecturer in Epidemiology, School of Health and Society, University of Wollongong.
15. Feng, X. 2014 Ian Potter Travel Award to attend the 58th Society for Social Medicine Annual Conference, University of Oxford.
16. Feng, X. 2014 Early Career Researcher Team Award for Excellence and Innovation in Public Health Research: Council of Academic Public Health Institutions Australia (CAPIA).
17. Astell-Burt, T. 2014. Promoted to Senior Lecturer in Public Health, School of Science and Health, University of Western Sydney.
18. Astell-Burt, T. 2014 Early Career Researcher Team Award for Excellence and Innovation in Public Health Research: Council of Academic Public Health Institutions Australia (CAPIA).
19. Astell-Burt, T. 2014 Emerging Leader Award: Parks and Leisure Australia.
20. Astell-Burt, T. 2014 UWS Vice Chancellor's Award for Academic Professional Development.
21. Astell-Burt, T. 2014 National Heart Foundation of Australia Collaboration and Exchange Award.