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Director’s Progress Report
January - December 09

Journal articles


Wicks A (in press). Viewing the world through an occupational lens and becoming an occupation-focused occupational therapist. Taiwan Journal of Occupational Therapy. To be published in 2009

Conference presentations

Swan P. & Wicks A (under review) A model for sustaining an older workforce in local government. 23rd Annual Australian and New Zealand Academy of Management Conference, 3 December, Melbourne.

Wicks A (2009) *A change of focus: Occupational–focused programs for well people and their communities.* Occupational Therapy Association of South Africa Conference, 1 July, Port Elizabeth, South Africa

**Chapters**


**Reports**

Wicks, A. (2009). *Exploratory study of the feasibility of a new allied health program at Macquarie University.* Centre for Health Service Development, University of Wollongong

**Workshops**

May 26 Royal North Shore Hospital – Department of Occupational Therapy workshop

August 6 The other issue in retirement. UOW PODS workshop

**Professional Development**

Feb 5 Creation, Reflection, Promotion and Evaluation
Feb 26 The e-Teaching Journey.....an ’09 Tune-up
Mar 11 ULT3 Information Session
Mar 11 Getting Published: Targeting T & L in Higher Ed
April 21  Supervising HDR Students- Roles & Responsibilities
May 14  Introduction to Project Management
July 27  ULT3 submission

Grant Applications

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<td>Peter Swan Alison Wicks</td>
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Projects

**Nowra Sk8 Park: What it means to me**

The aims of this small qualitative project were: to gather the perceptions and experiences of two users of the new Nowra Skate Park as a way of understanding the role and meaning of the skate park in their everyday lives; and to present the findings in a visual display which was included in the Shoalhaven City Council’s 2009 Youth Week activities

**Understanding the occupational implications of a Koori development scholarship: A case study of the indigenous training scholarship with the Shoalhaven Marine and Freshwater Centre**

The aims of this project were to: understand the occupational implications of participating in the indigenous training scholarship with the Shoalhaven Marine and Freshwater Centre for the Koori recipient of a development scholarship provided by the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation; and to develop and evaluate means of assessing the occupational implications for indigenous people participating in training programs
Voices & Images from the Track

The aims of this project are to: provide team members of the Shoalhaven Kokoda Youth Experience 2009 an opportunity to share their experiences with family, friends, and the general public; and to publicly acknowledge the sponsors of the Shoalhaven Kokoda Youth Experience 2009.

RFID Deployment and Use in the Dairy Industry: Applications, Current Issues and Future Research Directions

RFID technology is currently considered as a key enabler of supply chain transformation. However, very little has been written about the deployment and social and occupational implications of RFID in the dairy industry. Drawing on an intensive literature review, this exploratory study seeks to present current applications and issues related to RFID’s adoption in the dairy industry and discuss future research directions for researchers interested in RFID technology.

Working parties / Committees

Shoalhaven Wellness Centre

Beyond 2020 Conference

Shoalhaven Wellness Committee

- Health & Aged Care Forum Network
- Intergenerational Project

Shoalhaven Kokoda Experience 09 Steering Committee
## Meetings & Community Workshops

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<td>February 16</td>
<td>Royal North Shore- Katrina Travassaros, Marg Daly</td>
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<td>February 25</td>
<td>Sunset Meeting, RFID, Samuel Fosso Wamba</td>
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<td>June 15</td>
<td>Post Graduate Research, Shoalhaven Campus</td>
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## Invited teaching

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<td>August 3-4</td>
<td>University of Newcastle, School of Occupational Therapy</td>
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<td>November 3</td>
<td>University of Wollongong, Bachelor of Nursing</td>
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## UOW Teaching

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<td>Spring session (Jul- Nov)</td>
<td>GHMB 957 Rehabilitation: Concepts &amp; practice – School of Nursing, Midwifery &amp; Indigenous Health</td>
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## Visitors to AOSC

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<td>August – November</td>
<td>Masayuki Takagi, Prefectural University of Hiroshima</td>
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<td>Endeavour Executive Award Scholar</td>
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<td>Jose Beurskens, The Netherlands</td>
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International visits

July
- Occupational Therapy Association of South Africa Conference, Port Elizabeth, South Africa
- Occupational Justice Symposium & Think Tank, Cape Town, South Africa

October
- Kokoda Trail, Papua New Guinea

Student Supervision

Jan – December
- Peter Swan, DBA candidate, Graduate School of Business

Feb- December
- Amie Meares, PhD, Charles Sturt University

Fieldwork placement

Jan – February
- Katie Anderson, Victoria Valente, students from University of Western Ontario undertaking a Masters in Occupational Therapy

Community Engagement

November 5
- Presentation to Nowra Ladies Probus Club – Shoalhaven Campus

November 10
- Presentation to Berry Rural Co-operative Society Ltd – Kokoda Trek