Promoting participation in occupation for health and community development, locally, nationally & internationally through:
research, education, publication, community engagement & partnerships
Australasian Occupational Science Centre
AOSC

Director’s Progress Report
January - December 2010

Journal articles


Conference presentations


Swan P & Wicks A (2010) *To work or not to work, that is the question: Exploring influences on the retirement intentions of older workers.* Joint Occupational Science Conference, London, Ont. Canada, 15 October.


**Book Chapters**


Wicks A (under review). It is more than just doing: A transactional perspective of the Berry Mens’ Shed. In M Cutchin & V Dickie (eds), *Transactional perspectives on occupation.* Springer.
Reports


AOSC Pty Ltd Board Meetings

June 15
Nov 30

Back row L to R: B Hilzinger, B Hanley, J Penkaitas, T Messner (P Rose – absent) - AOSC P/L Board members
Front row L to R: A Wicks, R Collins, I Nilsson

AOSC Pty Ltd Board meeting, 30 Nov10
Non Conference Workshops / Meetings

Feb 11  Supporting occupational therapists to improve quality of practice Part 1: Use of evidence
Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital – Department of Occupational Therapy workshop

May 6  Enhancing networking and collaboration in occupational science
Hosted by ISOS & CSSO, Santiago, Chile

May 11-12  Updates in occupational science: methods of research and contextualisations,
University of Magellanes, Punta Arenas, Chile

May 14  Understanding occupational therapy and occupational science
University of San Sebastian, Santiago, Chile

Aug 10  Supporting youth leadership programs: an investment in Shoalhaven’s future - Charlie Lynn
Sunset Club, Shoalhaven Campus

September 14  Do or die
Berry Probus Club

Professional Development

Dec-Feb10  POL340 Politics and the common good

April 15  PODS Course Development

July 12-13  Maria Tamboukou - Narrative Master Class
Grant Applications

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<td>Academy of the Social Sciences Australia</td>
<td>International Science Linkages Bilateral Program</td>
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Awards / Recognition

June

Highly Commended for Excellence in Community Engagement -

October

Invited keynote Speaker –Occupational Therapy Graduate Conference, Charles Sturt University

re elected for second term - Board member – International Society for Occupational Science

Projects

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.

Shoalhaven seniors’ time use: a pilot study

The primary aims of this pilot study are to explore and highlight everyday life among healthy Shoalhaven seniors from a time geographic perspective using time use diaries. The diaries will help identify what healthy seniors do to occupy their time, with whom they do things, where and why they do things. Such information is important for understanding and promoting healthy ageing. As a pilot, this study will be useful in developing larger studies to explore: the kind of knowledge about healthy seniors everyday life can we get by using a time geographic approach; the possibility of understanding occupational risks related to healthy aging issues by using a time geographic approach; cultural occupational differences identified when comparing the Australian sample with a matched Swedish sample; relevant interventions identified through a time geographic approach?

Creating futures by bridging the education gap: Developing the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS) program on the Far South Coast

The aims of this project, conducted in collaboration with DEEWR, Regional Development Australia: Far South Coast; Woolyungah, UOW and Wesley Mission Batemans Bay are:
- To increase awareness and understanding of ITAS among the Indigenous and non community on the Far South Coast
- To create opportunities for people in Indigenous and non indigenous communities to work as mentors for Indigenous students
- To increase the number of Indigenous students enrolled in ITAS
- To develop cultural sensitivity among the Indigenous and non Indigenous tutors employed by ITAS

Invited teaching

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Visitors to AOSC

October - December
Dr Ingeborg Nilsson, Umea University, Sweden, Visiting Senior Lecturer

Nov 25-26
Robert Pereira, PhD Candidate, Centre for research in Social Inclusion, Macquarie University

L to R: R Pereira, A Wicks, I Nilsson – 25 Nov10

International visits

May
University of Magallanes, Punta Arenas, Chile
University of San Sebastian, Santiago, Chile
World Federation of Occupational Therapy Congress, Santiago, Chile

October
Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada
CSOS - SSO symposium, London, Ontario, Canada

Students participating in workshop, University of Magellanes, 13 May10

An occupational lens - presentation to Dalhousie Univ.staff, 7 Oct 10
**UOW Teaching**

Autumn session  Facilitator - GHMB 950 Reflective Practice – School of Nursing. Midwifery & Indigenous Health

Spring session  Facilitator- GHMB 950 Reflective Practice – School of Nursing. Midwifery & Indigenous Health  
Facilitator - GHMB 957 Rehabilitation – School of Nursing. Midwifery & Indigenous Health  
Guest lecturer - NMIH 106 Bachelor of Nursing

**Student Supervision**

Peter Swan, DBA candidate, Graduate School of Business  
Lillian Thio, Masters student, School of Nursing, Midwifery and Indigenous Health  
Alfred Wellington, Indigenous Training Assistance Scheme (ITAS), Bachelor of Arts

**Reviews for journals**

1x manuscript reviewed for Journal of Occupational Science, February

1x request for manuscript review form Journal of Applied Gerontology - not undertaken

**Community Engagement**

Shoalhaven Kokoda Experience 2010 Steering Committee

Smith Family Learning for Life Mentor
Media Releases

April 7  Young people, put on your boots  South Coast Register p. 14

April 9  Message from Kokoda  South Coast Register p. 6

May 12  Interview with Alison Wicks -DVD  UMagTV, University of Magellanes

May 13  Postitulo organizado por la Carrera de terapia Ocupacional -Polar Communicaciones

July-Aug  Staff Profile: Dr Alison Wicks  Issue 18, UOW Community News p. 3  http://www.uow.edu.au/content/groups/public/@web/@unia/documents/doc/uow083745.pdf

Aug 2  Talk on leadership  South Coast Register p. 6


