

## Working group 8:

Sharing information and resources amongst university departments

## Background...

- Outcomes of 2003 National meeting:
  - Sustainability of PHC-RED RCBI
  - Strategies and structures to facilitate sharing of information and resources amongst university departments
- Call for nominees to working parties
- And the work began...

## Working group 8

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- Deb Saltman, University of Sydney
- Megan Passey, Northern Rivers UDRH
- Ann Ng, Victorian PHC-RED State Coordinator
- Ellen McIntyre, PHCRIS
- Sue Elliot, Dept Health & Ageing
- Liz Coghlan, Dept Health & Ageing
- Deb Askew, University of Queensland

## Our brief

- To propose strategies to facilitate information and resource sharing amongst university departments
- But...
  - No additional resources available
  - We had to present a definite proposal at this meeting

## Our process...

- Face-to-face meeting at Sydney airport, July:
  - Brain stormed possible strategies:
    - 19 ideas – 3 themes
      - Sharing intellectual “people” capacity
      - Sharing resources / expertise
      - Sharing education/training eg. train-the-trainer

## Our proposal, in brief

- Visiting Fellows program:
  - Rationale: To share information, resources, skills & experiences between researchers and university departments
- PHCRIS support and promotion of Research Capacity Building Initiative:
  - Rationale: to increase awareness of RCBI activities and resources by using a single, well-known & easily accessible point of reference, ie. PHCRIS website.

## Visiting fellows program

- Mini minor model:
- Enables personnel to visit other RCBI sites
  - Mutual benefit for both sites
  - Two weeks in duration
  - Administrative details managed by the participating universities
  - Costs shared between participating universities
  - Administrative details (DoHA's perspective):
    - Include visiting fellows program in 2005 business plan
    - Universities report on program in 2005 .annual report.

## PHCRIS promotion of PHC-RED

- Existing support:
  - GPinfonet
  - PHC RIS website
  - PHC RIS publications
  - Face-to-face meetings (annual conference)
  - PHC-RED emails

## PHCRIS promotion of RCBI cont...

- Suggestion from the working party:
  - Proactively collect and disseminate information about RCBI
  - Information gathered in standardised format
  - Purpose:
    - Promotion of upcoming activities, events, or opportunities
    - Record of past activities as a source of information for others considering same/similar activity

## PHCRIS promotion cont...

- 3 categories of information:
  - Research education
    - Lists of activities and relevant details
  - Support for individual researchers
    - Eg. fellowships, scholarships, grants & bursaries
  - Support of research activities
    - Eg. research clinics, practice-based research network, mentoring, research support networks
- minimal details and relevant contact details

## PHC RIS support cont...

- Publicising RDPs:
  - Profiles published on Website
    - Name
    - University and Department
    - Contact details
    - Brief description of proposed research