

# Australasian Occupational Science Centre AOSC

## Director's Report

January - December 07

### Publications

**Wicks A, Cambourne B, Collins R and de Roo M (2007)** Reflections on community engagement for transforming praxis: Lessons from the Learning and Teaching Creatively Project. 4th Annual AUCEA Conference - The Scholarship of Community Engagement: Australia's way forward. The Australian Universities Community Engagement Alliance Inc, Victoria. 104-110. ISSN 1833-4482

### Conference presentations

**Wicks A (2007)** *Do It Now: a project promoting participation in engaging occupations during retirement*. Panel on Ageing, Occupational Science Discussion Space, University of South Australia, Adelaide. December 13.

**Wicks A (2007)** *Advancing occupational science around the world*. Occupational Science Discussion Space, University of South Australia, Adelaide. December 12.

**Wicks A (2007)** *Into the mainstream: making occupational science visible*. Invited Keynote. 11th Japanese Occupational Science Seminar, Hamamatsu, Japan. December 2.

Collins R, Stevenson L, **Wicks A**, Hoult I, Parker-Newlyn L, Huber A (2007) *An exploration of university-community engagement and its role in the development of leadership and innovation in a region*. ANZRSI Small Enterprise Conference. Manukau City, New Zealand. 23-26 September, 2007.

**Wicks A, Cambourne B, Collins R & DeRoo M (2007)** *Reflections on community engagement for transforming praxis: Lessons from the Learning and Teaching Creatively project*. AUCEA Annual Conference, Alice Springs, Australia. July 4.

**Wicks A (2007)** *Do It Now: a project promoting participation in engaging occupations during retirement*. International Panel on Ageing, Annual Occupational Science Symposium, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA. March 30.

## Grant Applications

Funding Body	Type of grant	Date submitted	C. I.	Term	Amount	Outcome
IMB	Community funding	19 Jan 07	A Wicks A Huber	12 months	\$11 800	unsuccessful
UOW	Community Engagement	4 May 07	A Huber A Wicks	12 months	\$11 800	unsuccessful
United Care Ageing	Bequest Funding	31 Aug 07	A Wicks	2 years	\$140 015 inc GST	unsuccessful
MBF	Community funding	21 Dec 07	A Wicks	2 years	\$127 285 ex GST	unsuccessful

## Projects

### Creative play with everyday things

The aim of this project was to develop a sustainable community resource of play ideas for parents, teachers, libraries and other community groups. The resource will promote innovative ways of providing low cost / no cost creative and physical play experiences which will engage children in a healthy and productive lifestyle with minimal human environmental impact. The students enrolled in the 2007 Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary) – Knowledge Building Community Mentoring Program (GDE-KBC) at the University of Wollongong’s Shoalhaven Campus were involved in the project throughout the year. With supervision and mentoring the students identified and found resources and play activities for play-based workshops and then facilitated 5 x 90 minute creative play-based workshops for 10 -12 primary school aged children and one parent/carer per child. The students also produced a resource booklet describing play activities and resources for families and community organizations to use. The partners in this collaborative project are the University of Wollongong’s Faculty of Education, the AOSC and the YWCA NSW - Shoalhaven.

## Workshops

December 2007 It’s in my blood: How occupational science changed my world view. School of Occupational Therapy  
Seirie Christopher University, Hamamatsu, Japan

It’s in my blood: How occupational science changed my world view. Hiroshima Prefectural University, Mihara,  
Japan

## **Working parties**

**Shoalhaven Wellness Centre**

**Beyond 2020 Conference**

## **Invited international visits**

February-May 07 International Fellowship, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA

December 07 Kiba International University, Japan  
Seirei Christopher University, Japan  
Prefectural University of Hiroshima, Japan

## **Student Supervision**

Peter Swan, Doctorate of Business Administration (DBA) candidate, UOW Graduate School of Business