

ISSR review



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Welcome

This year we welcomed two new international research staff to our ranks, Dr Bernard Baffour and Dr Paco Perales (see interview).

As part of our extensive families' research we hosted the Vulnerable Families workshop and began a new project, *Dad and Partner Pay*.

Projects on Indigenous peacemaking and water resource planning concluded and linkage grants on urban water and energy use, and elderly homelessness were awarded.

Our social research methods staff are developing a new statistical framework to include mobile phones in survey findings.

Research assists the homeless

Dr Cameron Parsell speaks about homelessness research on the eve of the annual Vinnies CEO Sleepout in Brisbane.



Linkage grants

ISSR Director Professor Mark Western congratulated two research staff who were awarded 2012 Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage grants – Professor Brian Head and Dr Maree Petersen.

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Researchers



Paco Perales - new staff

Sociologist Dr Paco Perales University's social science ranks. His research expertise is in labour markets and he has a passion for equality of opportunity. [Read more](#)



Restorative justice

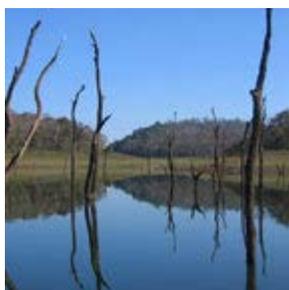
The Mornington Island Restorative Justice Project (MIRJ) uses restorative justice, or "peacemaking" principles to resolve disputes within the community that may otherwise escalate to the criminal justice system and lead to incarceration.

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Angela Higginson - awarded PhD

After four years, three months, three weeks and one day – whilst juggling part-time and full-time work ISSR Fellow, Dr Angela Higginson, has been awarded a PhD for her thesis. [Read more](#)



Water resource planning

The Millennium Drought of 2002-2009 made a permanent mark on South East Queensland (SEQ), and there is now far greater recognition of the value of water and the need for effective water resource management.

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Dad and partner pay

Last month the Institute won a \$550k project under its recent panel

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appointment with the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA).

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[SBS and ISSR Research and Innovation Awards Ceremony](#)

27 September, UQ St Lucia



Fragile families

ISSR recently hosted the Vulnerable Families in Australia Workshop which brought together leading international researchers, government and non-government agencies to review academic research and policy and program agendas.

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Publications

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Surveys and mobile use

The rapid uptake of mobile phone use and the growing number of mobile-only households has created challenges for social survey researchers. This challenge was the focus of a recent workshop, *Telephone Surveying and the Mobile Phone Only Population*.

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