Report on the Meeting to Assess NH&MRC Equipment Grant Applications for 2008 held on Friday 5th December 2008

Present: Professor Doug McEachern, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation)
Dr Pauline Grierson, School of Plant Biology
Associate Professor Peter Eastwood, School of Anatomy & Human Biology
Professor George Yeoh, School of Biomedical, Biomolecular & Chemical Sciences
Ms Liz Davey, Research Services

The selection panel met to rank the 23 applications received, which collectively requested $1,409,567. A total of $532,535 was granted by NHMRC, and 9 applications were approved for funding as follows;

T Bakker, Biomedical, Biomolecular & Chemical Sciences
System to measure single skeletal muscle cell shortening under physiological conditions
Funds requested: $27,457
Funds allocated: $27,457

J Blackwell, Centre for Child Health Research
Applied Biosystems 7900HT Fast Real-Time PCR System
Funds requested: $129,000
Funds allocated: $100,000

L Hool, Biomedical, Biomolecular & Chemical Sciences
GE Vivid 7 Dimension Cardiac Ultrasound System
Funds requested: $90,000
Funds allocated: $70,000

*** J Olynyk, Medicine & Pharmacology
Echosens Fibroscan Device with Standard Probe (FS-502E)
Funds requested: $57,775
Funds allocated: $6,578

L Palmer, Centre for Genetic Epidemiology & Biostatistics
Enhancement of the WA DNA Bank (CryoBio High Security Storage System for Plasma and serum....)
Funds requested: $80,907
Funds allocated: $65,000

K Pfleger, Centre for Medical Research
Perkin Elmer JANUS Integrator Robotic Liquid Handling Workstation
Funds requested: $82,500
Funds allocated: $82,500
G Polglase, Women's & Infants' Health
Siemens Medical RAPIDLAB 1200 Blood Gas Analyzer
Funds requested: $35,000
Funds allocated: $35,000

D Sampson, Centre for Microscopy, Characterisation & Analysis
Enhanced Live Cell and Small Animal Microscopic Imaging
Funds requested: $96,661
Funds Allocated: $86,000

G Yeoh, Biomedical, Biomolecular & Chemical Sciences
Fuji FLA7000
Funds requested: $71,061
Funds allocated: $60,000

*** The DVC(R&I) would provide the balance of funding to Prof Olynyk from anticipated Program Grant

It was noted that the quality of applications had improved considerably.

Some items of equipment requested could be accessed via other schools/departments.

Statistics:

2006
Funds received: $585,415
Value of applications: $2,007,955
No. of applications received: 26
No. of applications funded: 11

2007
Funds received: $597,039
Value of applications: $1,793,833
No. of applications received: 27
No. of applications funded: 12

2008
Funds received: $532,535
Value of applications: $1,409,567
No. of applications received: 23
No. of applications funded: 9