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: $5,578

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 Yech, 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