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Title	Principal Investigator	Project Outline
ROUND ONE (2008)		
2008/101: Addressing skills shortages: assistance required to find long term, full time pharmacist for Turnbull's Pharmacy	Michael Meaney	Financial assistance to locate and attract a full time pharmacist to meet the growing needs of the community by increasing professional services, quality and accessibility. There is a need for a long term employee.
2008/102: Development Implementation and evaluation of a comprehensive training and support package for pharmacy graduates.	Margaret Hewetson	To improve recruitment and retention of competent young pharmacists in rural areas.
2008/103: Development and evaluation of a rural pharmacy practice and research network to facilitate the provision of pharmacy services	Therese Kairuz	Strategic initiative to establish links between community and hospital pharmacists in Mt Isa, PAUDRH at UQ, and the Mt Isa Centre for Rural & Remote Health MICRRH. The aim is to form a collaborative effort to identify and address pharmacy practice issues in Mt Isa. The project will reinforce existing links and the network may be used as a resource for pharmacy research projects conducted through honours programme at UQ. A successful network may contribute to recruitment and retention of pharmacists in Mt Isa.
2008/104: It's Coolah to Quit	Alison Broinowski	To encourage cessation of smoking in a target group within the local community of Coolah by providing a multifaceted program, utilising skills already within our community and for which ordinarily funds are unavailable.
2008/105: Community pharmacy initiated open ended glaucoma screening and staff training scheme in rural Australia	Gail Neilson	The project aims at preventative health care relating specifically to screening for undiagnosed glaucoma and how community pharmacy can play its part in a multi disciplinary team. The team will be facilitated by community pharmacies, general practitioners and ophthalmologists/optometrists. The project will be supported with training and protocols for pharmacy staff to perform referrals to ocular professionals. An economic analysis of the benefits of glaucoma screening will be undertaken.

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2008/106: The development of an adverse drug monitoring intervention tool for use in an Aboriginal Health Service	Darryl Stewart	The project aims to develop an adverse drug monitoring intervention tool for use in an Aboriginal Health Service. The primary outcome is to test the usefulness of this tool in relation to the provision of QUM services by community pharmacies supporting AHS's.
2008/107: Quit smoking start living program	Debbie Prior	The project consists of weekly quit smoking clinic days conducted by pharmacists across five pharmacies. The program will be supported by local area marketing with a rewards program through the customer loyalty program with instant rewards at each compliant step. A direct mail campaign to local businesses with an offer to visit the workplace for larger employers.
2008/108: To provide regular medications to patients in remote communities fully labelled by pharmacy	Anthony Masi	To develop a system by which patients in remote communities with chronic disease receive their regular medications labelled by the pharmacy with appropriate C&A labels and CMI's where suitable. These medications will be provided under current S100 arrangements but instead of being sent to the clinic as bulk stock, the patient will receive a better level of pharmacy service. This project will be conducted as a pilot in 3 WA County health service (WAHCS) communities under tender to Broome Pharmacy. This will also act to remove dispensing as a responsibility of medical officers and allow the pharmacy to have a more active role in medication management and review.
2008/109: Web info/communication enhancement and delivery lasso project. (to encircle the rural community)	Kelly Lash	The project will create a website to improve awareness of services and increase access to rural communities in an attempt to increase communication via email, phone or in person. The project will promote medical information queries, prescription and OTC and other ancillary services such as HMRs. Advertising will be by news, fliers and word of mouth. Data will be collected by the nature of hits and cross referenced to visits/dispensing/info queries and any type of delivery or home visit. An online survey to aid QA and comments.

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2008/110: Developing a triage service within a pharmacy	Patrick Mahony	To specify and document the skills, resources, training and attributes required to function as a triage assistant in a pharmacy. To build, trial and assess various models of dispensary furniture. To develop a record keeping system that will be robust, secure, efficient and applicable to the pharmacist service.
<i>ROUND TWO (2008)</i>		
2008/201: Development and implementation of a flexible anticoagulation monitoring service for rural community pharmacies	Luke Bereznicki	This project aims to develop the tools to equip rural and remote community pharmacies with the training and skills to provide anticoagulation monitoring services to their community. Depending on the needs of the area, pharmacies may wish to be trained to identify and train patients to perform self-monitoring, or may wish to receive assistance setting up an anticoagulation monitoring clinic within their pharmacy. The project will involve working with pharmacies to develop sustainable business cases for providing anticoagulation services. Business cases will include communication strategies for liaising with local general practitioners and allied health professionals while setting up the service, as well as including online training components to facilitate further training and support in rural and remote regions.
2008/202: Furneaux Islands - Enhanced Medication Reviews and QUM Support Program	Anne Todd	The Furneaux Island community, located in Bass Strait, does not have a local community pharmacy and is without access to Home Medicine Reviews. The program aims to work closely with a team of community pharmacies, accredited pharmacists, the Flinders Island General Practice and the University of Tasmania Department of Rural Health to develop and implement an enhanced HMR visiting program for consumers and provide QUM professional development for health workers in the Furneaux Islands.
2008/203: Scoping the role for an Aboriginal Adherence Worker in primary health care in remote Aboriginal communities	Rollo Manning	This project will look into all aspects of creating a position in remote Aboriginal communities for a position titled "Adherence Support Worker" (ASW). A pilot program will be described to test the structure, function and training for the position. A small number of positions are envisaged for an initial testing of the education, training and interpersonal relationship qualities.

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2008/204: Wound management for the people of Bendigo	James Nevile	The aim of the Wound Care project is to provide residents of a rural town with access to a comprehensive wound management program. People living in metropolitan areas have ready access to wound care clinics and specialist hospital units, people living in the country do not. The program aims to approach patients and their wounds individually and work to resolve the issues. Time spent with the pharmacists and photographic monitoring of the results aims to treat the patient as a person rather than just a wound and a dressing. Time devoted by the pharmacist to integrate our services with those of local GPs, nurses and other health providers will ensure improved patient outcomes.
2008/205: Accessing health information in rural areas using health promotion and internet access through community pharmacy	Ashok Narayana	This project will coordinate the delivery of a comprehensive health information and health promotion campaign in a rural area of Tasmania. The program will be aligned with the Department of Health calendar of events and each month the pharmacy will run a comprehensive health promotion program according to a relevant health awareness program.
2008/206: Development of career pathways for Indigenous people to provide medication support services in remote Aboriginal Health Service (AHS) settings	Margaret Craig	This project will explore and develop the role of a medicines worker in AHS, identify existing training packages that can be undertaken by trainees and research options for funding support such as traineeships and new apprenticeships, etc. There are many barriers to address for accredited pathways to occur. It will also provide information and resources for Section 100 community pharmacists to support AHS and trainees in developing their career pathways. The information will be documented as a downloadable web page.
2008/207: Emergency Hormonal Contraception survey from rural community pharmacies in Western Australia	Sajni Gudka	Evaluation of current EHC service is essential to improve the quality of service, integrate pharmacists in the public health workforce and to provide evidence-base for new sexual health screening services from pharmacies.

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ROUND THREE (2009)		
2009/01: Real-time Primary Care for People Living in the Wimmera	James Nevile	To provide patients living in remote locations access to pharmacy services equal to that afforded metropolitan residents.
2009/04: Developing Strategies to Increase HMRs in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities	Lindy Swain	To investigate the way indigenous Australians are a low use segment of the HMR program and develop recommendations and strategies to increase delivery of HMRS in Australian Indigenous communities.
2009/05: Nagel's Amcal Pharmacy Waist Management Program	Brett Nagel	To reduce chronic disease risks in community pharmacy clients through the implementation of a family focused multifaceted healthy lifestyle program. The project will target young time-poor pharmacy clients who do not access health related programs or services at the local hospital
2009/06: Strategies to Monitor and Improve Medication Compliance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Patients	Sherryl Munday	To develop and implement a process that is culturally sensitive and based on MedsIndex to monitor and improve compliance/concordance with prescribed medications for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients.
2009/07: Generic medicines are an Equal choice	Sherryl Munday	To inform and assure patients that generic medicines are an equal choice by providing information about generics.
2009/08: Evaluation and enhancement of services provided by Community Pharmacy to Small Rural Health Services	Craig and Susanne Keating	To improve the continuum of care to rural Australians as they move in and out of the Hospital system by proposing to enhance and coordinate the access to professional services.

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2009/10: Developing behaviour change capabilities for rural pharmacists: A pilot study of smoking cessation counselling	Paquita Sutherland/PSA Tasmania	Target rural Australians who generally, for one reason or another do not have the same access to health services as their urban counterparts. This proposal is an innovative use of existing health care resources, that is, community pharmacists within a rural community.
2009/11: Pharmacy Remote Accredited Continence Education (PRACE)	Michael Janssen	To up skill community pharmacy staff to deliver best practice continence care in remote communities through undertaking accredited continence education.
2009/12: Review and improve the HMR process at the Pika Wiya Aboriginal Health Service	Amanda Sanburg	To improve the HMR process at PWHS and if necessary, develop a more appropriate model for application to Aboriginal Health Services (AHS's).
2009/14: Survey the learning needs of new pharmacists to the Northern Territory with a view to developing a number of appropriate CPD opportunities	Judith Oliver	To improve the skills of community pharmacists across the NT, improve the quality of the service pharmacists provide to the community by improving pharmacists skills and knowledge and developing a CPD network for pharmacists.
2009/16: Supporting rural practitioners: Pharmacy-based support mechanisms for drug misuse in rural and remote communities	Professor Greg Peterson	To design and develop a community pharmacy-based identification and intervention program, incorporating education and counselling services for rural and remote communities. This program will develop capacity within rural community pharmacies to deliver brief interventional counselling for illicit drug users.
2009/17: Filling the Gap in Professional Services: Medication Use Reviews (MURs) in rural community pharmacies	Dr Shane Jackson	To examine the feasibility of an MUR-type program in community pharmacies with Australia, with this project examining their implementation within rural community pharmacies.
2009/18: Strengthening and supporting the rural pharmacy workforce: Developing strategies to reduce violence in pharmacy	Dr Shane Jackson	To equip owner and employee pharmacists with the necessary skills, resources and protocols to minimise the incidence and consequences of violent incidents in community pharmacy.

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2009/19: Development of Procedures for Improving Continuity of Care Between Hospital and Community for Residents of Remote Aboriginal Communities	Shelley Forester	Development of procedures for improving continuity of care between hospital and community for residents of remote Aboriginal communities. Project aims are to develop procedures for the flow in information about medication from hospital to community and vice versa for Aboriginal clients admitted and discharged from hospital.
2009/21: Assessing Training Needs of ATSI Pharmacy Assistants at Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services in NT	Rollo Manning	This project will scope out the needs of persons currently working as a pharmacy technician at a community controlled health service and defining a training program that would help others in a similar environment to gain a better understanding of the pharmacy industry.