

Chairman's Report

Since being established by the Queensland Government in 1945, QIMR has grown to become one of the largest medical research institutes in the southern hemisphere and is an internationally recognised centre of excellence for medical research.

It has achieved this recognition by promoting excellence in the conduct and support of its medical research projects.

QIMR also portrays the essential features of innovation, risk taking and discovery.

QIMR houses over 800 scientists, students and support staff in four research divisions which include 38 separate laboratories, an Indigenous Health Program and a Corporate Division.

QIMR accommodates scientists in world-class facilities with expertise in molecular biology, population studies, gene discovery and translational research.

QIMR has established an international reputation and pursues key research areas in cellular and molecular sciences, epidemiology and population health, cancer biology, biotechnology, infectious diseases and vaccine development.

In 2004-05, QIMR successfully used \$5.5 million of grant funding from the Queensland Government to leverage \$30 million in funding for research services from domestic grants and over \$9 million from international grants.

QIMR has built on its reputation in Queensland and Australia as a leading research services provider and now provides research services to the developed and developing world. Its ability to attract international grants makes QIMR a significant exporter of research services which benefits QIMR and the flow-on effects benefit the community of Queensland.

In 2005-06 QIMR received \$10.5 million for its exported research services by attracting grant funding from the United States, Europe and Asia. Research grants for research services are received from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the US Department of Defence, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Wellcome Foundation (UK). QIMR has now established itself as the biggest recipient of NIH funding within Australia with an annual value of \$8.4 million.

The international links thus created from its world-class reputation results in international visitors travelling to study in Queensland who frequently stay for a holiday and as a result this benefits the local purveyors of tourism products. QIMR and its medical research programs are good business for Queensland not just for the new therapies and discoveries that flow from its research but from the benefits that flow from having a \$50 million international business and a significant exporter of services to the developed and developing world.



*Sir Bruce Watson AC
Chairman*

The Queensland Institute of Medical Research (QIMR) is the State's premier health and medical research institution and has gained worldwide recognition for its research into the prevention and cures for cancer and infectious diseases

Council Members

Sir Bruce Watson AC BE (Elec) BCom (Chairman)

Sir Bruce Watson was born in Queensland in 1928. In 1956 he joined MIM Holdings Limited and became General Manager of the Agnew Nickel Mining Joint Venture in Western Australia in 1975. In 1977, he returned to Brisbane as a Director and later as CEO and Chairman of MIM Holdings Limited.

Sir Bruce has been a Member of the Supervisory Board of Metallgesellschaft AG, a Director of Boral Limited, ASARCO Inc, National Australia Bank Limited and Chairman of the Gas Corporation of Queensland Limited. From 1992 to 1995 Sir Bruce served

as National President of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and in 1992 as President of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. In June 1985 he was knighted in recognition of his most distinguished service to Queensland industry and in 2004 Sir Bruce was made a Companion of the Order of Australia.

Mr Paul Wright AM FAIM F Fin FAICD (Deputy Chairman)

Paul has combined banking, health, hospitality and consulting into a career which has encompassed over 25 years in senior executive management with a breadth and depth in leadership roles. He has been General Manager Queensland

and Northern Territory of Medical Benefits Fund of Australia Limited and provided executive services as General Manager of The Brisbane Club.

Paul has also been a company director for more than 20 years and has served as Chairman/ President of The Australian Institute of Management and is now serving a second term as Chariman of The Royal Flying Doctor Service (Qld). He is currently the Chairman of The CyberInstitute Pty Ltd, The Queensland Institute of Medical Research Trust and Phoenix Eagle Company Pty Ltd. Other current Board appointments include PQ Lifestyles Pty Ltd and Queensland Fruit and Vegetable Growers Limited.

QIMR Council Members

*From left: Back row: Mr Paul Wright AM (Deputy Chair), Sir Bruce Watson AC (Chairman), Professor Bryan Campbell AM
From left: Front row: Professor Judith Clements, Professor Lyn Griffiths, Dr Paula Marlton*



Professor Bryan Campbell AM MD BS FRACP FRACMA

Professor Campbell was formerly Chief Health Officer Queensland and Head of The University of Queensland Medical School. He has been a Councillor of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, the Royal Australian College of Medical Administrators and a member of the National Health and Medical Research Council. He was Deputy Chair of the Australian Health Ethics Committee and a member of the NHMRC Embryo Research Licensing Committee until June 2006.

Prof Judith Clements BAppSc MAppSc PhD

Professor Clements has over 20 years experience as a basic researcher in biomedical research, primarily in the general field of molecular endocrinology. Her current research seeks understanding of the molecular basis of hormone dependent and urogenital cancers such as prostate, breast, ovarian and endometrial carcinoma. Professor Clements is currently Program Leader of the Hormone-Dependent Cancer Program within the Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation at the

Queensland University of Technology and also an NHMRC Principal Research Fellow.

Professor Lyn Griffiths BSc (Hons) PhD

Professor Griffiths is Director of the Genomics Research Centre at Griffith University Gold Coast, Head of the GU School of Medical Science, and a past Director of the Australian Society of Medical Research (ASMR) from 1999 to 2001. She has authored 117 peer-reviewed publications to date in molecular genetics international journals, and is Chair of the Scientific Program Committee for the next International Congress of Human Genetics. She was awarded the Centenary Medal for Distinguished Service to Education and Medical Research.

Dr Paula Marlton MB BS (Hons) FRACP FRACPA (From February 2006)

Paula Marlton is the Head of Leukaemia and Lymphoma Services at the Princess Alexandra Hospital where she has worked as the Deputy Director of Haematology since 1994. Her previous appointments included 3 years at the MD Anderson Cancer Centre in Houston Texas.

Dr Marlton has a very broad experience in clinical research including roles as principal investigator of national trials and an ongoing involvement in translational research in haematologic malignancies.

She was the founding Chair of the Australasian Leukaemia and Lymphoma Group Laboratory Science Committee and has established and continues to direct the PWC Leukaemia and Lymphoma Tissue Bank. Her other professional activities include serving on the Board of the Leukaemia Foundation, Drug Advisory Boards, Government Advisory Committees as well as a wide range of teaching and clinical service activities.

Professor Peter Brooks MD FRACP FRCP Edin FAFRM FAFPHM MD Lund (Hon Causa)

Professor Brooks was Foundation Professor of Rheumatology at the University of Sydney prior to becoming Professor of Medicine at St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney in 1992. He was appointed Executive Dean of Health Sciences at the University of Queensland in 1998, has extensive research experience

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Professor Alan Lopez



in basic inflammation and treatment of rheumatic diseases and has been a member of the Fellowships Committee and Partnerships Committee of the NHMRC.

Mr Christopher Coyne LLB

Christopher Coyne is a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland, specialising in insurance law, health law, corporate government and risk management. He was admitted as a solicitor in 1979 and was a partner in the national law firm Clayton Utz from 1984 to 2002. He is an Adjunct Professor at The University of Queensland School of Law. He is Chair of the Mater Health Services Human Research Committee and a member of the Australian Health Ethics Committee and the NHMRC Gene Related Therapy Research Advisory Panel. Chris is Chairman of the Queensland Law Society's captive insurer, Lexon and is a director of the Heart Research Institute (Queensland). He is a sitting member of the Queensland Commercial and Consumer Tribunal.

Mr Paul Fennelly BA LLB

Mr Fennelly has wide experience in financial management, business and public administration.

Dr Gerry FitzGerald MD BS BHA FACEM FRACMA FACHSE (To August 2005)

Dr FitzGerald was the Chief Health Officer for Queensland until August 2005. He graduated from the University of Queensland in 1976. After two years at the Mater Hospital he worked as Medical

Registrar and subsequently the Director of the Emergency Department at Ipswich hospital for over ten years. He joined the Queensland Ambulance Services as Medical Director in 1990 and subsequently became Commissioner a position he held for almost ten years. He has held numerous positions within the College for Emergency Medicine and the Journal Emergency Medicine and as part of his current position represents the Department of Health on numerous Councils and boards including the NHMRC and ACHS.

Professor Alan Lopez BSc (Hons) MS PhD

Professor Lopez is Professor of Medical Statistics and Population Health at the University of Queensland and a consultant to the World Health Organisation. He has published widely on mortality analysis and causes of death, and is co-author of the seminal Global Burden of Disease Study (1996) which has greatly influenced debates about priority setting and resource allocation in health. He has been awarded major research grants in population health in recognition of his research competence and is a member of Australia's NHMRC Program Grants Committee.

Dr Jeannette Young MB BS FRACMA MBA AFACHSE (From September 2006)

Dr Young has been the Chief Health Officer for Queensland since August 2005. In her previous position she was the Executive Director of Medical Services at the Princess

Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane for six years where she was responsible for the provision of Medical services across the Hospital and a member of the Executive team. She came to the position following four years as the Director of Medical Services at the Rockhampton Base Hospital. Prior to that she spent nine years at Westmead Hospital in Sydney working, initially, in the area of Emergency Medicine followed by responsibility for medico-legal issues and management of junior medical staff.

One of her major areas of interest has been in medical workforce management and development. Until recently she was the Chair of the Australian Medical Workforce Advisory Council and an AHMAC nominee on the Australian Medical Council. Another area of interest has been in organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Until recently she was the Eastern States representative on Australians Donate, the national peak body for organ and tissue donation. In her current role she is on the Queensland Medical Board, the Radiation Advisory Council, co-chairs the Queensland Emergency Medical System Advisory Committee, chairs the Queensland Blood Advisory Committee and is Queensland's representative on the National Health and Medical Research Council and the Australian Health Protection Committee. She has recently been appointed to the newly established AHMAC Clinical, Technical and Ethical Principal Committee.