



Chairman's Report

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The Institute is fortunate to be supported by the Queensland Institute of Medical Research Trust which, because of its excellent fundraising, has been able to increase its annual grants. World class research requires state-of-the-art research equipment and top scientists can only be attracted to the Institute if their scientific needs are met. This is an area where the Institute faces significant ongoing expenditure.

The Council reviews performance of the Institute against a strategic plan which covers all aspects of its work and needs. Two measures concern scientific publications and commercial contracts. It is pleasing to report that the number of scientific papers published in highly regarded technical publications has increased rapidly and a number of patent applications have been submitted and granted. It is also pleasing to note that a number of commercial contracts which could

lead to products of considerable commercial importance have been signed. Successful development of these contracts will lead to clinical trials which if successful would lead to actual products.

QIMR is endeavouring to significantly increase its translational medicine programmes.

Mention must also be made of progress towards clinical trials of vaccines to treat nasopharyngeal carcinoma, a significant problem in south east China, in conjunction with the University of Hong Kong. It is anticipated that these trials will begin during 2007.

A further measure of QIMR's progress is the grants received. Over the past 5 years competitive grants received from NHMRC have increased from approximately \$11.8M to \$15M, and grants from NIH have increased from approximately \$5M to \$8M.

QIMR has strategic alliances both nationally and internationally with other medical research institutes, hospitals, universities, charitable foundations and commercial parties.

The Council congratulates all our people on the excellent progress being made to improve health care for all mankind.



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Council Members



*Sir Bruce Watson AC
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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
Deputy Chair*

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Paul has combined banking, health, hospitality and consulting into a career which has encompassed over twenty-five 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 to The Brisbane Club.

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



Professor Peter Brooks

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



Professor Bryan Campbell AM

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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. She 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 Judith Clements

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, a member of the Australian Health Ethics Committee and the former NHMRC Gene Related Therapy Research Advisory Panel. Chris is Chairman of the Queensland Law Society's captive insurer, Lexon, a director of the Heart Research Institute (Queensland) and the Incorporated Council for Law reporting for the state of Queensland. He is a sitting member of the Queensland Commercial and Consumer Tribunal.



Mr Chris Coyne

Mr Paul Fennelly BA LLB

Mr Fennelly has wide experience in financial management, business and public administration. He is currently a Director with Westpac Institutional Bank where his focus is on major equity investments, primarily in the area of alternative asset classes, including infrastructure, public private partnerships, property and private equity. From January 2002 - 2006 Mr Fennelly was Director-General of the Department of State Development; concurrently he served as the Co-ordinator-General from 2002 -2005. Prior to joining the Queensland Government he was Victorian Director of the Australian Industry Group which is the nation's largest industry association.



Mr Paul Fennelly

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 131 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.



Professor Lynn Griffiths



Professor Alan Lopez



Dr Paula Marlton



Dr Jeanette Young

Professor Alan Lopez BSc (Hons), MS PhD, HonFAFPHM

Professor Lopez is Professor of Medical Statistics and Population Health and Head of the School of Population Health at the University of Queensland. Prior to joining the University in January 2003, he worked at the World Health Organisation in Geneva, Switzerland, for 22 years where he held a series of technical and senior managerial posts including Chief epidemiologist in WHO's Tobacco Control Program (1992-95), Manager of WHO's Program on Substance Abuse (1996-98), Director of the Epidemiology and Burden of Disease Unit (1999-2001), Senior Science Advisor to the Director – General (2002) and adjunct professor at Harvard University since 2005.

He has published widely on mortality analysis and causes of death, including the impact of the global tobacco epidemic, and on the global descriptive epidemiology of major diseases, injuries and risk factors. He is the 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 epidemiology, health services research and population health, chairs the Health and Medical Research Council of Queensland, and is an honorary fellow of the Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine.

Dr Paula Marlton MB BS (Hons) FRACP FRACPA

Paula Marlton is the Head of Leukaemia and Lymphoma Services at the Princess Alexandra Hospital where she is also Deputy Director of Haematology. Her previous appointments included 3 years at the MD Anderson Cancer Centre in Houston Texas. She has extensive experience in clinical research including the role of principal investigator for 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 and College Advisory Committees as well as a wide range of academic and clinical service activities.

Dr Jeannette Young MB BS FRACMA MBA AFACHSE

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.

As the Chief Health Officer she is responsible for Mental Health policy and legislation, Population Health services policy and regulation, Disaster planning and Private facility licensing. She is a member of the Queensland Medical Board, the Radiation Advisory Council, the Queensland Institute of Medical Research 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, the Australian Health Protection Committee and the AHMAC Clinical, Technical and Ethical Principal Committee.