

# Dissemination and Community Relations

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## Staff Publications, Presentations and External Professional Involvement

Staff of the Institute engage in numerous professional activities which facilitate the dissemination to the wider community of Institute research and activities through: the publication of findings from Institute research in journals, books, reports, papers and other informational materials; presentations to colleagues at conferences, workshops and seminars; and participation in or membership of professional advisory committees or bodies.

### Judy Adams

#### **Publications**

Adams, J. (ed.) (1999), *Youth Suicide Prevention Bulletin*, no.2, January.

Adams, J. (ed.) (1999), *Youth Suicide Prevention Bulletin*, no.3, June.

Adams, J. (ed.) (1999), *Child Abuse Prevention*, National Child Abuse Protection Clearinghouse Newsletter, vol.7, no.1, Autumn.

Adams, J. (ed.) (1998), *Child Abuse Prevention*, National Child Abuse Protection Clearinghouse Newsletter, vol.6, no. 2, Spring.

Adams, J. (ed.) (1998), *Youth Suicide Prevention Bulletin*, no.1, September.

#### **Conferences/Presentations**

'Youth Suicide Communications Project', Presentation given to the Department of Health and Aged Care, Canberra, 15 June 1999.

### Diana Amos

#### **Commissioned Report**

Amos, D. (1998), 'Findings from a 'Quality Child Care Parent Review' parent survey', Report commissioned by the Commonwealth Child Care Advisory Council, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, August (co-author: C. Millward).

#### **External Professional Involvement**

Member, Australian Psychological Society.

### Trevor Batrouney

#### **Publications**

Batrouney, T. (1998), 'Some patterns in the settlement of religious communities in Australia', in G. Bouma (ed.), *Many Religions:*

*All Australian: Religious Settlements, Identity and Cultural Diversity*, Christian Research Association, Melbourne.

Batrouney, T. and Stone, W. (1998), 'Cultural diversity and family exchanges', *Family Matters*, no.51, Spring/Summer, pp.13-20.

Batrouney, T. and Williams, L. (1998), 'Immigrants and poverty', in R. Fincher and J. Niewenhuysen (eds.), *Poverty in Australia: Then and now*, Melbourne University Press, Melbourne.

#### **Conferences/Presentations**

'Cultural diversity and family exchanges', Paper presented to the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998 (co-presenter: W. Stone).

'Families and Gender Equity', Paper presented to the National Women's Education Centre International Forum on Life-long learning for the creation of a gender equal society at home, schools and in the community, National Women's Education Centre, Saitama, Japan, 18-20 November 1998 (co-author: G. Soriano).

'Arab-Australians: Issues of Citizenship and Identity', Paper presented to the Conference on Arab-Australians today: Citizenship and belonging, Sydney University, Sydney, 9 October 1998.

### Andrew Burbidge

#### **Publications**

Burbidge, A. (1998), 'Changing patterns of social exchanges', *Family Matters*, no.50, Winter, pp.10-19.

Burbidge, A. (1998), 'Social capital and the need for devolution, analysis of Mark Latham', *Family Matters*, no.50, Winter, pp.24-26.

### **Conferences/Presentations**

'Towards a history of the self reliant family in Australia', Paper presented to the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998.

### **External Professional Involvement**

Member, Housing Round Table web-site committee.

## **Susan Fooks**

### **Publications**

Fooks, S. (1999), 'Resources in suicide prevention', *Youth Suicide Prevention Bulletin*, no.3, May, pp.41-45.

Fooks, S. (1999), 'Families and older persons: Family database', *Family Matters*, no.52, Autumn, pp.75-77.

Fooks, S. (1999), 'Enhancing young people's sense of belonging to their communities', *Youth Suicide Prevention Bulletin*, no.2, January, pp.28-29.

Fooks, S. (1998), 'Changing families, challenging futures: bibliography', *Family Matters*, no.51, Spring/Summer, pp.52-54.

Fooks, S. (1998), 'What is Safety House?', *National Child Protection Clearinghouse Newsletter*, vol.6, no.2, Spring, pp.14-15.

Fooks, S. (1998), 'Social capital: bibliography', *Family Matters*, no.50, Winter, pp.69-71.

## **Helen Glezer**

### **Publications**

Glezer, H. and Wolcott, I. (2000, forthcoming), 'Conflicting commitments: working mothers and fathers in Australia', in Haas, L., Hwang, P. and Russell, G. (eds.), *Organizational Change and Gender Equity: International Perspectives on Fathers and Mothers at the Workplace*, Sage, San Francisco.

Glezer, H. and Wolcott, I. (1999), 'Work and family life: reciprocal effects', *Family Matters*, no.52, Autumn, pp.69-74.

Saunders, P. and Glezer, H. (1999), *The new Australian Family Panel Survey*, Australian Family Briefing no.7, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne.

### **Conferences/Presentations**

'Work and family life: Reciprocal effects', Paper presented to the 6th Australian Institute of

Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998 (co-presenter: I. Wolcott).

'Premarital cohabitation and its outcomes in Australia', Paper presented to the Australian Population Association Ninth National Conference, September-October 1998, Brisbane (co-presenter: L. Qu).

'Cohabitation, commitment and the future of couple relationships', Keynote address to the 12th National Christian Family Conference: Intimacy, sex and marriage: Working successfully with couples, Wahroonga, Sydney, 20-21 July 1998.

### **External Professional Involvement**

Member, Australian Psychological Society.

Member, Institutional Ethics Committee, Brotherhood of St Laurence.

Member, Steering Committee, Life Chances Study, Brotherhood of St Laurence.

Member, Australian Working Group, Asia-Pacific Regional Group on Families and Relationships.

## **Jody Hughes**

### **Publications**

Wolcott, I. and Hughes, J. (1999), *Towards Understanding the Reasons for Divorce*, Working Paper no.20, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne.

Dewar, J., Sheehan, G., and Hughes, J. (1999), *Superannuation and divorce in Australia*, Working Paper no.18, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne.

Dewar, J., Sheehan, G. and Hughes, J. (1999), *Superannuation and divorce in Australia*, Australian Family Briefing no.6, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne.

### **Submissions**

Sheehan, G., Hughes, J., Smyth, B. and Weston, R. (1999), 'The social and financial context of property reform', Confidential submission to the Federal Attorney General: A response to Property and Family Law: Options for change – a discussion paper.

### **Conferences/Presentations**

'Superannuation and divorce in Australia', Seminar presented to the AIFS Seminar Series, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 20 May 1999 (co-authors: J. Dewar and G. Sheehan).

'Family Diversity and Adolescents', Paper presented to the 4th National Parenting Conference: Parenting: Great survival techniques in the new millennium, La Trobe University, Melbourne, 22-23 April 1999 (co-presenter: R. Weston).

'A Super divorce?', Paper presented to the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998 (co-authors: J. Dewar and G. Sheehan).

'What is a fair settlement? The division of matrimonial property in Australia', Paper presented to the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998 (co-author: G. Sheehan).

'The Australian Divorce Transition Project: An overview of content relevant to children's contact', Presentation to the Legal Aid & Family Services (LAFS), Attorney General's Department, Canberra, 11 November 1998 (co-authors: G. Sheehan, K. Funder and B. Smyth).

'The Australian Divorce Transition Project: An overview of content relevant to Family Law Reform', Presentation to the Family Law Council, Hobart, 29 October 1998 (co-authors: G. Sheehan, K. Funder and B. Smyth).

## **Carole Jean**

### ***Publications***

Jean, C. (1998), 'Book notes', *Family Matters*, no.52, Autumn, pp.80-81.

Jean, C. (1998), 'Book notes', *Family Matters*, no.51, Spring/Summer, pp.50-51.

Jean, C. (1998), 'Book notes', *Family Matters*, no.50, Winter, pp.72-73.

## **Christine Kilmartin**

### ***Conferences/Presentations***

'Measures of participation and obligation for monitoring family response to socio-economic change', Paper presented to the Siena Meeting of International Statistical Agencies, Sydney, December 1998.

'Monitoring and Measuring Children's Wellbeing', A Working Group Meeting, South Carolina, U.S.A., November 1998.

'Indicators of wellbeing for children and young people', Paper presented to the 6th Australian

Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998.

'Economic and social impacts of globalisation on children: Australian perspective', Address to the Child Research 2000 Seminar, Cape Town, South Africa, October 1998.

'Measurement issues in developing indicators of wellbeing for children', Paper presented to the Australian Population Association Conference, Brisbane, September-October 1998.

### ***External Professional Involvement***

Member, Risks and Protective Factors Group, Department of Human Services, Victoria.

Member, Indicators of Social and Family Functioning Group (to February 1999).

Member, International Working Group Monitoring and Measuring Children's Wellbeing.

Member, Council, Australian Population Association.

Board Member, Box Hill Institute of TAFE.

Member, Women's Planning Network.

Member, Geospatial Information Reference Group.

## **Violet Kolar**

### ***Publications***

Kolar, V. (1999), 'Learning parenting: intergenerational influences', *Family Matters*, no.52, Autumn, pp.65-68.

Kolar, V. and McGurk, H. (1998), 'Parental sources of support in Anglo and Vietnamese-Australian families', *Family Matters*, no.50, Winter, pp.43-47.

### ***Conferences/Presentations***

'I always swore I wasn't going to be like my mother as a parent: intergenerational change and continuity', Paper presented to the 4th National Parenting Conference: Parenting - Great survival techniques in the new millennium, La Trobe University, Melbourne, 22-23 April 1999.

'I always swore I wasn't going to be like my mother as a parent: intergenerational change and continuity', Paper presented to the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998.

'Parenting-21: Parenting skills, supports and perceptions', Invited speaker, Professional Development Workshop: Working with Parents: Confident Parenting in Uncertain Times, DONCARE, Melbourne, 16 September 1998.

'Parenting-21: Parenting skills, supports and perceptions', Invited speaker, Community Education Evening: Parenting-21: Confident Parenting in Uncertain Times, DONCARE, Melbourne, 16 September 1998.

'Parenting-21: support networks accessed by European and Asian parents in Australia', Poster presented to the International Study of Parents, Children, and Schools: Empirical findings on cultural models and practices in seven communities, XVth Biennial ISSBD Conference, Berne, Switzerland, 1-4 July 1998 (co-author: H. McGurk).

'Parents' ethnotheories of child co-sleeping', Poster presented to the International Study of Parents, Children, and Schools: Empirical findings on cultural models and practices in seven communities, XVth Biennial ISSBD Conference, Berne, Switzerland, 1-4 July 1998 (co-authors: B. Welles-Nystrom, S. Harkness, O. Zylicz, J. Palacios, V. Axia, M. Blom, H. McGurk and C. Super).

'Patterns of daily life and patterns of nightly sleep: Intra- and inter sample variation in a seven-nation study of families', Poster presented to the International Study of Parents, Children, and Schools: Empirical findings on cultural models and practices in seven communities, XVth Biennial ISSBD Conference, Berne, Switzerland, 1-4 July 1998 (co-authors: J. Lee, C. Super, S. Harkness, V. Axia, J. Palacios, M. Rios, A. Elias, B. Welles-Nystrom, H. McGurk and S. Bonichini).

'Fathers' and mothers' involvement in child daily life', Poster presented to the International Study of Parents, Children, and Schools: Empirical findings on cultural models and practices in seven communities, XVth Biennial ISSBD Conference, Berne, Switzerland, 1-4 July 1998 (co-authors: V. Hidalgo, C. Moreno, B. Welles-Nystrom, V. Axia, O. Zylicz, H. McGurk, S. Harkness and C. Super).

'The construction of parental ethnotheories: Intergenerational and contemporaneous influences', Paper presented to the Symposium on Parental ethnotheories and their instantiation in cultural practices: Results from the International Study of Parents, Children and Schools, XVth Biennial ISSBD Conference, Berne, Switzerland, 1-4 July 1998 (co-authors: J., S. Harkness, V. Hidalgo, O. Zylicz, V. Axia, C.

Super, H. McGurk, B. Welles-Nystrom and P. Tammeveski).

'Parental ethnotheories of children's personality and competence: A comparative analysis of parents' free descriptions of their children', Paper presented to the Symposium on Parental ethnotheories and their instantiation in cultural practices: Results from the International Study of Parents, Children and Schools, XVth Biennial ISSBD Conference, Berne, Switzerland, 1-4 July 1998 (co-authors: S. Harkness, C. Moreno, V. Axia, B. Welles-Nystrom, O. Zylicz, H. McGurk, C. Super and J. L. Lee).

'Parents' cultural perceptions of children's temperament and of its role in development', Paper presented to the Symposium on Parental ethnotheories and their instantiation in cultural practices: Results from the International Study of Parents, Children and Schools, XVth Biennial ISSBD Conference, Berne, Switzerland, 1-4 July 1998 (co authors: V. Axia, C. Super, A. Oliva, H. McGurk, A. Elias, O. Zylicz and S. Harkness).

'Parents as teachers: The instantiation of parental ethnotheories in cultural practices', Paper presented to the Symposium on Parental ethnotheories and their instantiation in cultural practices: Results from the International Study of Parents, Children and Schools, XVth Biennial ISSBD Conference, Berne, Switzerland, 1-4 July 1998 (co authors: C. Super, S. Harkness, M. Jacobs, V. Axia, H. McGurk, B. Welles-Nystrom, O. Zylicz and V. Munoz).

### ***External Professional Involvement***

Member, Association for Qualitative Research.

## **Eva Mills**

### ***Conferences/Presentations***

'Using Surveycraft to collect qualitative data', Invited speaker, Surveycraft Asian Pacific User Conference, Manila, Philippines, 13-14 November 1998.

## **Christine Millward**

### ***Publications***

Millward, C. (1999), *Understanding links between family experience and views about social supports and ageing*, Working Paper no.19, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne.

Millward, C. (1999), 'Caring for elderly parents', *Family Matters*, no.52, Autumn, pp.26-30.

Millward, C. (1998), 'Family support and exchange', *Family Matters*, no.50, Winter, pp.19-23.

Millward, C. (1998), 'Later life parents helping adult children', *Family Matters*, no.50, Winter, pp.38-42.

Millward, C. (1998), *Family relationships and intergenerational exchange in later life*, Working Paper no.15, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne.

### **Commissioned Report**

Millward, C. (1998), 'Findings from a 'Quality Child Care Parent Review' parent survey', Report commissioned by the Commonwealth Child Care Advisory Council, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne (co-author: D. Amos).

### **Conferences/Presentations/Talks**

'The role of family in social exchanges: a case study of child care', Paper presented to the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998.

'Family relationships and intergenerational exchange in later life', Guest Speaker, B'nai B'rith Community Service Organisation, Melbourne, 22 November 1998.

'The importance of the extended family', Talk presented to the American Businesswomen's Club breakfast address, Park Royal Hotel, Melbourne, 2 October 1998.

'Intergenerational relations in later life: effects of marital separation', Paper presented to the 14th World Congress of Sociology, Montreal, Canada, 26 July - 1 August 1998.

'Predictors of Australian family network dynamics', Paper presented to the 14th World Congress of Sociology, Montreal, Canada, 26 July - 1 August 1998.

'Intergenerational relations in later life: the effects of past marital separation', Paper presented to the AIFS Seminar Series, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 16 July 1998.

### **External Professional Involvement**

Member, Australian Family Research Network.

Member, Committee for Family Research, International Sociological Association (ISA).

Lecturer, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne.

## **Penny Mitchell**

### **Publications**

Mitchell, P. (1999), 'Community development approaches to preventing youth suicide', *Youth Suicide Prevention Bulletin*, no.3, May, pp.2-13.

Mitchell, P. (1999), 'First National Stocktake of Youth Suicide Prevention Activities: A content analysis', *Youth Suicide Prevention Bulletin*, no.2, January, pp.2-7.

Mitchell, P. (1999), 'Primary prevention of youth suicide in Australia', *Youth Suicide Prevention Bulletin*, no.2, January, pp.12-19.

Mitchell, P. (1998), 'National Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy', *Youth Suicide Prevention Bulletin*, no.1, September, pp.3-6.

Mitchell, P. (1998), 'State and Territory Youth Suicide Prevention Strategies', *Youth Suicide Prevention Bulletin*, no.1, September, pp.7-11.

Mitchell, P. (1998), 'Suicide and young people in the justice system', *Youth Suicide Prevention Bulletin*, no.1, September, pp.13-19.

Mitchell, P. (1998), 'Early intervention: Its place in the prevention of youth suicide', *AusEInetter*, no.6, September, pp.2-7.

### **Conferences/Presentations**

'Evaluation of the National Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy', Paper presented to the AusEInet International Conference on Early Intervention, Adelaide, 6-8 June 1999.

Presentation given to the 2nd National Project Workers Workshop of the National Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy at the Suicide Prevention Australia Conference, Melbourne, 25 March 1999.

'Drugs, young people and suicide prevention', Seminar presented to the 1st International Conference on Drugs and Young People, Melbourne, 22-24 November 1998 (co-presenters: A. Graham, J. Nolan, C. Mackson and D. Howe).

'Youth suicide prevention and general practice', Paper presented to the 41st Scientific Convention of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Melbourne, 11-15 October 1998.

'Making a difference in youth suicide prevention: The roles of public health organisations', Seminar presented to the 30th Annual Conference of the Public Health Association of Australia, Hobart, 13-16 September 1998 (co-presenters: T. McGuire, M. Nirui and J. Sylwestrzak).

'Youth suicide prevention in mental health services: What's working?', Seminar presented to 8th Annual Mental Health Services Conference, Hobart, 7-9 September 1998 (co-presenters: S. Pink, A. Fry and N. Michel).

'The National Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy', Paper presented to the Third National Conference on Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Sydney, July 1998.

'Collaboration and the National Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy', Paper presented to the Conference on Collaboration in Today's Youth, Education and Community Climate: Is it a Problem or a Solution?, hosted by Victoria University of Technology, Melbourne, July 1998.

'Youth suicide prevention in regional, rural and remote areas', Seminar presented to the Issues of Regional Youth Conference, Mackay, July 1998 (co-presenters: L. Hull, W. Sanderson and B. Keeble-Devlin).

### **External Professional Involvement**

Member, Public Health Association of Australia and New Zealand.

Member, Organising Committee of the Mental Health Special Interest Group, Public Health Association of Australia and New Zealand.

Member, Young Peoples' Mental Health Promotion Task Group, Victorian Health Promotion Foundation.

## **Robyn Parker**

### **Publications**

Parker, R. and Scannell, E. (1998), 'Attachment and marital adjustment', *Family Matters*, no.51, Spring/Summer, pp.24-28.

### **Conferences/Presentations**

'Adult attachment style and adjustment to marriage', Paper presented to the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998.

### **External Professional Involvement**

Member, International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships.

## **Lixia Qu**

### **Conferences/Presentations**

'Incidence and nature of family intergenerational accommodation support', Paper presented to the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998 (co-presenter: I. Winter).

'Premarital cohabitation and its outcomes in Australia', Paper presented to the Australian Population Association Ninth National

Conference, September-October 1998, Brisbane (co-presenter: H. Glezer).

### **Commissioned Report**

Winter, I. with Qu, L. (1998), 'Family Intergenerational Accommodation Support', Report to the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services, Canberra.

## **Peter Saunders**

### **Publications**

Saunders, P. and Bond, R. (1999), 'Pathways to success', *British Journal of Sociology*, vol.50.

Saunders, P. (1999), *Research Plan 1991-2001*, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne.

Saunders, P. and Glezer, H. (1999), *The new Australian Family Panel Survey*, Australian Family Briefing no.7, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne.

Saunders, P. (1999), *What future for family research?*, Australian Family Briefing no.5, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne.

Saunders, P. (1999), 'In defence of progress', *Family Matters*, no.52, Autumn, pp.42-46.

Saunders, P. (1999), 'Family research: The next three years', *Family Matters*, no.52, Autumn, pp.47-48.

Saunders, P. and Winter, I. (1999), 'Social capital and social policy conference', *Family Matters*, no.52, Autumn, pp.49-50.

Saunders, P. (1999), 'All things being equal, what's fair?', *The Australian*, 17 March, p.13.

### **Conferences/Presentations**

Delivered the Bert Kelly lecture, Centre for Independent Studies, Sydney, 17 March 1999.

Opening Address, Social Capital and Social Policy Conference, hosted by the Australian Institute of Family Studies, Rydges Hotel Canberra, 17 February 1999.

'The new AIFS Research Plan', Seminar presented to Swinburne University students, 31 March 1999.

## **Grania Sheehan**

### **Publications**

Dewar, J., Sheehan, G. and Hughes, J. (1999), *Superannuation and divorce in Australia*. AIFS Working Paper no.18, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne.

Dewar, J., Sheehan, G. and Hughes, J. (1999), *Superannuation and divorce in Australia*, Australian Family Briefing no.6, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne.

Sheehan, G. and Smyth, B. (1999), *Spousal violence and post-separation financial outcomes*, Office of the Status of Women, Canberra.

### **Submissions**

Sheehan, G., Hughes, J., Smyth, B. and Weston, R. (1999), 'The social and financial context of property reform', Confidential submission to the Federal Attorney-General in response to the discussion paper on Property and Family Law: Options for change.

Sheehan, G. and Smyth, B. (1998), 'Spousal violence and post-separation financial outcomes', Confidential submission to the Family Law Council in response to the discussion paper on Violence and the Family Law Act: financial remedies.

Smyth, B. and Sheehan, G. (1998), 'Spousal support: Reported incidence, duration, and quantum', Confidential submission to the Family Law Council - 'Clean Break' Committee.

### **Conferences/Presentations**

'Parental favouritism: Implications for adolescents' family relationships and the Family Court', Paper presented to the Family Law and Psychology Association of Australasia, 24 June 1999.

'Spousal violence and post-separation financial outcomes', Presentation to the Community Forum on Property and Family Law, Canberra, 10 June 1999 (co-author: B. Smyth).

'Superannuation and divorce in Australia', Seminar presented to the AIFS Seminar Series, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 20 May 1999 (co-authors: J. Dewar and J. Hughes).

'A Super divorce?', Paper presented to the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998 (co-authors: J. Dewar and J. Hughes).

'What is a fair settlement? The division of matrimonial property in Australia', Paper presented to the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998 (co-author: J. Hughes).

'The Australian Divorce Transitions Project: An overview of content relevant to children's contact', Presentation to the Legal Aid and Family Services (LAFS), Attorney-General's Department, Canberra, 11 November 1998 (co-authors: K. Funder, B. Smyth and J. Hughes).

'The Australian Divorce Transition Project: An overview of content relevant to Family Law Reform', Presentation to the Family Law Council, Hobart, 29 October 1998 (co-authors: K. Funder, B. Smyth and J. Hughes).

'Parental favouritism: Implications for adolescents' family relationships and adjustment', Paper presented to the Psychology Department Colloquium, Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne, 15 September 1998.

### **External Professional Involvement**

Australian Institute of Family Studies observer on the Family Law Council.

Member, 'Financial Affairs committee', Family Law Council of Australia.

Member, Executive committee, Family Law and Psychology Association of Australasia.

Member, International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships.

Associate member, Family Research Centre, University of Queensland.

## **Bruce Smyth**

### **Publications**

Sheehan, G. and Smyth, B. (1999), *Spousal violence and post-separation financial outcomes*, Office of the Status of Women, Canberra.

Behrens, J. and Smyth, B. (1998), *Spousal support in Australia: A study of incidence and attitudes*, Working Paper no.16, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne.

### **Submissions**

Sheehan, G., Hughes, J., Smyth, B. and Weston, R. (1999), 'The social and financial context of property reform', Confidential submission to the Federal Attorney-General in response to the discussion paper on Property and Family Law: Options for change.

Sheehan, G. and Smyth, B. (1998), 'Spousal violence and post-separation financial outcomes', Confidential submission to the Family Law Council in response to the discussion paper on Violence and the Family Law Act: financial remedies.

Smyth, B. and Sheehan, G. (1998), 'Spousal support: Reported incidence, duration, and quantum', Confidential submission to the Family Law Council - 'Clean Break' Committee.

### **Conferences/Presentations**

'Spousal violence and post-separation financial outcomes', Presentation to the Community Forum on Property and Family Law, Canberra, 10 June 1999 (co-author: G. Sheehan).

'Fuzzy boundaries: Financial support for children 18 years or over following parental divorce', Paper presented to the 4th National Parenting Conference: Parenting - Great survival techniques in the new millennium, La Trobe University, Melbourne, 22-23 April 1999.

'Child support: Which methods of collection work well and which don't?', Paper presented to the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998 (co-authors: B. Headey and K. Funder).

The Australian Divorce Transitions Project: An overview of content relevant to children's contact', Presentation to the Legal Aid and Family Services (LAFS), Attorney-General's Department, Canberra, 11 November 1998 (co-authors: K. Funder, G. Sheehan and J. Hughes).

'The Australian Divorce Transitions Project: An overview of content relevant to Family Law Reform', Presentation to the Family Law Council, Hobart, 29 October 1998 (co-authors: K. Funder, G. Sheehan and J. Hughes).

## **Grace Soriano**

### **Conferences/Presentations**

'Families and gender equity', Paper presented to the National Women's Education Centre International Forum on Life-long learning for the creation of a gender equal society at home, schools and in the community, National Women's Education Centre, Saitama, Japan, 18-20 November 1998 (co-author: T. Batrouney).

### **External Professional Involvement**

Member, Association for Qualitative Research.

## **Wendy Stone**

### **Publications**

Winter, I. and Stone, W. (1999), *Reconceptualising Australian housing careers*, Working Paper no.17, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne.

Winter, I. and Stone, W. (1999), 'Off Course: Housing careers in a risk society', *Research Matters*, Special Edition, no.9, Department of Infrastructure Victoria Research Unit, Melbourne, p.3.

Batrouney, T. and Stone, W. (1998), 'Cultural diversity and family exchanges', *Family Matters*, no.51, Spring/Summer, pp.13-20.

Winter, I. and Stone, W. (1998), 'Housing careers in a risk society: an empirical illustration', *Family Matters*, no.51, Spring/Summer, pp.41-44.

### **Commissioned Report**

Stone, W. (1999), 'Tenure Choice: Perceived Benefits of Public Renting Compared with Private Renting (1986 - 1997)', Report commissioned by the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services Housing Branch, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, unpub.

### **Conferences/Presentations**

'Early steps in a housing career: the impact of socio-economic restructuring in Australia, 1950s-1990s', Paper presented to the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998.

'Housing career ladders, 'snakes' and the role of family and kin support', Paper presented to the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998 (co-presenter: I. Winter).

'Cultural diversity and family exchanges', Paper presented to the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998 (co-presenter: T. Batrouney).

'Off Course? Housing careers in a risk society', Paper presented to Changing Lifestyles and Housing Demands half-day seminar, hosted by the Research Unit of the Department of Infrastructure, Government of Victoria, Melbourne, October 1998 (co-presenter: I. Winter).

'The impact of social and economic restructuring upon the great Australian housing career', Paper presented to the 9th Conference of the Australian Population Association: Australia's Population Past, Present and Future, Brisbane, September - October 1998 (co-presenter: I. Winter).

'Housing Careers in a Risk Society', Paper presented to AIFS Seminar Series, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 15 October 1998 (co-presenter: I. Winter).

### ***External Professional Involvement***

Member, Australian Association for Social Research.

Member, The Australian Sociological Association.

## **Adam Tomison**

### ***Publications***

Tomison, A.M. (1998), 'Child maltreatment and substance abuse', *ISA Journal*, Spring, pp.37-59.

Tomison, A.M. (1998), 'Targeting 'at risk' families: An evaluation of the Brimbank Family Outreach Service', *Child Abuse Prevention*, vol.6, no.2, pp.3-6.

Tomison, A.M. (1998), 'Targeting 'at risk' families: An evaluation of the Brimbank Family Outreach Service', *Family Matters*, no.51, Spring/Summer, pp.46-47.

Tomison, A.M. (1998), *Valuing parent education: The cornerstone of child abuse prevention*, National Child Protection Clearinghouse Issues Paper no.10., Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne.

### ***Commissioned Reports***

Tomison, A.M. (1999), 'An evaluation of the Family and Neighbourhood Links (FANL) project', Report for the Department of Human Services, unpub.

Tomison, A.M., Wise, S. and Murray, B. (1999), 'An evaluation of the Enhanced Client Outcomes (ECO) project', Report for the Department of Human Services, unpub.

Tomison, A.M. (1999), 'Ensuring the protection of children: the role of child protection services in the identification, assessment and treatment of maltreated children', Report to the NSW Department of Community Services.

Tomison, A.M., Burgell, R. & Burgell, D. (1998), 'An evaluation of the Brimbank Family Outreach Services', Report for the Department of Human Services.

Tomison, A.M. (1998), 'Resiliency and protective factors for child abuse and neglect: An overview', Report to the National Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

### ***Submissions***

Tomison, A.M. (1999), Submission to Queensland Government (Forde) Inquiry into the Abuse of Children in Institutions.

Tomison, A.M. (1998), Submission to Project Axis, Queensland Crime Commission Inquiry into the Nature and Extent of Criminal Paedophilia.

### ***Conferences/Presentations***

'Creating the vision: Communities and connectedness', Invited speaker, Oz Child 'Child Expo 2000', Brighton Town Hall, Melbourne, 22 April 1999.

'Child protection towards 2000' revisited: Trends in child protection and child abuse prevention', Paper presented to the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998.

'Ensuring the protection of children: The role of child protection services in the identification, assessment and treatment of maltreated children', Invited keynote presentation to the Entry parameters to child and family services Workshop, NSW Department of Community Services, Sydney, 22-23 March 1999.

'The millennium will be far better for families than the 90s', Invited panel member, Annual General Meeting of the Children's Welfare Association of Victoria, Melbourne, 29 October 1998.

'Preventing child abuse in New South Wales: Some findings from a state audit', Paper presented to the Twelfth International ISPCAN Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect: Protecting Children: Innovation and Inspiration, Auckland, New Zealand, 6-9 September 1998.

'The evaluation of the Brimbank Family Outreach Service', Invited presentation to the Official launch of the Brimbank Family Outreach Service Evaluation Report, September 1998 (co-presenter: R. Burgell).

### ***External Professional Involvement***

Australian Institute of Family Studies Alternate Representative, Coalition for Australia's Children.

Board Member, Child Sexual Abuse Prevention (CSAPP) project.

Executive Member, Australian Humanitarian Foundation.

Member, Australian Family Research Network.

Member, International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN).

Member, Prevention and Education Committee, Australians Against Child Abuse.

Member, Research and Advocacy Committee, Australians Against Child Abuse.

National Child Protection Clearinghouse Representative, Coalition for Australia's Children.

Member, UWS Master of Child Protection Course Development committee.

Member, UWS Master of Child Protection Faculty Advisory committee.

## **Ruth Weston**

### ***Publications***

Weston, R. (1999), 'Finding happiness: factors contributing to personal wellbeing', *Family Matters*, no.52, Autumn, pp.54-60.

Weston, R. (1999), 'Workshop on quality of life research', *Family Matters* no.52, Autumn, pp.51-53.

Weston, R. (1998), 'Quality of school life in Government, Catholic and Other Private Secondary Schools: views of students and their parents', *Family Matters*, no.50, Winter, pp.56-61.

Weston, R. (1998), 'A generation at risk: Growing up in an era of family upheaval (book review)', *Family Matters*, no.50, Winter, p.65.

### ***Conferences/Presentations***

'Family diversity and adolescents', Paper presented to the 4th National Parenting Conference: Parenting - Great survival techniques in the new millennium, La Trobe University, Melbourne, 22-23 April 1999 (co-presenter: J. Hughes).

'Fathers as confidants: a resource for adolescents?', Paper presented to the 4th National Parenting Conference: Parenting - Great survival techniques in the new millennium, La Trobe University, Melbourne, 22-23 April 1999.

'The measurement of quality of life', Paper presented to the Quality of Life Workshop, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 22-23 February 1999.

'Links between facets of wellbeing for parents', Paper presented to the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998.

'Parenting adolescents: implications for wellbeing', Paper presented to the Professional Development Workshop on Working with

Parents: Confident Parenting in Uncertain Times, DONCARE, Melbourne, 16 September 1998.

'Relationships between adolescents and their parents: Links with personal wellbeing', Paper presented to the AIFS Seminar Series, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 27 August 1998.

'Confiding in father: links with adolescents' wellbeing', Paper presented to the Fathering the Future Forum 98, Sydney, 19 August 1998.

### ***Submissions***

Sheehan, G., Hughes, J., Smyth, B. and Weston, R. (1999), 'The social and financial context of property reform', Confidential submission to the Federal Attorney-General in response to discussion paper on Property and Family Law: Options for change.

### ***External Professional Involvement***

Committee Member, OzQoL, affiliated with the International Society for Quality of Life Studies.

Member, Reference Group Committee for the design of the Fourth National Parenting conference, run by Parenting Australia, a program of Jesuit Social Services (to April 1999).

Member, Food Security and Vulnerable Groups Sub-committee of the Department of Human Services (Victoria) Nutrition Advisory Committee, Victoria.

Member, International Society for Quality of Life Studies (ISQOLS), Blacksburg, Virginia, USA.

Member, Healthy Families Project Reference Group – a project of the Board of Studies funded by Victorian Health Promotion Foundation in association with Relationships Australia and Monash University (to February 1999).

Member, Living Standards Reference Group – created for the development and testing phases of the ABS National Survey of Living Standards.

## **Deborah Whithear**

### ***Publications***

Whithear, D. (1999), 'Web Update', *Family Matters*, no.52, Autumn, pp.78-79.

Whithear, D. (1998), 'AIFS Database Report', *Family Matters*, no.51, Spring/Summer, p.52.

Whithear, D. (1998), 'On the Net', *Family Matters*, no.51, Spring/Summer, pp.48-49.

Whithear, D. (1998), 'AIFS Database Report', *Family Matters*, no.50, Winter, p.69.

### **Conferences/Presentations**

'Internet collaboration: Examples of global professional support and joint problem solving', Paper presented to the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect 12th International Congress, Auckland, New Zealand, 8 September 1998 (co-presenters: T. Hanna and D. Gough).

'Social research and information on the Internet: a government agency's contribution', Paper presented to the Association of Children's Welfare Agencies Annual Conference, Technology and Social Services Forum, Sydney, 27 August 1998.

### **External Professional Involvement**

Member, Informit Online/AUSTROM Database Producers Committee.

Member, House Committee, Childwatch International Children's House in Cyberspace.

## **Ian Winter**

### **Publications**

Winter, I. (1999), 'Home ownership and social policy in an ageing society', *Family Matters*, no. 52, Autumn, pp.9-11.

Saunders, P. and Winter, I. (1999), 'Institute holds conference: social capital and social policy', *Family Matters*, no.52, Autumn, pp.47-50.

Bryson, L. and Winter, I. (1999), *Social Change Suburban Lives: Australian Newtown 1960s-1990s*, Allen and Unwin, Sydney.

Winter, I. and Stone, W. (1999), *Reconceptualising Australian housing careers*, Working Paper no.17, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne.

Winter, I. and Stone, W. (1999), 'Off Course: housing careers in a risk society', *Research Matters*, Special Edition, no.9, Department of Infrastructure Victoria Research Unit, Melbourne, p.3.

Winter, I. and Stone, W. (1998), 'Housing careers in a risk society: an empirical illustration', *Family Matters*, no.51, Summer, pp.41-44.

Winter, I. (1998), 'Social Exchanges: Families, Communities, States and Markets', *Family Matters*, no.50, Winter, pp.5-8.

### **Commissioned Report**

Winter I. with Qu, L. (1998), 'Family intergenerational accommodation support', Report to

the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services, Canberra.

### **Conferences/Presentations/Talks**

Coordinator and presented the Closing Address, Social Capital and Social Policy Conference, hosted by the Australian Institute of Family Studies, Rydges Hotel Canberra, 17 February 1999.

'Social Exchanges: a new research program', Symposium organised for the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998.

'The Social Exchanges research program', Paper presented to the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998.

'The vision of the dream: home ownership and family life into the 21st Century', Symposium organised for the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998.

'The future of home ownership in Australia', Paper presented to the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998.

'Incidence and nature of family intergenerational accommodation support', Paper presented to the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998 (co-presenter: L.Qu).

'Housing career ladders, 'snakes' and the role of family and kin support', Paper presented to the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998 (co-presenter: W. Stone).

'Home ownership in a risk society', Paper presented to Australia's Housing Choices Research Program, University of Sydney, 16 November 1998.

'Off Course? Housing careers in a risk society', Paper presented to Changing Lifestyles and Housing Demands half-day seminar, hosted by the Research Unit of the Department of Infrastructure, Government of Victoria, Melbourne, October 1998 (co-presenter: W. Stone).

'Housing careers in a risk society', Paper presented to the AIFS Staff Seminar Series, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 15 October 1998 (co-presenter: W. Stone).

'The impact of social and economic restructuring upon the great Australian housing career', Paper presented to the Australian Population Association Conference, Brisbane, September - October 1998 (co-presenter: W. Stone).

'Economic restructuring and housing market change', Paper presented to the Centre for Public Policy, University of Melbourne, 7 September 1998.

'Social polarisation and housing careers: the interrelationship of labour and housing markets in Australia', Paper presented to the International Sociological Association XIVth World Congress of Sociology, Montreal, Canada, 26 July - 1 August 1998.

### **External Professional Involvement**

Chairperson, Editorial Board, Journal of Urban Policy and Research.

Research Associate, Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute.

Member, Advisory Group, Victorian Department of Infrastructure, Migration Careers Study.

## **Sarah Wise**

### **Conferences**

'Child care in Australia', lecture presented to the first year Women's Studies class, History Department, La Trobe University, 2 June 1999.

'Why child care matters: examining the relationship between quality child care and children's healthy development', Keynote address presented to the National Child Care Directors' and Teachers' Conference, Sydney, 28-29 April 1999.

'Looking After Children in Australia', panel presentation to the AIFS Seminar Series, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 18 February 1999 (co-presenters: R. Clark, L. Owen and R. Dickens).

'The benefits of Looking After Children in the 'Out of Home Care' of children and young people in Victoria', Paper presented to the 6th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference: Changing families, challenging futures, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne, 25-27 November 1998.

### **Commissioned Reports**

Tomison, A., Wise, S. and Murray, B. (1999), 'An evaluation of the Enhanced Client Outcomes pilot project', Report for the Department of Human Services, unpub.

Wise, S. (1998), 'Looking After Children: The experience and effectiveness of a Victorian trial implementation', Report for the Department of Human Services, October (internal departmental report).

Wise, S. (1998), 'The physical and psychosocial health and well being of children looked after away from home: The Looking After Children experience in Victoria', Report for the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund, October (internal report).

### **External Professional Involvement**

Member, External Reference Group, National 'First Three Years' Initiative, Canberra.

Member, Looking After Children Steering Committee, Children's Welfare Association of Victoria.

## **Ilene Wolcott**

### **Publications**

Glezer, H. and Wolcott, I. (2000, forthcoming), 'Conflicting commitments: working mothers and fathers in Australia', in Haas, L., Hwang, P. and Russell, G. (eds.), *Organizational Change and Gender Equity: International Perspectives on Fathers and Mothers at the Workplace*, Sage, San Francisco.

Wolcott, I. and Hughes, J. (1999), *Towards Understanding the Reasons for Divorce*, Working Paper no.20, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne.

Wolcott, I. and Glezer, H. (1999), 'Work and family life: reciprocal effects', *Family Matters*, no.52, Autumn, pp.69-74.

Wolcott, I. (1999), 'Ageing and families', *Family Matters*, no.52, Autumn, p.3.

### **Conferences/Presentations**

Discussant, The Policy Implications of the Ageing of Australia's Population, organised by the Productivity Commission, Melbourne, March 1999.

'Population ageing and the family', Paper presented to the Seminar organised by the Positive Ageing Reference Group, Human Services Victoria, Melbourne, August 1998.

***External Professional Involvement***

Member, Judging Panel, Australian Financial Review/Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry/Council for Equal Opportunity in Employment/Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business, Corporate Work and Family Awards.

Member, Judging Panel, Equal Employment Opportunities Trust, New Zealand, Work and Family Awards.

Member, Positive Ageing Reference Group, Aged Care Research Work Group, Human Services Victoria.

## Consultations

The Institute maintains a consultative role with individuals, government and non-government bodies. Staff conduct these consultations, either individually or as members of planning or advisory teams, to inform others of the Institute's research and research findings, and to provide advice on existing family research or on formulating research in areas not well covered by existing data. Such consultation is an indication of the Institute's involvement in the policy process.

### International Bodies

*In 1998–99, consultations took place with representatives of the following international organisations or bodies:*

American Association of Retired Persons, Washington DC, USA, re family and ageing research issues;

Ateneo de Davao University, Philippines, re background information on Parenting-21;

Bernard van Leer Foundation, Netherlands, re measures of wellbeing for children;

Catalyst, New York City, USA, re work and family research issues;

Centre for Child and Family Policy, New Zealand (Vivienne Adair, Director), re AIFS research into adolescent health and wellbeing and family relationships;

Centre for Research on Childhood, Brazil, re issues for children and families;

Childwatch International, re research issues for children;

City University, London, re request for instruments used in Parenting-21;

Concordia University, Centre for Research in Human Development, Montreal, Canada, re parental support networks;

Generations United, Washington DC, USA, re intergenerational research issues;

International statistical agencies (Siena group), re future directions for family research;

Institute for Child and Family Development, University of Western Cape, Cape Town, re impacts of economic transformations upon children;

Institute of Psychology (A. Elias), Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland, re Parenting-21;

London School of Economics, re alternative methods of analysis of complex data;

Leiden University, Department of Developmental and Educational Psychology (M. Jacobs), re Parenting 21;

National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth, Canada, re measurement of aspirations for young people;

New Zealand Social Policy Agency, re issues of family policy and indicators of wellbeing for children and young people;

New Zealand Children's Issues Centre, re availability of economist in early childhood education;

Norwegian Statistics Bureau, Norway, re time use survey for children;

Professor Gordon Ternowetsky (Canadian researcher), re comparative family policy;

School of Family Studies, University of Connecticut (S. Harkness and C. Super), re Parenting 21;

Shaanxi Provincial People's Hospital of Xi'an Medical University, Xi'an, People's Republic of China, Department of Pediatrics (Professor FYJiao, Head), re Child Protection Clearing-house issues;

Social Welfare Department, Hong Kong, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

Social Welfare Stations (Dr Mangahas), Philippines, re research into parent-adolescent relationships and personal wellbeing;

Stockholm University College of Health Sciences, Department of Nursing (B. Welles-Nystrom), Sweden, re Parenting-21;

Strategy Policy Division, Department of Social Welfare, New Zealand, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

UNICEF and various related organisations, re cooperation on Australia's next report to UN Committee on Rights of the Child;

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA, Department of Sociology (Professor Paul Amato), re ALSS research on fathering;

University of Otago, Children's Issues Centre, New Zealand, re Child Protection Clearing-house issues;

University of Padua, Italy, Department of Developmental and Social Psychology (G. Axia), re Parenting-21;

University of Pennsylvania, USA, re research on families and young people;

University of York (Professor Jonathan Bradshaw), re indicators of wellbeing for children;

University of Seville, Spain, Department of Developmental and Educational Psychology (J. Palacios), re Parenting 21.

## **National and State Bodies**

*The Institute engaged in consultations with representatives of the following national and state bodies:*

ANZ Funds Management, Sydney (Geoff Dunne, Research Manager), re findings from Later Life Families study Working Papers;

Australian Bureau of Statistics, re various issues including future research issues and directions;

Burnside NSW, re research codes of conduct;

Child Support Agency (Dr Jerry Silvey, Andrew Baker and Trevor Sutton), re Child Support Briefing Paper;

Child Support Agency, Queensland, re future program development;

Children's Commission Queensland (Jenny Galligan, Research Manager), re research into fathering;

Christine Faulkes, Adviser to the Minister for Family and Community Services, re Social Capital, Families and Citizenship;

Delatite local government, re programs for young people;

Department of Community and Health Services, Hobart (Ann Herbert, Health and Wellbeing Outcomes Unit), re family functioning and personal wellbeing measures;

Department of Community and Health Services, Hobart (Anna Williams), re research into service use;

Department of Community Services, NSW, re data on families;

Department of Community Services, NSW, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

Department of Community Services, Child and Family Services, NSW, re entry parameters for child protection services;

Department of Family and Community Services, Family Services Branch, Canberra, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

Department of Health and Family Services, Canberra, re Social Capital, Families and Citizenship;

Department of Health and Family Services, Canberra, re Department initiatives and AIFS research projects past and future;

Department of Health and Family Services, Canberra, re general overview of Parenting-21;

Department of Health and Family Services, Canberra, Office for the Aged (Mr Andrew Tongue, Assistant Secretary), re social capital, families and citizenship;

Department of Health, West Australian Government, re Social Capital and Community Building;

Department of Human Services, Victoria, re Social Capital and Community Building;

Department of Human Services, Victoria, Protection and Care Branch, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

Department of Human Services, Victoria, Youth and Family Services Division, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

Department of Human Services, Victoria, Positive Ageing Reference Group, re meeting to further develop the Positive Ageing Plan through state and community projects for the International Year of Older Persons (IYOP) 1999;

Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, Canberra, re Social Capital, Families and Citizenship;

Department of Infrastructure, Victoria, re applications of complex modelling;

Department of Infrastructure, Victoria, re Housing Across the Life Course;

Department of Premier and Cabinet, Victoria, re Social Capital, Families and Citizenship;

Department of Social Security, Canberra, re Social Capital, Families and Citizenship;

Department of Social Security, Canberra, re Family Intergenerational Accommodation Support;

Department of Social Security, Canberra, re Perceived Benefits of Public Renting compared with Private Renting;

Dusseldorp Youth Forum, re trends for young adults;

Family Law Council's 'Clean Break' Committee, re Spousal Support Working Paper;

Family Law Council's Financial Affairs Committee, re the Property Division Working Paper, the Superannuation and Divorce Working Paper, and the Spousal Violence and Post-separation Financial Outcomes report;

Forde Inquiry into the Abuse of Children in Institutions, Queensland, re review and comment on sections of the draft report;

Hon. Frank Mossfield, MP, re Home Ownership Rates in Australia;

Hon. John Thwaites, Shadow Minister for Health, Parliament of Victoria, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

Life Matters, ABC, re issues for future programs;

National Council for Missing Persons, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

National Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

NSW Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Issues, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

Queensland Child Protection Council, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

Queensland Crime Commission, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

Queensland Government Forde Inquiry into the Abuse of Children in Institutions, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation, re five-year research agenda;

Shadow Minister for Education (Mark Latham), Canberra, re Social Capital, Families and Citizenship;

Shelter SA (Dr Sandra Cody, Research & Policy Officer), re ongoing advice regarding housing research and policy;

Victoria Police, Youth Advisory Unit, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

Whitehorse local government, re programs for young people;

Whittlesea local government, re indicators for measurement of programs with young people;

Wyndham local government, re developing indicators for measurement of programs for young people;

Wyndham local government (Emma Williams), re ALSS results regarding health.

## **Universities and Educational Bodies**

*As well as the ongoing interchange of ideas with colleagues in research centres and universities, the Institute also provided research consultancy to a number of Australian researchers and lecturers in family studies and related fields. Consultations were conducted with representatives of the following organisations:*

Australian National University, Research School of Social Science (Edith Gray), re parenting measures;

Box Hill Institute of TAFE, re implications of family trends for their work;

Central Queensland University, re collaborative work on rural families;

Centre for Research and Learning in Regional Australia, re research program for young people in rural areas;

Deakin University, re women in 2010 project;

Deakin University, Psychology Department (Professor Robert Cummins), re measurement of psychological wellbeing;

Deakin University, Faculty of Arts, School of Social Inquiry (Dr Elizabeth Eckerman), re critical evaluation of paper submitted for publication in *Social Indicators Research*;

Edith Cowan University, re trends for rural families;

La Trobe University, re application of SEIFA indexes;

Monash University (Julian Brown, student), re research into fathering;

Monash University, National Mutual Family Business Research Unit, Department of Accounting and Finance (Georgia Pashias, Research Assistant), re measurement of and research into job satisfaction and leisure activities of the self-employed;

Monash University (Professor Bruce Tong), re measurement of socio-economic status;

Monash University, Child & Family Violence Unit, Department of Social Work & Human Services, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

Queensland University of Technology, re IT project for rural women;

RMIT University, School of Social Science and Planning (Dr John Murphy), re Postgraduate student collaboration;

TVW Telethon Child Health Institute, WA, re indicators of wellbeing for children and family functioning;

University of Melbourne, Centre for Adolescent Health, re application of survey findings on young people;

University of Melbourne, re Urban Studies Review;

University of Melbourne, re survey design issues;

University of Melbourne, Department of Psychology, re Parenting-21 interview schedule;

University of Melbourne, Department of Social Work, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

University of Melbourne, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research (Professor Peter Dawkins), re AIFS research plan;

University of Newcastle, Family Action Centre, re family strengths research issues;

University of Newcastle, Women's Health Australia (Dr Jenny Powers), re measurement of attachment to neighbourhood;

University of New South Wales, Department of Sociology (Professor Michael Pusey), re economic security and family wellbeing research;

University of Sydney, Department of Public Health and Community Medicine, re information on parental sources of support;

University of Tasmania, Department of Social Work (Dr Janet Patford), re evaluation of research paper;

University of Western Sydney, re rural families;

University of Western Sydney, re child research and establishment of Centre of Excellence;

University of Western Sydney, School of Teaching and Educational Studies (Dr Peter West, Senior Lecturer), re research on boys and fathers;

University of Western Sydney, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues.

## **Community, Professional and Advocacy Groups**

*There is a strong demand from community-based organisations for Institute advice and consultation. In 1998–99, these focused mainly on issues affecting children (for example, the development of indicators to measure wellbeing, parenting styles, child protection issues). Other issues included fathering, housing, family trends and social capital, families and citizenship. Representatives of the following organisations engaged in consultations with the Institute during the year:*

Australians Against Child Abuse, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

Australian Humanitarian Foundation, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

Australian Youth Foundation, re development of indicators of wellbeing for young people;

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, re discussion of Parenting-21;

Child and Family Services Committee, Community Services Australia, Uniting Church, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

Child and Family Care Network Taskforce, re indicators for children and young people;

Child Welfare Association, NSW, re family and child trends;

Children's Welfare Association of Victoria; re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

Coalition for Australia's Children, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Program, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

Community Health Services, Camperdown, NSW (Garth Alperstein, Area Community Paediatrician), re measurement of parenting style;

Council to Homeless Persons Victoria, re planning of the 2nd National Conference on Homelessness;

DadsInc, Strathfield, NSW (John Treloar), re ALSS research on fathering;

Defence for Children International, re issues of wellbeing for children;

Defence for Children International, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

ECPAT (End Child Prostitution Pornography and Trafficking) Australia, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

Leigh Naunton & Associates Pty Ltd, North Balwyn, re *Family Matters* article on fathering;

Mallee Family Care (Mr Vernon Knight, Executive Director), re Social Capital, Families and Citizenship;

OzChild, re Child Protection Clearinghouse issues;

Queanbeyan Child Health Centre, re research on children;

Rural consultants, re research program for future of rural towns and families;

St James Ethics Committee, re information on the exploitation of children in the tourism industry;

The Open Mind Research Group, St Kilda (Tania King), re research into communication in the family;

Women's Action Alliance (Australia) Inc. (Ms Karin Abrams, National President), re feedback on private rental housing policy proposal.

## **Representation at Conferences, Workshops, Launches**

*Staff at the Institute attended and represented the Institute at various conferences as part of their staff development and training program. Likewise several staff were asked to participate and share their expertise at workshops organised by either government or university bodies. Invitations were also extended to staff to attend various government launches.*

Social Capital Think Tanks I and II, Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services, Canberra, 15 April and 29 June 1999.

Prime Minister's launch of the National Family Strategy, Canberra, 23 June 1999.

Housing and Community Change, Tenants Union of Victoria, Melbourne, 23 June 1999.

Families, Social Capital and Citizenship, 11th National Health Promotion Conference, Perth, 23-26 May 1999.

Families, Social Capital and Sustainable Communities, Council to Homeless Persons National Conference, Melbourne, 19-20 May 1999.

Victoria Youth and Family Services Workshop, Melbourne, 7 May 1999.

Research Design Workshop on Panel Studies, Australian National University, 5 May 1999.

Australia Unlimited: Nation Building, the Social Imperative, Conference organised by *The Australian* newspaper, Melbourne, 4 May 1999.

Business Council of Australia Conference, Melbourne, 29 April 1999.

Innovation in Housing, Workshop hosted by the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute, Melbourne, April 1999.

Australian Forum on Non-Profit Management, Melbourne, 14 April 1999.

Social and Family Functioning Indicators Workshop, Australian National University, 12-13 April 1999.

National Advisory Council for Youth Suicide Prevention, Canberra, 24 March 1999.

National Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse, 26 February 1999.

Homeownership: Off Course?, Department of Family and Community Services, Canberra, 19 February 1999.

Social Capital and Social Policy Conference, hosted by the Australian Institute of Family Studies, Rydges Hotel Canberra, 17 February 1999.

National Advisory Council for Youth Suicide Prevention Steering Committee, Canberra, 17 February 1999.

Evaluation Working Group, National Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy, Sydney, 12 February 1999.

Public Good: A conference in honour of Patrick Troy, organised by the Humanities Research Centre, ANU, the Research School of Social Sciences, ANU and Monash University, Canberra, December 1998.

Improving Family Relationship Skills - A National Framework for the Future Symposium, Family Services Council, Parliament House, Canberra, November 1998.

Australian Council of Social Services, National Congress, Hilton Hotel, Adelaide, 5-6 November 1998.

Social Capital Policy Forum, organised by the Department of Health and Family Services, 26 October 1998.

Pre-Summit Policy Forum, National Children's Summit, 9 October 1998.

## **Media**

*As part of the dissemination of family research to a wide audience, Institute staff provided background information and advice for programs and feature stories about young people, families and social issues to major print and electronic media outlets throughout the year, and participated in more specific interviews based on Institute research.*

## Institute Visitors

The Institute encourages academic and other Visiting Fellows as a means of exchanging ideas.

### International

Mr John Angus  
Lead Strategic Analyst  
Strategy Policy Division  
Department of Social Welfare  
Wellington, New Zealand

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Departmental Clinical Psychologist  
Social Welfare Department  
Hong Kong

Dr Judith Coche  
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Philadelphia, USA

Professor Frank Furstenberg  
University of Pennsylvania, USA

Ms Melanie Henwood  
Consultant in Social Care  
United Kingdom

Mr Gary Mangan  
Head of U/C International Unit  
Department of Social, Community  
and Family Affairs  
Dublin, Ireland

Ms Allison Robins  
Researcher, Social Policy Agency  
Department of Social Welfare  
Wellington, New Zealand

Professor Ken Rubin  
Director, Centre for Children, Relationships  
and Culture  
Department of Human Development  
University of Maryland, USA

Ms Greta Sviggum  
AIFS Visiting Fellow  
Trondheim University  
Norway

Ms Nicola Taylor  
Project and Research Manager  
Children's Issues Centre  
University of Otago  
New Zealand

Professor Gordon Ternowetsky  
(Canadian researcher)  
Visiting Fellow at La Trobe University  
Victoria

Mr Daniel Wincott  
University of Birmingham  
United Kingdom

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Mr Steve Baker  
Walter & Turnbull  
Victoria

Mr Paul Birchall  
Department of Family and Children's Services  
Perth, Western Australia

Dr Margaret Browne  
First Assistant Secretary  
Attorney-General's Department  
Canberra

Mr Stephen Burke  
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20 May 1999

*Superannuation and divorce in Australia*

Ms Grania Sheehan

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15 April 1999

*Family fortunes in Australia: patterns of inheritance and entrepreneurship*

Dr Michael Gilding

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18 March 1999

*Education for living in families: issues for educators*

Dr Shirley Sampson

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*The use and effectiveness of 'Looking After Children' in Australian state child welfare systems*

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21 January 1999

*Family as warriors and spiritual custodians of the land: considerations in logging old growth forest*

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