



Seasons Greetings

Staff News

There have been quite a few exciting changes to DLB this year!!

Helen Wichmann and Stacey Leong joined the Data Linkage Branch as Linkage Officers.

Emma Fuller has returned to DLB as Coordinator of the Population Health Research Network (PHRN) Proof of Concept project, and Todd Owen has returned to DLB as a Programmer after spending eight years living in China.

April Rutkay has joined DLB as Coordinator of the Cross-Jurisdictional Program, and Marcela Quintero has joined us as an Analyst for the Developmental Pathways Program.

Tom Eitelhuber has moved from his role as Senior Linkage Officer to the newly-created position of Data Coordinator of the Custodian Administered Research Extract Server (CARES), which is a system for centralising and standardising data extractions for projects using linked data.

Jessica Lee is currently enjoying a secondment to the Hospital Morbidity Data Collection and Wendy Sun joined us from the Epidemiology Branch for 3 months.

Simon Cain, Marianna Zakrzewski and Sophie Ambrose have left the DLB. We wish them all the best.

LinkIT Game

DLB have been working together with Jenni Ibrahim at the Health Consumer's Council to create an informative card game called LinkIT. The object of the game is to create chains of events which all link to the same person (although there may be slight changes in a person's appearance over time).

The game will be presented at the 2012 International Data Linkage Conference in Perth.

RSPCA Cupcake Day

Client Services staff helped bake up a storm in the annual Cupcake Day for the RSPCA. Over \$600 was raised for charity!!



WA Data Linkage Network

The WA Data Linkage Network was formed in 2011 to establish an environment for informal discussion around linked data. Members of the Network come from a broad spectrum of the research community, including staff and students of academic institutions, government departments and community groups.

The WA Data Linkage Network held their first meeting on 24 January, where the DLB gave a presentation on Control Selection using Linked Data. This was followed by a chaired discussion regarding the future and direction of this newly developed Network, and attendees were asked about their preferences for upcoming meeting topics and format. Subsequent meetings included presentations from the DOHWA Data Custodians, staff of the PHRN and researchers. Thank you to everyone who contributed and attended.

The WA Data Linkage Network is open for anyone with an interest in linked data - if you would like to be on the mailing list for future meetings or have suggestions for topics to discuss in 2012, please contact Jessica Lee at jessica.lee@health.wa.gov.au

Wishing you all a very happy and safe holiday season.