Research Impact Database

Introduction:

A Research Impact Database was developed by members of the Centre of Research Excellence in Rural and Remote Primary Health Care (CRERRPHC), Lisa Lavey, Penny Buykx, Matthew McGrail and John Humphreys to record the research translation activities of the CRERRPHC and is based on the framework suggested in the journal article written by the CRERRPHC Investigators. See Buykx P, Humphreys JS, Wakerman J, Perkins D, Lyle D, McGrail M & Kinsman L (2012). "Making evidence count" – A framework to monitor the impact of health services research, Australian Journal of Rural Health, 20(2): 51-58.

It is critical that researchers are able to demonstrate the impact of their work. This is important for funding accountability, ensuring relevance to end-users and enhancing reputation. For the CRERRPHC, the team drew upon existing knowledge translation literature to develop a comprehensive framework to measure and monitor research impact. Indicators of impact are organised according to domain (academia, policy, service delivery, and society at large) and by whether those impacts are 'producer' or 'user' initiated. The framework is already proving strategically useful for the CRERRPHC and is being offered for use by other research programs to record their research translation activities.

The Microsoft Access Research Impact Database captures information on all research activities for a specific program/project across all institutions (such as a Centre of Research Excellence). This includes journal articles, books/book chapters, conference presentations, stakeholder presentations, media, visiting academics, board/memberships, research awards/achievements, project information, referee/reviewers, and evidence of uptake or use of research (correspondence, feedback from key end-users, etc).

The database is easy to navigate, and can easily be adapted to new research programs. Reports can be provided by year, for all years, by project (or stream), by investigator, by individual categories, and by whether the research impact is producer or user initiated.

This database template is available **FREE OF CHARGE** from the CRERRPHC under a licence agreement with Monash University.

Further information & demonstration:

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A first glimpse of the database:

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Research activities and outcomes

DATA ENTRY

- Conference/ Workshop Presentation
- Commissioned/Published Reports
- Evidence of uptake or use of research
- Stakeholder Presentations
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- Researcher Referee/Reviewer
- Conference Publication (full paper - refereed)
- Journal Article
- Media
- Visiting Academic Presentations
- Researcher Book / Book Chapters
- Researcher Capacity Building Activities
- Researcher Awards / Achievements

ADD INITIAL DETAILS

- Add a Researcher
- Add a new Journal
- Project/Grant Information

PRODUCE REPORTS

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1. The main screen is called the "Main Navigation Page".
2. The screen is divided into three sections:
   i. **Data Entry** – where you will be able to enter the data for any of the research activities listed.
   ii. **Add Initial Details** – This allows you to add the initial information required for Investigators, Projects and Journals so that you will be able to select them from drop-down boxes in the "*Data Entry*" area.
   iii. **Produce Reports** – this screen will allow you to produce a variety of printable reports.

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