



## Prof Jacqueline Cumming Wins 2013 HSRAANZ Professional Award

Congratulations to Professor Cumming who was presented with the Award at the Health Services and Policy Research Conference dinner on Wednesday 3 December.

The HSRAANZ biennial award was introduced in 2011, (the 10th anniversary of the Association), to identify and acknowledge individual researchers who have made an outstanding contribution to the profession of Health Services Research in Australia or New Zealand. It was recognised that for the future of the profession, researchers need to undertake activities beyond the pursuit of their own research.



Nominees should have:

- initiated a strong research agenda
- made an ongoing contribution to the profession of HSR over many years
- mentored other researchers
- contributed to a supportive research environment

Jackie has been involved in health services research for almost 20 years. She has set a strong research agenda, particularly in primary health care. But she has also led research in many other health services areas including obesity, quality and safety, priority setting etc, with an emphasis on implications for policy. Her work involves both qualitative and quantitative research methodologies, and has a strong focus on equity, particularly in relation to Maori and Pacific health.

She has over 100 publications and has secured over \$30 million in research funding. She has played a substantial role in the development of several national and international research collaborations.

She is associate editor of the Journal Health Services Research and Policy, and is on the editorial board of several other journals.

She was involved in the establishment of HSRAANZ in 2001 and was its first vice president until 2007 when she became president.

She was convenor of the 2001 conference, and generously stepped forward to convene again this year when the conference had to be moved from Christchurch due to the earthquakes.

She has also served on assessment panels of both the Australian NHMRC and the NZ HRC.

She has supervised 21 PhD students, including 4 Maori and 2 Pacific, and many other post-graduates. [She also contributes to the teaching programmes in health policy, and health monitoring and evaluation at the University of Victoria.]

She has been director of HSRC since 2001 (a fully externally funded research unit) and provides a very supportive collegial environment for her staff, mentoring, encouraging and supporting them in undertaking further study, developing research skills, and in developing their research ideas and seeking funding. She has provided considerable support to emerging researchers, with post-docs now at the unit (again including Maori and Pacific researchers).

In presenting the award Terri Green said the award is an opportunity for the Association to acknowledge and to show appreciation for the outstanding contribution Jackie has made over the years to health services research, not only in undertaking her own research, but also in leading, supporting and mentoring many others, and creating a supportive research environment. Terri particularly noted Jackie's support and encouragement of Maori and Pacific researchers and concluded "your sustained and high quality contribution to the health services profession, especially through your work for HSRAANZ, is much appreciated and valued."