



## VESKI Newsletter Number 7 February 2007

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### A message from the Executive Director:

Welcome to the first of four newsletters for VESKI in 2007.

Each quarter we will bring you up-to-date information on the current VESKI programs and forthcoming activities that support outstanding Australians and leading researchers to do great things in their own right. In turn, these activities act to inform and build an inspired community where innovation, ideas and business provide benefits for all Victorians.

Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with VESKI's achievements of 2006 and join me on our exciting journey during 2007.

Until next time, best wishes

*Julia Page - Executive Director*

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### About VESKI:

VESKI (Victorian Endowment for Science, Knowledge and Innovation) is a charitable institution working to enhance Victoria's intellectual capital through a dynamic program of fellowships, awards, and international networks.

VESKI's main program is the VESKI Innovation Fellowships, an initiative to return to Victoria successful Australian expatriates with outstanding skills in the fields of science, innovative technology and design. [More...](#)

### What's New in the VESKI Team?

VESKI has appointed Ms Patricia Ross to the newly created role of Administration and Program Coordinator. Patricia will focus on coordinating the many VESKI programs and can be contacted via t: 03 9635 5700 or e: [patricia.ross@veski.org.au](mailto:patricia.ross@veski.org.au)

In 2006, VESKI relocated to the first floor of Milton House. All correspondence can be directed to: VESKI, Milton House, Level 1, 25 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, Victoria 3000.

The new look VESKI website is now live, [www.veski.org.au](http://www.veski.org.au) – please visit the site to keep abreast of our up and coming programs. Why not save this link to your favorite's folder?

### VESKI Board Member News:



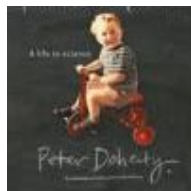
#### Committee for Melbourne Honors Executive Director

After nearly 12 years of holding the position of Executive Director of the Committee for Melbourne, Ms Janine Kirk AM has resigned to take up a senior role leading Ernst & Young's Government practice in Victoria. [More...](#)

#### Peter Doherty - Plagues, Pestilence & Influenza

Prof Peter Doherty AC, VESKI Fellow, Nobel Laureate and Australian of the Year (1997), was the inaugural speaker at the Wellcome Trust, marking the launch of the London chapter of Advance's global Life Sciences network. [More...](#)





### Nobel Laureate Launches His First Book

Prof Peter Doherty launched his first book 'The Beginners Guide to Winning the Nobel Prize'. The book is available at most bookshops and large department stores. [More...](#)

## Highlights of 2006:



### VESKI Forms Unique Funding Partnership

When VESKI went searching for a funding partner to help attract back outstanding scientists under the VESKI Fellowships program, an alliance was found in another Not for Profit (NFP) with corporate-like strategies, The Helen Macpherson Smith Trust. [More...](#)

### VESKI Announces Two More Fellows

On Monday 23rd October 2006 VESKI announced Dr Cait MacPhee and Dr Alyssa Barry as the esteemed recipients of the 2006 VESKI Innovation Fellowships. Distinguished guests from the innovation and science community including Minister for Innovation, Hon John Brumby MP, Mr Darvell Hutchinson, Chairman of Trustees, Helen Macpherson Smith Trust and VESKI Fellows Professor Andrew Holmes and Dr Gareth Forde, attended a cocktail function to hear from the newly appointed VESKI Fellows. [More...](#)



### VESKI Funds Internationally Acclaimed Vic Design

Two VESKI Awards in design were granted to showcase Victorian design excellence on the global stage and fund the return of 'The City of Milan 2005 Award for Young Foreign Designers' exhibition and the 'New Trends in Architecture in Europe and Asia Pacific' travelling exhibition to Victoria. [More...](#)

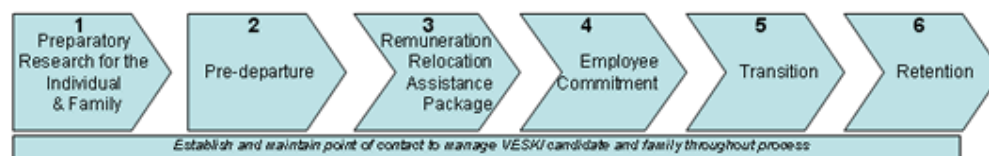
### VESKI Expands Program Portfolio

VESKI now offers VESKI Innovation Fellowships (Non-Australian) to outstanding individuals who are not Australian citizens, but to individuals who may wish to undertake research in Victoria. Applicants must demonstrate that they will bring outstanding skills and specialised expertise to the Victorian community. [More...](#)

### Introduction of the VESKI Standard

VESKI has developed a best practice for settling in VESKI Innovation Fellows and host organisations - the VESKI Standard. The VESKI Standard streamlines the process from sourcing candidates to bringing them to Victoria and settling them into a different workplace and lifestyle. [More...](#)

#### VESKI Standard Process for Inbound Relocation



## An Update From Our VESKI Fellows:



### Prof Holmes:Elected to Aust. Academy of Science

VESKI's Inaugural Fellow Professor Andrew Holmes has been honored as one of 18 leading Australian scientists to be elected to the Australian Academy of Science and also as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering in 2006. [More...](#)



### Prof Marcus Pandy - Secures Additional \$4 million

VESKI Innovation Fellow, Prof Marcus Pandy working collaboratively with the Department of Electrical Engineering (University of Melbourne), has secured funding from NICTA (National Information and Communications Technology Australia) to the value of \$10 million dollars. Of the total, \$4 million dollars has been allocated to Prof Pandy's ongoing research.

Professor Marcus Pandy also presented his Inaugural Professorial Lecture "The Knee Bone's

connected to the ..." on Monday, 3 April 2006.

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### **Dr Gareth Forde - Filed Provisional Patent**

Dr Gareth Forde, along with co-inventor Michael Danquah (PhD student), have had a provisional patent filed by Monash Commercial on their chromatography adsorbent designed specifically for DNA purification.

Dr Forde was recently nominated for the Monash Postgraduate Association Supervisor of the Year Award for 2006.

Dr Forde will present work on staged vaccine delivery using mesoporous silica (co-researchers Ms Jenny Ho, Dr Wei Zhu and Dr Huanting Wang) at the Royal Society of Chemistry's Materials Chemistry Conference to be held at UCL in July 2007.

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### **Dr Cait MacPhee**

VESKI looks forward to Dr MacPhee's relocation to Melbourne in the coming months, where she will undertake her research project, 'Harnessing nature's self-assembly processes for new multiscale materials.' [More...](#)



### **Dr Alyssa Barry**

VESKI would to congratulate Dr Barry and her partner Brett, on the birth of their son – Marley William Lewis. Dr Barry has joined the team within the International Health Research Unit at the Burnet Institute, headed up by Professor John Reeder, where she will undertake her research project, 'Population genomics of major surface antigen genes of the malaria parasite.' [More...](#)

## **A Look Ahead for VESKI in 2007:**



### **Nobel Laureate Opened State-of-the-Art Laboratory**

Nobel Laureate Prof. Richard Schrock officially opened VESKI Fellow Professor Andrew Holmes laboratory at the Bio21 Institute, on the 2 February 2007. Minister for Innovation, Hon John Brumby MP was in attendance to reflect on the success of attracting Professor Holmes back to Victoria.

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