



Welcome from the VESKI Chief Executive Officer

Welcome to the final VESKI newsletter for 2011.

It contains a snapshot of VESKI's achievements over the past 12 months and movements around the VESKI Family including the announcement of our 12th and 13th VESKI Innovation Fellows.

Thank you to everyone for your support throughout the year, particularly our key stakeholders, the VESKI Board and the VESKI Innovation Fellows.

Finally, seasons greetings to you and your families and all the best for a safe and prosperous 2012.



**Kind regards,
Ms Julia L Page**



VESKI Family welcomes 12th and 13th Fellows

In June, the VESKI Family welcomed Drs Matthew Call and Christopher McNeill as the 2011 VESKI Innovation Fellows. Dr Call received a non-Australian VESKI Innovation Fellowship and relocated to WEHI from Harvard University while Dr McNeill received the Australian VESKI Innovation Fellowship and relocated to Monash University from the University of Cambridge's Cavendish Laboratory. Both have already begun to make significant contributions to science in Victoria, including additional funding for their research areas. [More...](#)



VESKI Board movements

In December 2010, the VESKI Board appointed Professor Andrew Holmes as a VESKI Director making him the first VESKI Innovation Fellowship alumnus to serve on the VESKI Board. In June, the VESKI Board farewelled Professor Christina Mitchell who has taken up the role as Dean of Medicine at Monash University. We also welcomed Professor Ian Smith from Monash University as a VESKI Director. He has already made an important contribution to the VESKI Innovation Fellowship Selection Committee. [More...](#)



VESKI Innovation Fellows continue to achieve

Our VESKI Innovation Fellows continue to make significant contributions to their fields both locally and internationally. Highlights from 2011 include the election of Professor Michael Cowley as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering; a number of NHMRC Grants including \$1.5 million for A/Professor Ygal Haupt's team, \$633,000 for Dr Ross Dickins and \$640,000 for Dr Mark Shackleton; a \$1.2 million grant from Human Frontier Science Program for Dr Matthew Call's collaboration with scientists in the US and Japan; and the unveiling of a new research technology by Dr Alyssa Barry to reveal how humans develop immunity to malaria. [More...](#)



Design Awards help seed new design school concept

In 2011, VESKI Awards in Design were presented to world-renowned body architect Lucy McRae and X_Field Travelling Exhibition. The VESKI Award in Design allowed Lucy McRae to deliver an intense three week collaboration with 20 of RMIT University's top students. Following the success of Lucy's innovative collaboration in Victoria, she has begun developing it into a new design school concept. X_Field is a collaborative group of practitioners who work across art, architect, landscape architecture, urban and interior design. Since launching in Melbourne, the exhibition has visited Korea and Beijing and will visit Taipei before returning to Melbourne in 2013. [More...](#)



VESKI hosts students at Graeme Clarke Oration

In March 2011, the VESKI Board and VESKI Innovation Fellows hosted a group of Victorian science students and teachers at the Graeme Clarke Oration Dinner. The students and teachers enjoyed spending the time with the VESKI Innovation Fellows who in turn enjoyed spending the time with the next generation of scientists and researchers. [More...](#)



VESKI welcomes Sally Roberts to the team

In the second half of 2011, VESKI welcomed Sally Roberts to the VESKI Family as the VESKI Administrator. Sally joined the VESKI Family after a career in buying and sourcing for a UK women's fashion label. Sally is looking forward to working with the extended VESKI Family in 2012. [More...](#)

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