

Foreword ...

The South Western Sydney Area Health Service regards the advancement of knowledge as an excellent means of improving the health care to the residents of our region. Research activity in South Western Sydney Area Health Service has continued to thrive, as has the continued learning of our practitioners. This is our assurance that we are on target to achieve our goal of improving the health outcomes for the people of South Western Sydney Area Health Service.

For the year 2000, our researchers were successfully awarded \$5,712,800 in total funding from all sources. Last year was \$4,722,937. This is an excellent reflection of the calibre of work being undertaken, and the recognition from internal and external funding bodies of the potential advances our research can offer the health and medical world.

The incorporation of the Ingham Institute for Health and Medical Research has advanced this year, and the realisation of developing a centre of research excellence here in Sydney's south west is very real. Progress continues to build the facility that will support the work being undertaken, and foster the sharing of professional expertise across all areas.

I would like to extend my congratulations to all staff who have dedicated their time to research activities this year. Thank you also to all contributors to this report – the information provides an excellent snapshot of our year in research.

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