



# **Interprofessional Learning Coordinators: a new initiative with positive gains**



**Gillian Nisbet**

***Deborah McGregor***

**Cheryl Hobbs**

---



## Setting the Scene

May 2006

**IPL Coordinators appointed**

2005/06

**IPL program implemented at RNSH, Concord, RPA, Westmead hospitals, & NRUDRH**

2004

**IPL strategic direction of University of Sydney**

May 2003

**First IPL program implemented**

June 2002

**IPL Working Party established at RNSH**



## The IPL Coordinator

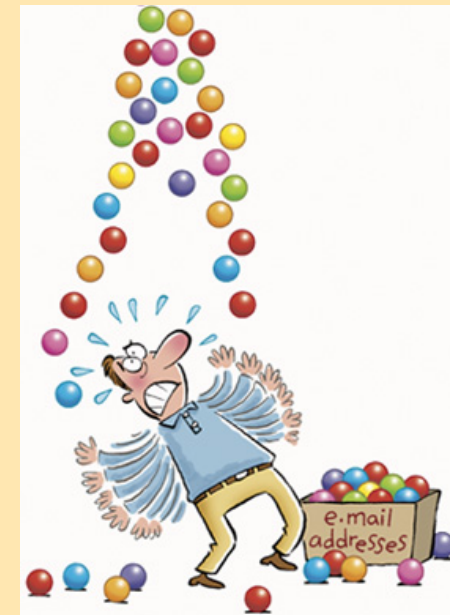
- **Positions -**
  - 4 positions**
  - 16hrs/week**
  - 3 year fixed-term**
  - Site based**
  - University Funded**
- **Reporting structure**
- **Qualifications – background in healthcare**





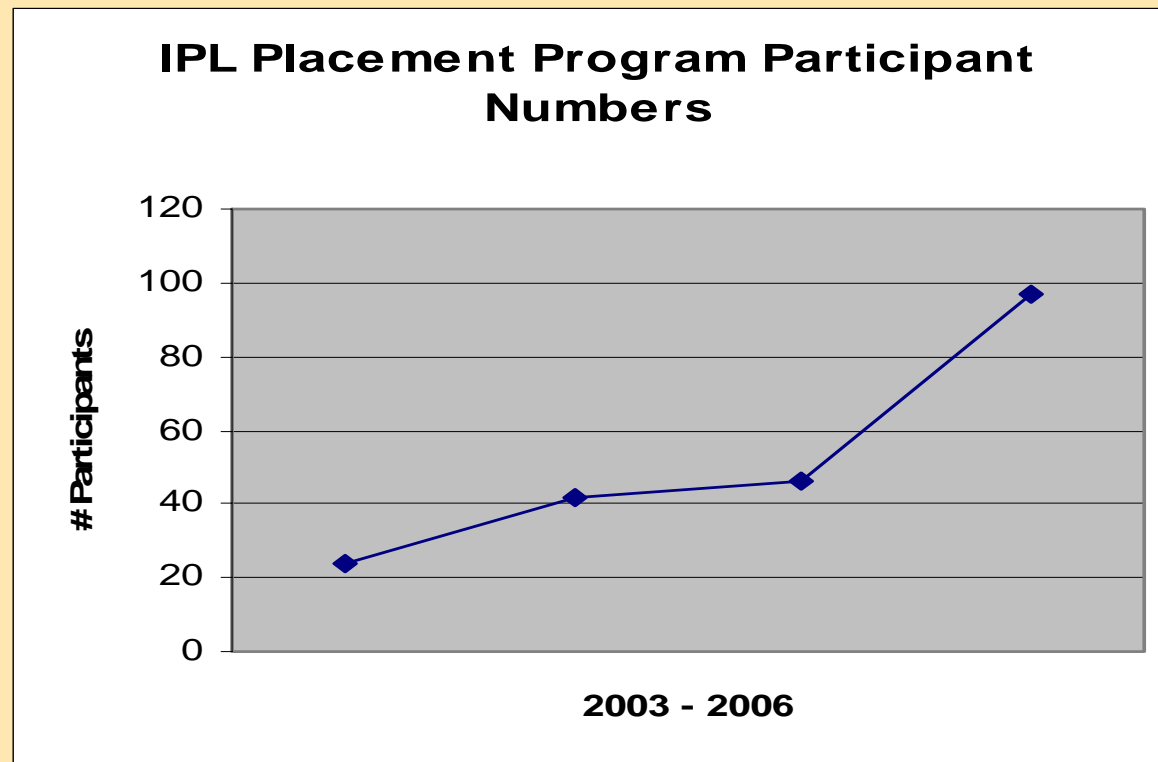
## The Role of the IPL Coordinator

- **Program - Development**  
**Coordination**  
**Implementation**  
**Facilitation**  
**Evaluation**
- **Liaising with Key Stakeholders**
- **Marketing**
- **Staff Development**





## Key Achievements





## Key Achievements *New & Innovative IPL Program Delivery*

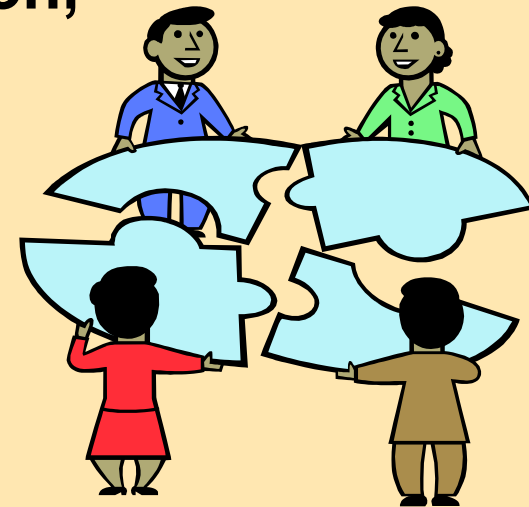
- **Specific clinical area model**
- **Mixed clinical model**
- **Ambulatory care model**
- **Combined hospital model**





## Key Achievements *Orangisation & Logistics*

- **Clearer Lines of Communication**
- **Improved Program Organisation, Administration & Delivery**
- **Increased Stakeholder Satisfaction**





## Key achievements *Marketing - Staff Education*

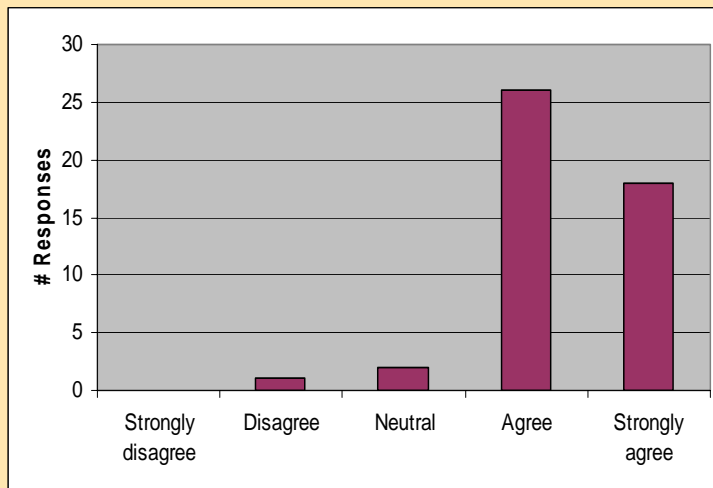
- **Workshop**
- **Presentations to Area Health Authorities**
- **Inservices**
- **Newsletters**
- **Staff Orientation**



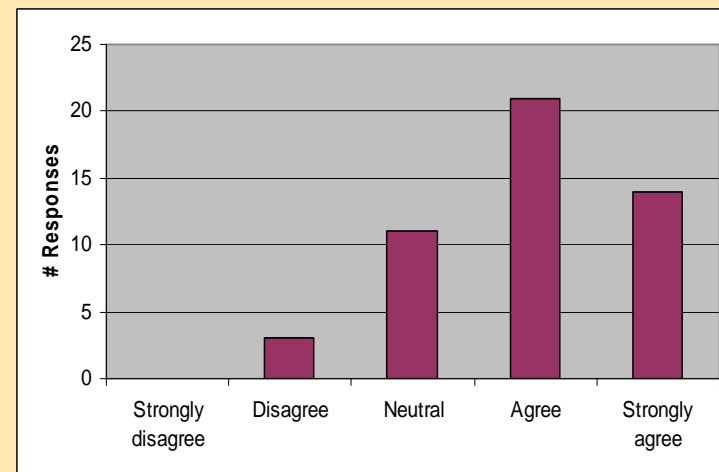




## Key Achievements *Workshop Evaluation Data*



**“What I have learnt in the IPL workshop will be useful to me for working with students”**



**“As a result of this workshop my understanding of the benefits and constraints in IPL work has changed”**



## Key Constraints

- **Curriculum reform**
- **Mandating & assessing participation**
- **Capacity issues**
- **Logistical issues**
- **Changing workforce**

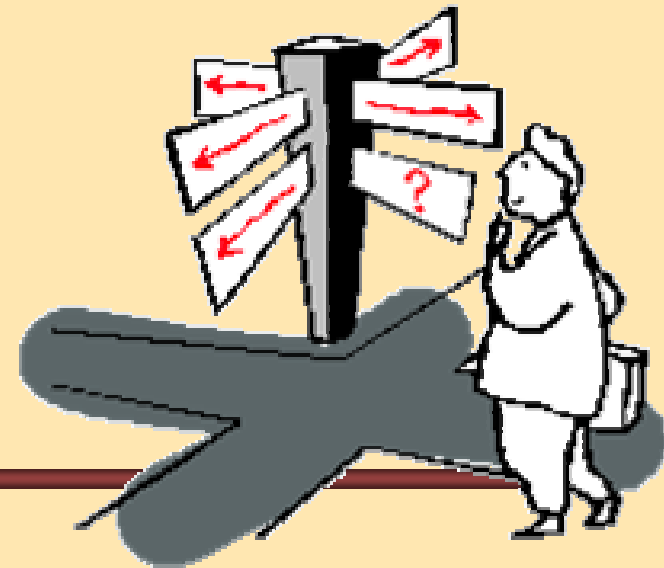




## Future Directions for IPL

### *Evolving Role of IPL Coordinators*

- **Framework Reform**
- **Refining IPL Placement Options**
- **Staff Development**
- **> Collaboration**
- **Research**





## QUESTIONS??

Together  
Everyone  
Achieves  
More

