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Thesis title – Integrating holistic processing and face space coding approaches to the perception of facial identity

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Bond University
Thesis title – Perceived benefits and adjustment to caring for older adults: The moderating role of stress appraisal

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Cairnmillar Institute
Thesis title – Recovery after unsuccessful in vitro fertilisation: The complex role of resilience and marital relationships

Belinda Goodwin
Central Queensland University
Thesis title – Coping with peer rejection in early adolescence: The role of cognitive reappraisal, co-rumination, rejection sensitivity and gender

Kate Savage
Charles Darwin University
Thesis title – Are Australian women embracing the ‘super woman’ ideal?

Tammy Oreal-Scarborough
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Emma Penman
Curtin University
Thesis title – The right to grieve: Public perceptions of grief following bereavement

Rebecca Fitzpatrick
Deakin University
Thesis title – The relationship between sign-tracking, impulsivity and alcohol use

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Thesis title – ‘Arthur or Martha: Investigating patterns in emerging adulthood (KSAS) of rural and remote psychologists’ Knowledge, skills and attitudes (KSAS) of rural and remote psychologists

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Thesis title – Liking on Facebook: The relationships between attachment styles and Facebook behaviour

Michelle Coleman
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Thesis title – Selection by semantic category: Performance in iconic memory tasks using word stimuli

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Thesis title – Investigating mindfulness, premenstrual coping and premenstrual distress in women’s experience of premenstrual change

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Thesis title – Work stress, work-life balance and employer support for Australian academics