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## E-mail Bulletin – February 2007

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to send you the February e-mail bulletin on our developments and plans for the Ageing Well Research Network. If you have items that you wish to be included in future bulletins please do not hesitate to forward them to us. Please feel free to forward this bulletin on to anybody else who may be interested. If you have received this bulletin via secondary sources and would like to be added to the distribution list please e-mail your request to [ageingnet@usyd.edu.au](mailto:ageingnet@usyd.edu.au).

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### State hub activities:

**Queensland** – Professor Helen Bartlett, Dr D. Visala Rao and Dr Jeni Warburton released a report on a scoping project on *Ageing and Cultural Diversity in Queensland: Working together to make a difference*. This project was designed to pool the evidence on the needs of, and issues of concern to, older people from CALD backgrounds in Queensland and in Australia in general. A copy of the report is available at <http://www.uq.edu.au/aca/docs/Reports/AgeingAndCulturalDiversityInQueenslandFull.pdf>

### Network website – additional materials added:

The following additional materials have been added to the Resources section of the Network's website ([http://www.ageingwell.edu.au/links\\_resources.htm](http://www.ageingwell.edu.au/links_resources.htm)):

- *The Australian National Emerging Researchers in Ageing Study (NERAS)* – a summary of the key findings of the NERAS study completed by Professor Helen Bartlett and Dr Mair Underwood.
- *The research relationship with older people: Promoting good practice - summary of the workshop held on Friday 8 December 2006.*
- *Intergenerational relations research workshop* - summary of the workshop held on Monday 20 November 2006.
- *Assistive Technologies and IT for managing health and disease in ageing communities - Socio-economic, public health and policy implications* – summary of the forum held on Thursday 26 October 2006 along with copies of the forum presentations.
- *Enabling Access and Independence - Translating Ageing Research Evidence to Practice and Policy* - summary of the Victorian forum held on Thursday 17 August 2006.

## Ageing related publications:

**The Australasian Journal on Ageing (AJA)** is a multi-disciplinary peer reviewed journal and the region's premier journal on ageing. The journal is published quarterly and is the official journal of the Australian Council on the Ageing (ACOTA), the Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG), Aged and Community Services Australia (ACSA), and the Australian and New Zealand Society for Geriatric Medicine (ANZSGM). The journal has recently been selected for coverage in the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) Science and Social Science indexes (see the March [Editorial](#) from Susan Quine, Editor-in-Chief). As a service to our e-mail bulletin recipients, the list of research publications in the AJA will be provided here each quarter, starting with March 2007. Click on the titles below to access PDFs of each document:

### **Australasian Journal on Ageing, March 2007 - Vol. 26 Issue 1 Pages 2-56:**

#### **Editorial**

Susan Quine. Page 2.

#### **Review Article**

[Older Indigenous Australians: their integral role in culture and community](#)

Jeni Warburton and Briana Chambers. Pages 3–7

#### **Research Articles**

[Use of and satisfaction with Community Aged Care Packages in the eastern suburbs of Sydney](#)

Marlene Thomas, Brian Woodhouse, Jenny Rees-Mackenzie and Yun-Hee Jeon. Pages 8–14

[The oral health and treatment needs of community-dwelling older people in a rural town in Western Australia](#)

Estie Kruger, Marc Tennant, Kirrilee Smith and Jacinta Peachey. Pages 15–20

[Influence of age on exophthalmos and thyrotrophin receptor antibodies in 123 untreated patients with Graves' disease and 560 normal control subjects](#)

Nobuyuki Takasu, Takashi Nakamatsu and Ken Nakachi. Pages 21–28

[Timed stance performances reflect differences in age, prevalence of co-morbidities, medication use, fall history and activity level: Early screening for balance loss is indicated](#)

Nancy L Low Choy, Sandra G Brauer and Jennifer C Nitz. Pages 29–34

[Recruiting older participants to a randomised trial of a community-based fall prevention program](#)

Lindy Clemson, Kirsty Taylor, Hal Kendig, Robert G Cumming and Megan Swann. Pages 35–39

[Development of the interpersonal dependency scale for older adults](#)

Deborah Gardner and Edward Helmes. Pages 40–44

[The site-specific epidemiology of hip fracture in the Australian Capital Territory with projections for the first half of the 21st century: Implications for clinical management and health services planning](#)

AA Fisher, MW Davis, SE Rubenach, DG Le Couteur and AJ McLean. Pages 45–51

### ***The Costs and Benefits of Using Private Housing as the 'Home Base' for care for Older People: A Systematic Literature Review***

This literature review by Catherine Bridge, Peter Phibbs, Hal Kendig, Mark Mathews and Helen Bartlett for the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI). A copy of the paper is available at [http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/download/60313\\_pp](http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/download/60313_pp)

***Longevity and Social Change in Australia***, edited by Allan Borowski, Sol Encel & Elizabeth Ozanne covers a wide range of issues, including health, retirement incomes, aged care, family relations, employment, housing and town planning. Special attention is given to the particular structural disadvantages affecting women, Aboriginal Australians and ethnic minorities. The book is available from UNSW Press (see <http://www.unswpress.com.au/isbn/0868408891.htm>)

### **The retirement expectations of middle-aged individuals**

This Discussion Paper by Deborah A. Cobb-Clark and Steve Stillman from the Centre for Economic Policy Research uses the first three waves of the Household Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) Survey to examine the retirement plans of middle-aged workers (aged 45-55). A copy of the paper is available at <http://cepr.anu.edu.au/pdf/DP540.pdf>

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## **PhD Scholarship:**

**In-hospital falls prevention research - Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane** – An opportunity exists for a suitably qualified health professional to undertake a PhD research program in the field of preventing falls amongst hospital in-patients. This opportunity has arisen under the NHMRC project grant "Randomised controlled trial of multi-media patient education approaches to prevent in-hospital patient falls".

If interested, please submit a current curriculum vitae (3 pages maximum) with cover letter as Microsoft Word attachments to [Terrence\\_Haines@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Terrence_Haines@health.qld.gov.au). A "confirmation of receipt" e-mail will be sent following arrival of your application. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 PM, **Friday 2 March 2007**.

For further enquiries, please contact Dr Terry Haines – 07 3240 6713 or [Terrence\\_Haines@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Terrence_Haines@health.qld.gov.au)

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**Positions Vacant and Contract Opportunities:**

**Associate Professor (Ageing) at the University of Sydney** - The Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Sydney is searching for a suitable candidate for an Associate Professor position in the area of ageing, which is to be aligned with the discipline of Occupational Therapy. The link to this position, including the application procedure, appears below:

<http://bull.ucc.usyd.edu.au/personnel/FMPro?-db=per%5fvacancy.fp5&-format=jobdetail.html&-lay=full&approved=Yes&available=1&TypeShort=Senior%20Academic&-recid=38044&-find>

If you are interested in this position or would like to suggest a potential candidate please contact Associate Professor Gerard Sullivan at the Faculty of Health Sciences ([StaffDevDir@usyd.edu.au](mailto:StaffDevDir@usyd.edu.au) or on 02 9351 9154). The position closes on **16 March 2007**.

**Research Officer positions available at Liverpool Hospital, Sydney** – The following three Research and Project Officer positions are currently being advertised as part of the Pathways Home Research Project based at Liverpool Hospital:

- One Research Officer position (L07/41) has an emphasis on database management and background in statistics
- The other Research Officer position (L07/40) is more focused on qualitative research
- The Project Officer position (L07/39) will be helping to develop new information platforms for aged care staff.

All positions close on **2 March 2007**.

As well as these positions, **there is also the opportunity for short-medium term contract work** doing specific tasks such as literature reviews, data analysis or working up papers for publication.

For further enquiries about the above positions or contract opportunities, please contact Dr Chris Shanley on 0416 382 747 or on [Christopher.Shanley@sswahs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Christopher.Shanley@sswahs.nsw.gov.au)

**Research Assistant position at the University of New South Wales** - Applications are invited for a suitably qualified person to fulfil the role of a Research Assistant to conduct psychometric and limited physical assessments on elderly study participants, enter these data and maintain meticulous records. This position is with the Memory & Ageing Study at the University of New South Wales. This is a fixed term, full time position for 12 months (renewable), however we would consider filling the position with two part-time appointments (pro rata salary). For information and applications, please refer to <http://www.hr.unsw.edu.au/services/recruitment/jobs/23020706.html>

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**Are you an investigator preparing Linkage grant and other funding applications involving a Post-Doctoral Fellow and/or Research Fellow?**

Would you like early career researchers to contact you about possibly being nominated for appointment in your proposal? If so, please send a brief description of the project and the kind of person you are looking for to [ageingnet@usyd.edu.au](mailto:ageingnet@usyd.edu.au) and we will include a notice in our next e-mail bulletin.

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**Upcoming Conferences:**

**The NSW HACC & Community Care Conference** will take place at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre on **14 – 15 May 2007**. This first time event is expected to attract around 500 delegates from NSW and ACT and interstate. More information can be found at <http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/Events/Event0310.htm>

**The 2007 Alzheimer's Australia Conference** will be held at the Perth Convention Centre on **29 May – 1 June 2007**. Online registration is now open at [www.alzheimers2007conference.com.au](http://www.alzheimers2007conference.com.au) along with a copy of the preliminary program. Early bird registration closes 31 March 2007.

**The Dementia Collaborative Research Centres** will be offering their first National Dementia Research Forum from **17-18 September 2007**. The Forum will be held in Sydney and will be offering a range of dementia-related presentations, debates and workshops for researchers and consumers. For details, please see <http://psych.med.unsw.edu.au/>

**The 40<sup>th</sup> National Australian Association of Gerontology conference** website has been launched and abstracts are now being accepted for the November conference which is taking place in Adelaide SA. For details on abstract requirements and on optional peer review of full papers, please go to [www.aagconference.com](http://www.aagconference.com) and then to the 'Program' page. **Deadline for abstract submission is 14 May** and all authors will receive advice back on status by 2 July.

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**Conference Reminders:**

Carers NSW Conference	8 – 9 March '07	<a href="http://www.carersnsw.asn.au">www.carersnsw.asn.au</a>
Improving Palliative Care	15 – 16 March '07	<a href="http://www.changechampions.com.au">www.changechampions.com.au</a>
Ageing & Disability Conference	2 – 3 April '07	<a href="http://www.acrod.org.au">www.acrod.org.au</a>
2007 Alzheimer's Australia National Conference	29 May – 1 June '07	<a href="http://www.alzheimers2007conference.com.au">www.alzheimers2007conference.com.au</a>
FICCDAT – Toronto Canada	16 – 19 June '07	<a href="http://www.ficcdat.ca">www.ficcdat.ca</a>
Successful Ageing: Countering Depression in Old Age	28 – 29 June '07	<a href="http://www.hammond.com.au">www.hammond.com.au</a>
Australian Social Policy Conference 2007	11 – 13 July '07	<a href="http://www.sprc.unsw.edu.au">www.sprc.unsw.edu.au</a>
The 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cognitive Ageing Conference	12 – 15 July '07	<a href="http://www.cos.gatech.edu/cac/cac_du.htm">www.cos.gatech.edu/cac/cac_du.htm</a>
2007 HILDA survey research conference	19 – 20 July '07	<a href="http://www.melbourneinstitute.com/hilda/">www.melbourneinstitute.com/hilda/</a>
Regional Congress of Gerontology & Geriatrics	22 – 25 October '07	<a href="http://www.aog2007.org">www.aog2007.org</a>
The 40 <sup>th</sup> National Aust. Association of Gerontology Conference	21 – 23 November '07	<a href="http://www.aagconference.com">www.aagconference.com</a>
6 <sup>th</sup> Emerging Researchers in Australia (ERA) Conference	20 November '07	website to be advised
World Congress of Health Professions	March '08	<a href="http://www.worldhealthcongress.org/">www.worldhealthcongress.org/</a>

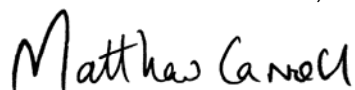
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**General Reminder – Stay in Touch:**

To stay in touch with the broad range of ageing-related activities in Australia we encourage you to go to the websites of the Australian Association of Gerontology and the Ageing Research Online. Links to the relevant sections are provided below:

AAG recent news [www.aag.asn.au/recent\\_news/about\\_news.htm](http://www.aag.asn.au/recent_news/about_news.htm)  
ARO newsletters [www.aro.gov.au/newsletters/index.html](http://www.aro.gov.au/newsletters/index.html)

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That's all for this month,



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