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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the first bulletin for 2007. I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing festive period. If you have items that you wish to be included in future bulletins please do not hesitate to forward them to us.

Healthy Ageing Research Theme:

Professor Colette Browning and Dr Jane Sims were awarded a scoping grant by Monash University's Transport Research at Monash (TR@M) network. They will be meeting with colleagues from a range of faculties on 20 February 2007 to discuss a research program on transport access and use in older people.

PhD Scholarships:

Primary Dementia Collaborative Research Centre – the PDCRC is funded by the Australian Government Dementia: *A National Health Priority Initiative* and established within the School of Psychiatry, UNSW. The PDCRC invites applications from graduates looking to build a career in research relevant to the area of Assessment and Better Care Outcomes for People with Dementia. The value of each scholarship is \$25,000 plus \$2,000 agreed expenses per year for a maximum of three years.

Applicants must be eligible to undertake a PhD program, or be in the first or second year of a PhD program at the University of New South Wales. The closing date for applications is **Friday 23 February 2007**. For further details and an application form, please contact: Ms Rosi Benninghaus or Professor Henry Brodaty on (02) 9385-9060 or Email dementiacrc@unsw.edu.au

Ageing related publications:

Dementia in Australia: national data analysis and development

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has just released a new report which presents a profile of the Australian population with dementia, as well as discussing the characteristics and experiences of those caring for them. The report investigates current and projected prevalence and incidence of dementia, use of health and care services by those with dementia, and presents a new methodology for calculating expenditure on services associated with dementia. This report is available at <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10368>

Access Economics has released two reports that will be of interest to members:

Dementia prevalence and incidence among people who do not speak English at home

This report was commissioned by Alzheimer's Australia on behalf of the National Cross Cultural Dementia Network. The report examines the prevalence and incidence of dementia amongst Australians from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) background. This work was designed to assist in understanding the need for services capable of meeting the special requirements of people with dementia in this group. A copy of the report is available at

www.accesseconomics.com.au/publicationsreports/getreport.php?report=111&id=146

Meeting Australia's Ageing Challenge: The Importance of Women's Workforce Participation

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Human Services commissioned Access Economics to undertake macroeconomic modelling of the impact of changes to women's workforce participation on projected economic growth in coming decades. The report shows that over the past three decades there has been a rise in the overall participation rate in Australia. The increasing tendency of women to be in the workforce has helped lift overall participation rates across this period, even as male participation rates have declined. This report considers the potential for and effects of further gains – or losses – in female participation in the workforce. A copy of the report is available at www.accesseconomics.com.au/publicationsreports/getreport.php?report=115&id=152

The Australian Institute of Family Studies has also released two reports that may be of interest:

A report on “The changing role of grandparents” has been released by Gay Ochiltree from the Australian Family Relationships Clearinghouse. This report looks at the changing role of grandparents over the last twenty years and discusses the issues resulting from these changes and ways in which service providers can support grandparents. A copy of the report is available at www.aifs.gov.au/afrc/pubs/briefing/b2pdf/b2.pdf

“Elder abuse' and the sexual assault of older women” by Antonia Quadara is a description of policy changes towards aged care facilities in relation to issues of sexual and physical assault. This includes some important changes to how incidents of sexual and physical abuse are investigated and resolved by aged care facilities, including the introduction of a mandatory reporting system. A copy of the document is available at www.aifs.gov.au/acssa/pubs/newsletter/n13pdf/n13_5.pdf

Call for papers - Journal of Gay and Lesbian Social Services special issue on “Growing Older: LGBT's in the New Millennium”:

The Journal of Gay and Lesbian Social Services has invited scholars, practitioners, researchers, laypersons, and policy analysts from different backgrounds to submit abstract proposals for a special theme issue and book on mid-life and older gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons to be published in 2008. Potential contributors are asked to send a 150-250 word abstract to jglie@jtsears.com by 1 March 2007 and the complete article by 15 April 2007. The call for papers, including the submission details, can be found at www.jtsears.com/Growing Older CALL.pdf

Upcoming Conferences:

A forum on “Male Health & Ageing in South Australia” will be held at the National Wine Centre in Adelaide from 2:00 to 5:30 PM on **Tuesday 13 February 2007**. The forum is being presented by the Florey Adelaide Male Ageing Study (FAMAS) and the Healthy Ageing Research Cluster (HARC) in association with the Research Network in Ageing Well and the Government of South Australia. Keynote speakers at the forum include Professors Hal Kendig and Mary Luszcz from the Network and Gary Wittert from the Florey Adelaide Male Ageing Study. The symposium will bring together luminaries from various research disciplines, and is as an opportunity to discuss current research and future directions in the emerging field of men's health. For catering purposes, RSVPs are essential. Please respond by 6 February to sean.martin@adelaide.edu.au or call (08) 8303 4723.

The 16th Annual Tri-State Aged and Community Care Conference will be held at the Albury Convention Centre on **25-27 February 2007**. The theme of the conference will be “Evolution: Changing environments, changing practice”. More information is available at www.accv.com.au/pdf/TS_program_2007.pdf

A 2-day forum on Improving the Delivery of Palliative Care for Older People will be held on **15-16 March 2007** at Sydney Masonic Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney. The forum aims to share information about client/patient focussed systems, strategies, policies etc that have improved access to and the delivery of palliative care for older people in various settings eg acute, community, residential, primary and home care. Early bird registrations are available until 14 February 2006. For more information go to www.changechampions.com.au

The 2007 Ageing & Disability Conference will be at the Hilton Hotel, Adelaide on **2-3 April 2007**. The conference will seek to integrate policy, research and practice to improve society's response to the needs and lifestyle preferences of older people with disability. It will offer presentations and workshops appealing to a broad cross section of staff from service providers, but is designed to be also of interest to people from government departments and academic institutions. More information is available at www.acrod.org.au/conferences/a&d2007/home.htm

The 2007 Alzheimer's Australia Conference will be held at the Perth Convention Centre on **29 May – 1 June 2007**. The theme of the conference is "A Journey of Passion and Purpose – The Next 100 Years". The conference will look back at the last 100 years since Dr Alois Alzheimer discovered the disorder in 1906, where are we now, and what the next 100 years will bring for people living with dementia. More information is available at www.alzheimers2007conference.com.au

The Successful Ageing: Countering Depression in Old Age Conference will be presented by Hammond Care at the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney on **June 28-29 2007**. This conference will bring together a wide range of professionals from the aged and health care sectors who are united by their passion for helping people to enjoy the later stages of life and to reduce the disabling effects of depression. More information is available at www.hammond.com.au/dsdc/conference2007.html

The 2007 HILDA survey research conference will be held on **19-20 July 2007**, at the University of Melbourne. The aim of the conference is to provide a forum for the discussion of research based on the Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia Survey. Attendance at the conference is open to all persons interested in the HILDA Survey and longitudinal survey research. **Submission deadline is 5 April 2007** (for both full papers and abstracts). More information is available at www.melbourneinstitute.com/hilda/conf2007.html

The Australian Social Policy Conference 2007 will be held at the University of New South Wales, Sydney from **11-13 July 2007**. The conference is run by the Social Policy Research Centre and the theme for this year is "Social Policy through the Life Course: Building Community Capacity and Social Resilience". The Network's Productivity and Economic Security Theme will be presenting a forum on "Australia's Demographic Challenges" as part of the conference. More details on this and other Network activities will be provided closer to the date. **The call for abstracts for the conference closes on 9 April 2007**. Abstracts should be emailed to ASPC2007@unsw.edu.au. Further information on the conference will be available on the SPRC website shortly (www.sprc.unsw.edu.au).

The 40th National Australian Association of Gerontology conference will be held at the Hilton Hotel, Adelaide from 21-23 November 2007. The theme of the conference will be "Beyond 2007, Ageing: Evolution and Revolution". More information will be available shortly at www.aagconference2007.com

The World Congress of Health Professions will be held at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre in **March 2008**. This world congress represents the first time that all health professions across all sectors, have been invited to meet. It is an opportunity to meet those in the forefront of developments in health, to hear experts share their vision of our future and to network with leaders in health from across the world. **The call for abstracts closes 30 March 2007**. More information is available at www.worldhealthcongress.org/

Conference Reminders:

Carers NSW Conference	8 – 9 March '07	www.carersnsw.asn.au
FICCDAT – Toronto Canada	16 – 19 June '07	www.ficcdat.ca
2007 Alzheimer's Australia National Conference	29 May – 1 June '07	www.alzheimers2007conference.com.au
The 20 th Anniversary Cognitive Ageing Conference	12 – 15 July '07	www.cos.gatech.edu/cac/cac_du.htm
Regional Congress of Gerontology & Geriatrics (reminder – call for abstracts closes 28 Feb 2007)	22 – 25 October '07	www.aog2007.org

General Reminder – Stay in Touch:

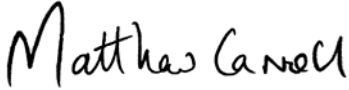
To stay in touch with the broad range of ageing-related activities in Australia we encourage you to go to the websites of the Australian Association of Gerontology and the Ageing Research Online. Links to the relevant sections are provided below:

AAG recent news www.aag.asn.au/recent_news/about_news.htm
ARO newsletters www.aro.gov.au/newsletters/index.html

Central Hub News:

Finally, we are pleased to announce that the Network office now has a new Administrative Officer, Ms Melissa Graf, who started working with us at the beginning of the month. Melissa can be contacted on 02 9767 8338 or m.graf@usyd.edu.au

That's all for this month,



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