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## e-Mail Bulletin – January 2008

Dear Colleagues,

We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing festive season and are pleased to send you the January e-mail bulletin with details of recent and upcoming ageing related activities. 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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### Network Activities:

**Indigenous Ageing Special Interest Group** – Tony Broe, Convenor of the Network's Indigenous Ageing SIG, will be running a joint Network/Australian Association of Gerontology workshop on Aboriginal Ageing and Longevity. The workshop will take place at the Edmund Blacket Lecture Theatre, Prince of Wales Hospital, Sydney from 10am - 4 pm on **15 August 2008**. The workshop will bring together interested researchers and practitioners to explore why Aboriginal people have low life expectancies. The aim of the workshop is to identify and develop strategies for improving life expectancies and healthy ageing in Aboriginal communities. Places are limited for this free workshop so register early by contacting Sandra Forster on (02) 9382 4259 or [sandra.forster@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sandra.forster@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au)

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### Publications in ageing:

**The Australasian Journal on Ageing (AJA)** December issue is now available. The list of publications in the AJA is provided below. Click on the titles below to access the PDFs of each document:

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##### Review articles

[The older population and changing housing careers: Implications for housing provision](#)

Debbie Faulkner. Pages 152–156

[Immigration and the aged care workforce in Australia: Meeting the deficit](#)

Michael D Fine and Annette Mitchell. Pages 157–161

##### Research Articles

[Measuring quality of life in older people: Reliability and validity of WHOQOL-OLD](#)

Nancy M Peel and Helen P Bartlett and Alison L Marshall. Pages 162–167

[A study on whey protein supplement on physical performance and quality of life among elderly patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease](#)

Christopher Lum and Raymond Lo, Kenway Ng and Jean Woo, Nelson Tang and Stephen Fallows. Pages 168–172

[When choice in retirement decisions is missing: Qualitative and quantitative findings of impact on well-being](#)

Susan Quine, Yvonne Wells, David de Vaus and Hal Kendig. Pages 173–179

[Selenium and zinc in hair and toenails in relation to the physical and mental health status of older adults: The Freemasons Health study in New Zealand](#)

Shaheenul Islam and Kristie Carter, Cliona Ni Mhurchu and Craig S Anderson. Pages 180–186

[Building capacity in ageing research: Implications from a survey of emerging researchers in Australia](#)

Helen Bartlett, Mair Underwood and Linda Peach. Pages 187–193

[The value of comparing health outcomes in cohort studies: An example of self-rated health in seven studies including 79 653 participants](#)

Kaarin Anstey, Peter Butterworth, Tim Windsor, Richard Burns, Kerry Sargent-Cox, Chwee von Sanden and Helen Christensen, Heather Booth, Leon Simons, Julie Byles and Richard Gibson, Mary Luszcz, Jonathan Shaw, Gerald (Tony) Broe, Colette Browning, Paul Mitchell, Robert Cumming and Hal Kendig. Pages 194–200

**Australia's welfare 2007** - The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare released its biennial flagship publication Australia's welfare 2007 on Thursday 6 December 2007 at its one-day conference which reflected on the theme of "Disadvantage and Diversity". This publication brings together information and analysis about the service systems set up both formally and informally to redistribute resources on the basis of need. Australia's welfare is aimed at policymakers and those who deliver programs: it is also intended to be a valuable resource for those in the community who want to understand better how these systems operate.

As in previous years, the latest volume includes a chapter on Ageing and aged care. The original and major continuing focus of the chapter is on the informal and formal services which provide care and assistance to Australians aged 65 and over, including aged care services and income support. However, this chapter also includes information about a number of other social issues, particularly work and retirement, retirement income and social participation. Australia's welfare 2007 is available for purchase from CanPrint and can be viewed online at <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/aus/aw07/aw07.pdf>

**Movement from hospital to residential aged care: preliminary results** – The AIHW has also released a report on the interface between acute hospital care and residential aged care. This report provides preliminary results on the linkage between hospital and residential aged care national data sets when applied to data for four states and two territories for 2001-02, and investigates a particular issue - the use of residential aged care for interim care following a period in hospital. A copy of the report is available at [www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10565](http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10565)

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#### **Internet Resources:**

The following ageing related resources may be of interest:

COTA Over 50s

COTA Over 50s is a national organisation that coordinates the policy work of the state-based Councils on the Ageing (COTAs) and the ARPA Over 50s Association – see [www.cotaover50s.org.au](http://www.cotaover50s.org.au)

Dementia CRC newsletters

The three DCRCs release a quarterly newsletter which includes an update from the Directors of the three centres and details of dementia related research and activities. The newsletters are available at [www.dementia.unsw.edu.au/DCRCweb.nsf/page/newsletters](http://www.dementia.unsw.edu.au/DCRCweb.nsf/page/newsletters)

Longevity Symposium

On 27 November 2007, The Office for Senior Victorians hosted the Longevity Symposium at the Treasury Theatre in Melbourne. Copies of the presentations are available [here](#)

Please feel free to pass on the details of any other resources to [ageingnet@usyd.edu.au](mailto:ageingnet@usyd.edu.au)

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### Research Funding:

In our previous bulletins we have published the details of several Network members who were successful in obtaining funding in the recent research grant rounds. We are pleased to extend our congratulations to the team of Green, Browning Workman, Flicker, O'Connor, Harris, McKenzie, and Mortimer who were awarded \$1.05 million from Round 2 of the NHMRC Dementia Grants Program for a project on Evidence-based care of people with dementia. Well done all.

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### Research Opportunities:

**The Phillip Jacoby Scholarship in Alzheimer's Dementia Research** is open to Australian or overseas graduates of outstanding academic merit, for a PhD undertaking research into Alzheimer's dementia to be undertaken at the University of Sydney. Preference will be given to students undertaking their research through the Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Disease Laboratory. Candidates must have completed the equivalent of an Australian bachelor degree and be either Australian citizens or permanent residents, or citizens of NZ. For further information please see:

[www.usyd.edu.au/ro/training/index.shtml](http://www.usyd.edu.au/ro/training/index.shtml), select 'Current research scholarships' and search under Research Scholarships (in "Show Me") and by title (in "Optional Keywords"). **The closing date is 22 February 2008.**

**Luxembourg Income Study workshop scholarship** – the Social Policy Research Centre is coordinating a scholarship to enable people to attend the Luxembourg Income Study (LIS) workshop in **July 2008**. This scholarship funds the workshop participation fees (including meals and accommodation) plus \$800 towards travelling costs. Early career researchers (including PhD students) are encouraged to apply, but more experienced researchers are also eligible. The **deadline** for applications is **3 March 2008**. For more information see [www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/LIS\\_Workshop\\_08.html](http://www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/LIS_Workshop_08.html)

**Post Doctoral Fellow - Centre for Mental Health Research, ANU** - The ANU invites applications for a Post Doctoral fellow to work with the **Ageing Well Network's Population Research Strategies Research Theme**. The position will be based in the Centre for Mental Health Research, however collaboration across ANU colleges and other Australian collaborating institutions will be involved. The position will involve working on large funding applications, arranging national workshops, and conducting literature reviews and pilot statistical analyses to assist in developing new research ideas and proposals.

Applicants should have a PhD in social science, economics, psychology or epidemiology and experience with quantitative research methods. Applicants with experience in the analysis of large datasets and a demonstrated interest in ageing research are preferred. Further particulars, including selection criteria, are available from the HR Management Group on phone (02) 612 52580, [hr@cmhs.anu.edu.au](mailto:hr@cmhs.anu.edu.au) or at [http://info.anu.edu.au/hr/Jobs/Academic\\_Positions/PDF/CMHR4570.pdf](http://info.anu.edu.au/hr/Jobs/Academic_Positions/PDF/CMHR4570.pdf). If you wish to discuss the position after obtaining the selection documentation, please contact Dr Kaarin Anstey on (02) 6125 2741, or [Kaarin.Anstey@anu.edu.au](mailto:Kaarin.Anstey@anu.edu.au). Information for applicants is available at [http://info.anu.edu.au/hr/Jobs/How\\_To\\_Apply/index.asp](http://info.anu.edu.au/hr/Jobs/How_To_Apply/index.asp) and a Job Application Cover sheet can be downloaded from <http://info.anu.edu.au/policies/DHR/Forms/HR86.asp>

**Post Doctoral Research Fellow, Centre of Excellence for Alzheimer's Disease and Care, Edith Cowan University WA** The Centre is seeking a Post Doctoral Research Fellow to undertake a study investigating the care related information needs of people with dementia and their family carers. Interested applicants are encouraged to contact Associate Professor Chris Toye on 08 6304 3542 or [c.toye@ecu.edu.au](mailto:c.toye@ecu.edu.au). The **closing date is 15 February 2008** and further details are available at: [www.hr.ecu.edu.au/est/html/jobs\\_ecu.cfm](http://www.hr.ecu.edu.au/est/html/jobs_ecu.cfm)

**Rural Ageing Postdoctoral Fellowship – Rural Clinical School, UTAS** – The Rural Clinical School at the University of Tasmania is seeking a postdoctoral fellow for the Community Engagement for Productive Ageing project which was recently funded through the Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage grant scheme. This innovative and highly significant research initiative brings together key agencies representing consumers, service providers and policy makers and researchers. The total remuneration package will be \$71,837 per annum. Copies of the advertisement and position description are attached. The **closing date** for applications is **11 February 2008**. For further information about the position please contact Professor Judi Walker, Chief Investigator and Professor of Rural Health, Rural Clinical School by email on [Judith.Walker@utas.edu.au](mailto:Judith.Walker@utas.edu.au)

**Research Officer** - NHMRC funded project investigating the prevalence, causes and outcomes of dementia in urban dwelling Aboriginal communities in New South Wales. The Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute is seeking to appoint a Research Officer to manage the above project. Essential skills: Doctoral degree in a relevant discipline; experience in research project management including fieldwork; ability to manage a research team; interpersonal and problem solving skills; excellent time management and organizational skills; ability to work independently and within a team environment. Desirable skills: experience with ageing-related research; previous project management experience; a special interest in the health and wellbeing of Indigenous Australians. The **closing date is 22 February 2008**. For further information contact Professor Tony Broe or Sandra Forster on (02) 9382 4259. Please send your application addressing the selection criteria to Lee Hilton, [l.hilton@powmri.edu.au](mailto:l.hilton@powmri.edu.au), PO Box 82, St Pauls, NSW 2031, Fax (02) 9399 1026.

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### Upcoming Conferences and Symposia:

**Home care for older people: Perspectives from Australia and Sweden.** The Benevolent Society will be hosting a breakfast seminar on **20 February 2008** from 7:45 – 9:00 am. Guest speakers will be Prof. Marta Szebehely from Stockholm University, Sweden and Assoc. Prof. Jane Mears from the University of Western Sydney. The seminar will be held at Paddington House, Level 1, 188 Oxford St, Paddington. **RSVP** by Wednesday **13 February 2008** to Jarrah Hoffmann-Ekstein on 02 9339 8064 or [jarrah@bensoc.org.au](mailto:jarrah@bensoc.org.au)

**Getting on with life - rehabilitation and chronic illness in old age** - The Australian Association of Gerontology (NSW Division), the Eastern Australia Dementia Training and Study Centre and the Centre for Health Service Development, University of Wollongong are presenting the above conference on **1-2 April 2008** at the Function Centre, University of Wollongong. The **closing date** for abstract submissions is Wednesday **16 January 2008** and 'Early' Registration are available until 29 February 2008. Copies of the registration form and call for papers are attached. For further information please contact East Coast Conferences on [info@eastcoastconferences.com.au](mailto:info@eastcoastconferences.com.au) or (02) 6650 9800.

**The HORIBA-APRU Research Conference 2008** on Gerontology "Strategies for 'Aging in Place' will take place at the University of Tokyo on **8 – 12 September 2008**. The main purpose of this conference is to form a network of junior gerontologists in the Pacific Rim region beyond the bounds of disciplines and countries. Participants who share interests will form teams to work together and plan a new research project to promote 'Aging in Place' in their own regions. On the final day, a research grant competition will take place with \$10,000 awarded to the best proposal. Junior researchers and professionals interested in working in an interdisciplinary and international research project on Gerontology are welcomed with a maximum 45 participants. For most of the participants, roundtrip to Tokyo, lodging (5 nights), expenses for the official programs will be covered by the organiser. More information and an application form are available from <http://gerontology.jp/conference08/index01.htm>

**Population Health Congress 2008** – the Australian Health Promotion Association, Australasian Epidemiological Association, Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine and the Public Health Association of have joined forces to put Population Health back on the national map. The congress will take place on **July 9-10 2008** at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. The call for abstracts **closes on 29 February 2008**. More information is available at [www.populationhealthcongress.org.au](http://www.populationhealthcongress.org.au)

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### Conference reminders:

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| AARP Community 50+ Asia                                      | 23 – January '08     | <a href="http://www.aarp.org/community50plus">www.aarp.org/community50plus</a>                     |
| Ageing Population Policy & Planning Conference               | 19 – 20 February '08 | <a href="http://www.igpc.com/au/ageingpopulationsummit">www.igpc.com/au/ageingpopulationsummit</a> |
| International Conference on Aging, Disability & Independence | 20 – 23 February '08 | <a href="http://www.icadi.php.ufl.edu">www.icadi.php.ufl.edu</a>                                   |
| Dementia Care – The Way Forward                              | 21 – 22 February '08 | <a href="http://www.alzheimers.org.au">www.alzheimers.org.au</a>                                   |
| 6th World Congress on The Aging Male                         | 21 24 February '08   | <a href="http://www.kenes.com/aging-congress">www.kenes.com/aging-congress</a>                     |
| World Congress of Health Professions                         | March '08            | <a href="http://www.worldhealthcongress.org/">www.worldhealthcongress.org/</a>                     |
| AAG (NSW) Getting on with Life                               | 1 – 2 April '08      | <a href="http://www.aag.asn.au">www.aag.asn.au</a>   |
| Management of Cognitive Impairment for Older People          | 17 – 18 April '08    | <a href="http://www.changechampions.com.au">www.changechampions.com.au</a>                         |
| ACSA National Community Care Conference                      | 14 – 16 May '08      | <a href="http://www.agedcare.org.au">www.agedcare.org.au</a>                                       |
| Redesigning Healthcare for the Ageing Population             | 20 – 21 May '08      | <a href="http://www.igpc.com/au/ageinghealth">www.igpc.com/au/ageinghealth</a>                     |
| Alzheimer Europe Conference                                  | 22 - 25 May '08      | <a href="http://www.alzheimer-conference2008.org">www.alzheimer-conference2008.org</a>             |

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| International Dementia Conference                                      | 16 – 17 June '08      | <a href="http://www.hammond.com.au/dsdc">www.hammond.com.au/dsdc</a>                           |
| Population Health Congress 2008  | 7 – 9 July '08        | <a href="http://www.populationhealthcongress.org.au/">www.populationhealthcongress.org.au/</a> |
| International College of Geriatric Psychoneuropharmacology             | 3 – 6 September '08   | <a href="http://www.icgp.org/mission.html">www.icgp.org/mission.html</a>                       |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Emerging Researchers in Ageing (ERA) Conference | 18 November '08       | <a href="http://www.ageingwell.edu.au">www.ageingwell.edu.au</a>                               |
| 41st National Aust Assoc of Gerontology Conference                     | 19-21 November '08    | <a href="http://www.aagconference.com">www.aagconference.com</a>                               |
| 5th Congress of the European Union Geriatric Medicine Society          | 3 – 6 September '08   | <a href="http://eugms2008.org">http://eugms2008.org</a>  |
| IFA 9 <sup>th</sup> Global Conference on Ageing – Montreal             | 4 – 7 September '08   | <a href="http://www.ageingdesignmontreal.ca">www.ageingdesignmontreal.ca</a>                   |
| Aust & New Z'land Society for Geriatric Med Scientific Meeting         | 8-10 September '08    | <a href="http://www.asgm.org.au/">www.asgm.org.au/</a>   |
| HORIBA-APRU Strategies for Aging in Place                              | 8 – 12 September '08  | <a href="http://gerontology.jp/conference08">http://gerontology.jp/conference08</a>            |
| National Dementia Research Forum                                       | 18 – 19 September '08 | <a href="http://www.dementia.unsw.edu.au">www.dementia.unsw.edu.au</a>                         |
| ACSA 08 Aged Care in the fast lane                                     | 28 Sept – 1 Oct '08   | <a href="http://www.agedcare.org.au">www.agedcare.org.au</a>                                   |
| Australian and New Zealand Falls Prevention Conference                 | 12 – 14 October '08   | <a href="http://www.anzfpconference.com">www.anzfpconference.com</a>                           |
| Emerging Researchers in Ageing Conference                              | 18 November '08       | under construction   |
| Aust Association of Gerontology Conference                             | 19 – 21 November '08  | <a href="http://www.aagconference.com">www.aagconference.com</a>                               |
| Gerontological Society of America                                      | 20 – 24 November '08  | <a href="http://www.geron.org">www.geron.org</a>   |
| IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics                      | 5 – 9 July '09        | <a href="http://www.gerontologyparis2009.com">www.gerontologyparis2009.com</a>                 |
| 13th Alzheimer's Australia Conference 2009                             | 2 – 5 June '09        | <a href="http://www.alzheimers.org.au">www.alzheimers.org.au</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:

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| AAG recent news          | <a href="http://www.aag.asn.au/recent_news/about_news.htm">www.aag.asn.au/recent_news/about_news.htm</a>           |
| AAG national newsletters | <a href="http://www.aag.asn.au/publications/pub_newsletter.htm">www.aag.asn.au/publications/pub_newsletter.htm</a> |
| ARO newsletters          | <a href="http://www.aro.gov.au/newsletters/index.html">www.aro.gov.au/newsletters/index.html</a>                   |

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