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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to send you the August e-mail bulletin on our developments in the last month 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

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Research Theme activities:

Healthy Ageing – The Healthy Ageing Theme, in collaboration with the Monash Research for an Ageing Society (MonRAS) and the Healthy Ageing Research Unit, will be presenting a special seminar by Associate Professor Leng Leng Thang on “Necessary Connections: Linking the Generations”. Leng Leng is a socio-cultural anthropologist with research interests on intergenerational programming, intergenerational relationships, ageing and gender. The seminar will take place on Monday **15 October 2007** from 2:00 – 4:00 pm in Seminar Room G19, Building 75, Monash University, Clayton Campus. As seats are limited, please RSVP by Friday 12 October to monras@adm.monash.edu.au

Independent Living and Social Participation – A breakfast colloquium and workshop on *Legal Issues and Ageing in Australia* was run on 29 August 2007 by the Australasian Centre on Ageing at the University of Queensland, under the auspices of the ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well and was supported by The Public Trustee of Queensland and National Seniors. The workshop provided a useful forum for developing a research agenda in the area of legal issues and ageing. Gaps were identified in current knowledge and understanding that related to the changing contract between generations, legal issues around accommodation for older people and financial issues for older people. Two of these (changing contract between generations and financial issues) were developed further into a number of potential research questions and the way forward for each study was considered, with collaborative leadership roles allocated.

Productivity and Economic Security – as reported in the previous bulletin, Sue Richardson, convenor of the PES Theme, will be chairing a panel session to identify and discuss the big questions about workforce ageing, at the 38th Australian Conference of Economics (ACE07) in Hobart from **24-26 September 2007** (for details on the conference see www.cdesign.com.au/ace07/).

Population Research Strategies - a Workshop on Modelling Household Structure and Family Support for Elderly Persons will be held on Wednesday **5 December 2007** at ANU. This is a postponement from the originally planned October date. Further details and registration will be available soon.

State and Central hub activities:

Central – the Ageing Well Network and the ARC/NHMRC/ARACY Research Network: Future Generation convened a workshop on *Grandparents in Parenting Roles* on 16 August 2007 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm (AEST). The workshop included presentations by Bettina Cass (UNSW), Vicki Rundle (FaCSIA) and Lisa Langley (COTA (NSW)) followed by a discussion session on key issues and research priorities in this area. A broad range of potential research projects were identified and the summary from the workshop will be circulated to participants and other interested researchers and made available on the Network website with a view to identifying people interested in taking these projects forward.

Convenor Activities – Hal Kendig and Matthew Carroll participated in a range of meetings in Canberra recently with the aims of facilitating the development of large scale research projects and linking in with key ageing constituencies. This visit included attending the National Press Club debate on Ageing Policies for the 2007 Election which was organised by National Seniors Australia on 22 August 2007. In addition, they met with representatives from the Office for an Ageing Australia, Home and Community Care, National Seniors Australia and the Australian Institute for Health and Welfare along with a meeting with members of the Population Research Strategies Theme at ANU.

New Participants – The Network activities that we publicise in this bulletin are driven by our Network Participants group which includes many of the leading researchers in ageing from across the country. The Network is keen to recognise the contributions of researchers actively involved in the Network. We are pleased to announce several new Participants who are contributing to proposal development in line with the Network's Research Theme Areas and Special Interest Groups and may assume responsibilities for leadership, mentoring and capacity building within the Network. The details of these new Participants are as follows:

New Participant	Areas of contribution
Ms Kim Boyer Senior Research Fellow Rural Health Policy and Service Planning Department of Rural Health The University of Tasmania	Key participant in the "Support Services for Healthy and Productive Ageing in Rural Australia" workshop and policy and research work within the NHMRC.
Emeritus Professor Sol Encel Honorary Research Associate Social Policy Research Centre University of New South Wales	Contributions to the NSW Hub of the Network, collaborations with Network key partners (including the Australian Association of Gerontology and the NSW Office for Ageing) and eminence as a senior researcher in the field.
Professor Andrew Gilbert Director, Quality Use of Medicines and Pharmacy Research Centre The University of South Australia	Chief Investigator on the AWAP funded "Poly-morbidity in older people" project, ongoing involvement in the field of medicines policy and health practice change, and collaborations with Mary Luszcz and the SA State Hub.
Dr Peter Orpin Coordinator, Primary Health Care Research, Evaluation and Development Department of Rural Health The University of Tasmania	Key participant in the "Support Services for Healthy and Productive Ageing in Rural Australia" workshop and collaborations with the Network including with the Tasmanian hub.
Professor Judi Walker Chief Executive, Rural Clinical School Faculty of Health Science The University of Tasmania	Convened the "Support Services for Healthy and Productive Ageing in Rural Australia" and ongoing work in the field of rural ageing.
Professor Gary Wittert Head of School of Medicine The University of Adelaide	Involved in collaborations between the Network and the Healthy Ageing Research Cluster, leads the Florey Adelaide Male Ageing Study and proposed member of the Executive Committee for the SA State Hub.

Additional Participants will be added in due course.

Network Advisory Group – the Network's Advisory Group includes representatives from key constituency groups and provides advice to the Network on our research agendas, translating and communicating findings, and facilitating the formation of research partnerships. We are in the process of expanding the Group and are pleased to announce that the following organisations have agreed to join the Group:

Organisation	Representative
Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG)	AAG President Associate Professor Laurie Buys Director, Centre for Social Change Research Queensland University of Technology
National Seniors Association	Chief Executive Mr Michael O'Neill

Final Call for participants for a survey on Successful ageing of Australian baby boom career women:

As previously noted, Lynn Courtney at James Cook University is conducting the above national online survey and is seeking Australian baby boom career women to participate in the survey. The online survey will be closing in November so if you would like to know more about this study or to complete the survey please go to www.soe.jcu.edu.au/successfulageing

Scholarship Opportunities:

Alzheimer's Australia Research's 2007 Dementia Grants Program - AAR Postgraduate Scholarships Grants are now open and will close on **31 October 2007**. AAR is pleased to be offering four Postgraduate Scholarships encouraging quality applications from all around Australia (for Hunter Scholarship and Scholarships in Social Research and Dementia) and also one for Victoria only (the George Hicks Scholarship):

- Hunter Postgraduate Research Scholarship into the Causes of Alzheimer's disease - \$23,000 P/A for 3 years.
- 2 AAR Postgraduate Research Scholarships in Social Research and Dementia - \$25,000 P/A for 3 years.
- George Hicks Postgraduate Scholarship into Dementia Prevention and Risk Reduction Research (for Victorian researchers only) - \$23,000 P/A for 3 years.

Further information can be found at www.alzheimers.org.au/content.cfm?infopageid=3741

Ageing-related Publications:

Older Australians in Hospital – The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) has released a report on older people in hospitals which examines the reasons why older people go to hospital, the type of care they receive and how long they stay. A copy of the report is available at <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10418>

Upcoming Conferences and Symposia:

Final Reminder – the inaugural Dementia Research Forum in Sydney next week from **17-18 September 2007**. This unique conference will bring together researchers, clinicians, service providers and consumers. For a copy of the program and registration go to www.dementia.unsw.edu.au/DCRCweb.nsf/page/Forumu

A seminar on the Oral Health of Older Populations in Australia will be held by the Cooperative Research Centre for Oral Health Science (CRC-OHS)/Oral Health Informatics of the University of Melbourne, in collaboration with Monash Research for an Ageing Society (MonRAS) and the Victorian Department of Human Services. The symposium will be held on **21 September 2007** from 9:00 am - 4:15 pm, at the Jean Falkner Tahija Theatre, School of Dental Science, University of Melbourne, 720 Swanston St, Carlton. To register go to <http://www.crcoralhealthscience.org.au/register.htm>

The next Eastern Australia Dementia Training and Study Centre (EADTSC) Guest Lecture will take place on **27 September 2007**. Professor Mark Mathews, Professor and Sesquicentenary Chair of Ageing, Health and Disability, University of Sydney, will present a lecture on "Promoting social engagement in people with dementia". The lecture will be held in Education Centre, Prince Charles Hospital, Brisbane from 4:00-5:30 pm. Details of lectures for the rest of 2007 can be found at <http://dementia.uow.edu.au/events.html>

Final Reminder - The Australian Centre for Evidence Based Aged Care (ACEBAC) 2007

Conference will be held at La Trobe University from **26 – 28 September 2007**. For all information in relation to the conference and the program, please go to www.scs hosting.com.au/acebac/

Reminder - The ACT Intergenerational Forum: Ageing in the 21st Century will be held at Old Canberra House, ANU on **30 October 2007** from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Keynote lecture: The forum will include a keynote by Dr Clive Hamilton, The Australia Institute on Baby Boomers' Attitudes Towards Retirement. This event is free however registration is essential. To register by call Chris on 6125 1489 or go to <http://actintergenerationalforum.org>

The International Conference on Aging, Disability and Independence (ICADI) will be held in St. Petersburg, Florida from **20-23 February 2008**. ICADI is hosted by the University of Florida and will focus on approaches to support people as they age in maintaining independence in daily living at home, at work and in the community. More information is available at www.icadi.php.ufl.edu

Conference reminders:

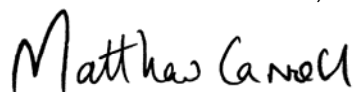
Dementia Research Forum	17 – 18 September '07	www.dementia.unsw.edu.au
Oral Health of Older Populations in Australia	21 September '07	www.crcoralhealthscience.org.au
ACEBAC) 2007 Conference	26 – 28 September '07	www.scs hosting.com.au/acebac/
Regional Congress of Gerontology & Geriatrics	22 – 25 October '07	www.aog2007.org
ACT Intergenerational Forum	30 October '07	http://actintergenerationalforum.org/
APS Psychology and Ageing Interest Group	1 – 3 November '07	www.groups.psychology.org.au
Geriation National Conference	11 – 12 November '07	www.geriation.com.au/conference
New Zealand Association of Gerontology Conference	12 – 16 November '07	www.gerontology.org.nz
6 th Emerging Researchers in Australia (ERA) Conference	20 November '07	www.ageingwell.edu.au/era2007/
The 40 th National Aust. Association of Gerontology Conference	21 – 23 November '07	www.aagconference.com
International Conference on Aging, Disability & Independence	20 – 23 February '08	www.icadi.php.ufl.edu
World Congress of Health Professions	March '08	www.worldhealthcongress.org/
IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics	5 – 9 July '09	www.gerontologyparis2009.com

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
AAG national newsletters	www.aag.asn.au/publications/pub_newsletter.htm
ARO newsletters	www.aro.gov.au/newsletters/index.html

That's all for last month,



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