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**e-Mail Bulletin – October 2008**

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to send you the e-mail bulletin for October 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:**

**Emerging Researchers in Ageing (ERA) activities:**

**The 2nd Lunchtime Video Seminar** for Emerging Researchers in Ageing will be held on Wednesday 5 November 2008. **Professor Helen Bartlett will speak on the topic, “What happens after the PhD?”** The participating nodes in this seminar are below, with the local times in the middle column. Please RSVP by email to [ERA@uq.edu.au](mailto:ERA@uq.edu.au) by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Suggestions from emerging researchers are welcomed regarding future seminars. Please send your ideas to Linda Peach on [L.Peach@uq.edu.au](mailto:L.Peach@uq.edu.au) or (07) 3365 4548.

Node Name & University Host	Local Time	Room Location
Australian National University	12.45 – 2.30 pm	Baume Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor, Peter Baume Bldg (42a)
Flinders University	12.15 – 2.00 pm	Physical Sciences Bldg (52), Room 1002
Queensland University of Technology (KG Campus)	11.45 – 1.30 pm	IHBI – Q Bldg, Room 321
University of Adelaide	12.15 – 2.00 pm	Physics Bldg, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 114F (see reception for access)
University of Melbourne	12.45 – 2.30 pm	Research Computing Services, G61, 723 Swanston St
University of Sydney	12.45 – 2.30 pm	School of Mathematics & Stats Access Grid Room, Carlaw Building, Room 829
University of Tasmania	12.45 – 2.30 pm	Maths & Physics Bldg, Room 243
University of Western Australia	10.45 – 12.30 pm	Physics Bldg, Room G11 (WASP)
UQ Access Grid, University of Queensland	11.45 – 1.30 pm	Room 621, Bldg 78 (General Purpose South)

**ERA Exchange Programme 2009 – applications are now open** for the scheme which provides funding for one international and two national exchanges in 2009. A copy of the flyer is available at [www.ageingwell.edu.au/download/ERA\\_Exchange\\_Programme\\_2009.pdf](http://www.ageingwell.edu.au/download/ERA_Exchange_Programme_2009.pdf). The deadline for applications is Friday **27 February 2009**. To apply, please complete the online application form at [www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB228D28SP89F](http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB228D28SP89F). For further information please contact Linda Peach on [L.Peach@uq.edu.au](mailto:L.Peach@uq.edu.au).

**Emerged and Established Researchers in Ageing National Survey (EMRANS)** – If you are an established researcher in ageing (i.e., you have been conducting research into human ageing for 3 years or more), please complete a brief online survey about your experience of developing a career in ageing research, and about how you think we might build capacity in ageing research in the future. The survey is available at [www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB2287LZLDFS6](http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB2287LZLDFS6)

**ERA Masterclass 2009 Update** - Applications closed on 15 October for the 2009 Masterclass for Emerging Researchers in Ageing. Once again, the number of applications was more than double the available places on the class, so the application process was competitive. Offers of a place have been made to 35 applicants.

**ERA 2009 Conference - first notice** - We are pleased to announce that the 2009 ERA Conference will be convened by Monash University and MonRAS (Monash Research for an Ageing Society), under the direction of Professor Colette Browning. More details will be available soon.

#### **Reminder – PRS International Travel Bursaries Scheme**

The Network's Population Research Strategies (PRS) Theme has released an International Travel Bursaries Scheme for postdoctoral members of the Network seeking travel support to participate in international conferences. A copy of the application form which outlines the selection criteria is available at [www.ageingwell.edu.au/download/PRS\\_Theme\\_International\\_Travel\\_Bursaries\\_Flyer.doc](http://www.ageingwell.edu.au/download/PRS_Theme_International_Travel_Bursaries_Flyer.doc). Completed applications should be emailed to Mark Petricevic ([Mark.Petricevic@anu.edu.au](mailto:Mark.Petricevic@anu.edu.au)) by **20 March 2009**. For more information about this scheme please contact Mark on (02) 6125 1456.

#### **Network-supported activities**

**Reminder - Driving Better Longer Seminar** – an AAG (NSW) will take place from 1.30-4.30pm on **13 November 2008** at the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts. The seminar will feature the AAG Gary Andrews Visiting Fellow Professor William Mann along with two interstate researchers supported by the Network. Copies of the flyer and program are available at [www.ageingwell.edu.au/news\\_start.htm](http://www.ageingwell.edu.au/news_start.htm)

**Reminder - Preparing for Change in an Ageing Society** – the final event in this Victorian seminar series will take place on Thursday **27 November 2008** at the Monash Conference Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins St, Melbourne. The final seminar will look at 'Building an environment for an ageing society: Physical and social planning' will take place Further details about the seminar are available <http://med.monash.edu.au/sphc/haru/news/index.html>

**AIPAR Data day report** - The Network was pleased to support the AIPAR Data Day which took place on Friday 17 October 2008. Around 50 researchers interested in population ageing participated in the workshop including 13 emerging and established researchers from across the country who were supported by the Network. The day included presentations by the ABS, AIHW, key government departments, and the HILDA and 45 and Up studies on a range of available datasets. Copies of the presentations will be made available at [www.aipar.unsw.edu.au](http://www.aipar.unsw.edu.au)

**Update from the Koori Growing Old Well Workshop** held in Sydney on 15 August 2008. Video of the speakers is now available online at [www.powmri.edu.au](http://www.powmri.edu.au). The written report of the workshop is currently being compiled.

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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. Of particular interest to the Network is the article by Helen Bartlett and Linda Peach evaluating the first ERA Masterclass.

Click on the titles below to access the PDFs of each document:

#### **December 2008 - Vol. 27 Issue 4**

##### **Review Articles**

[Self-management education programs for age-related macular degeneration: A systematic review](#)

Lily Lee, Tanya L Packer, Seok Hun Tang, Sonya Girdler. Pages 170-176

[Dog-assisted therapy for older people with dementia: A review](#)

Jacqueline Perkins, Helen Bartlett, Catherine Travers, Jacquie Rand. Pages 177-182

## Research Articles

### [Multiple views reveal the complexity of dementia diagnosis](#)

Andrew L Robinson, Carolyn G Emden, Jean A Elder, Emma J Lea, James C Vickers, Paul A Turner. Pages 183-188

### [Malnutrition prevalence and nutrition issues in residential aged care facilities](#)

Deanne Gaskill, Lucinda Black, Elisabeth Isenring, Stacey Hassall, Fran Sanders, Judith Bauer. Pages 189-194

### ['I went in feeling like a student and came out feeling like a researcher' An evaluation of the first Australian Masterclass for Emerging Researchers in Ageing](#)

Helen Bartlett, Linda C Peach. Pages 195-199

### [Successful ageing by whose definition? Views of older, spiritually affiliated women](#)

Patricia McCann Mortimer, Lynn Ward, Helen Winefield. Pages 200-204

**Consumer Involvement in Dementia Care Research, Policy and Program Evaluation** – This report, produced by Alzheimer's Australia Travel Grant Recipient Colleen Doyle, documents, amongst other things, her findings on consumer involvement in some parts of the United States and the United Kingdom. A copy of the report is available at [www.alzheimers.org.au](http://www.alzheimers.org.au) in the Research section

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## Ageing-related opportunities:

**PhD Scholarships At Flinders University** – there are 3 PhD scholarship opportunities at Flinders University in Adelaide through the following two grant-funded projects:

Two scholarships to work on the ARC-Discovery project “How Individual and Societal Resources Contribute to Ageing Well through the 4<sup>th</sup> Age: The Australian Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ALSA)”

One scholarship to work on the NHMRC/ARC Dynamic Analyses to Optimise Ageing (DYNOPTA) project

Applications kits and further information are available from [fcas@flinders.edu.au](mailto:fcas@flinders.edu.au). Applications for all three scholarships close on **7 November 2008**.

**Postgraduate Community Aged Care Nursing Scholarship Scheme** - Registered nurses with a current practicing certificate and a commitment to community aged care nursing are encouraged to apply for this scheme which provides funding for further studies or educational programs in 2008 and/or 2009 that are directly relevant to their nursing employment in the community aged care sector. More information is available from the Royal College of Nursing, Australia on 1800 551 201, [www.rcna.org.au](http://www.rcna.org.au) or from [scholarships@rcna.org.au](mailto:scholarships@rcna.org.au). The closing date for applications is **7 November 2008**.

**Executive Officer Position – Australian Association of Gerontology** - The AAG are seeking to appoint an Executive Officer to support the activities of the AAG which is Australia's largest multidisciplinary professional association of individuals who work in, or have an interest in, ageing. This position has been funded by the Department of Health and Ageing and the entire field of ageing is appreciative of the support given to the AAG by the Minister for Ageing and the Office for an Ageing Australia.

The successful applicant will have knowledge of ageing issues in Australia and an ageing-related postgraduate degree. A copy of the advertisement is attached. For further information about this position, including the selection criteria and duty statement, contact the AAG Secretariat on: [enquiries@aaq.asn.au](mailto:enquiries@aaq.asn.au). The position closes on **7 November 2008**.

**A PhD Scholarship** is available in the Healthy Ageing Research Unit within the School of Primary Health Care, Monash University. This 3-year stipend is funded by the DYNOPTA project. Please refer to [www.med.monash.edu.au/sphc/haru](http://www.med.monash.edu.au/sphc/haru) (link to postgraduate students) for further information about the application process and the activities of the Healthy Ageing Research Unit. The closing date for applications is **28 November 2008**.

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## Upcoming Conferences and Symposia:

**Healthy Lifestyle Across the Lifespan** - The Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Sydney is hosting a seminar on Wednesday **5 November 2008**. This free seminar is open to all and will take place in the Norman Gregg Lecture Theatre, Edward Ford Building, University of Sydney from 6.00-7.30pm, preceded by refreshments at 5.30pm.

The Healthy Lifestyle seminar will include the following three presentations:

'The Younger Years: Children's Play'	Professor Anita Bundy
'The Middle Years: Sports Injuries'	Dr Edouard Rene Ferdinands
'The Older Years: Healthy Ageing'	Professor Hal Kendig

For more details and to register go to

[www.usyd.edu.au/news/fhs/628.html?eventcategoryid=54&eventid=3265](http://www.usyd.edu.au/news/fhs/628.html?eventcategoryid=54&eventid=3265)

**What are Your Rights? Older People, Mental Health and the Law** – a seminar, presented by the Consumer Consultative Committee of The Aged Care Psychiatry Service, Prince Of Wales Hospital, will take place from 10.00am – 1.00pm on Monday **10 November 2008** at Easts Leagues Club - Spring St, Bondi Junction. RSVP is essential - please call Filomena Romano on (02) 9382 3753.

#### **AAG Gary Andrews Travelling Fellow seminars:**

**6 November 2008**, 1.00 – 3.00pm

“Intersection of Engineering, Rehabilitation and Social Sciences”

Auditorium Princess Alexandra Hospital, 99 Ipswich Road, Woolloongabba

**7 November 2008**, 9.00am – 3.30pm

“Rehabilitation from all Angles”, Royal Conference Centre, John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle

**12 November 2008**, 10.30am – 2.00pm

“Promoting Independence with Assistive Technologies”, University of Wollongong

**13 November 2008**, 1.30 – 4.30pm

“Driving Better Longer: Driving Assessment & Rehabilitation for Older Drivers”

Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, Sydney

For more information on the above seminars see the events listings for each AAG division at

[www.aag.asn.au](http://www.aag.asn.au)

**An AAG (Victoria) Evening Forum** will be held on **10 December 2008** at the National Ageing Research Institute's seminar room. The seminar will showcase gerontological research being conducted in Victoria at the National Ageing Research Institute, Monash and La Trobe Universities.

**Advance notice – the AAG (NSW) Rural Ageing Conference** will be taking place in Broken Hill from **1 - 3 April 2009**. More information will be provided closer to the date.

**The Aged & Community Services Australia 2009 National Conference** will take place in Perth WA from **13 - 16 September 2009**. The theme of the 2009 conference is “Get Up, Stand Up”. **The call for papers is now open and will close on 19 December 2008**. Papers should be submitted online at [www.acsa2009.com.au/pages/abstracts.html](http://www.acsa2009.com.au/pages/abstracts.html)

**And don't forget that the AAG and ERA National conferences in Fremantle WA are only a couple of weeks away so register now if you haven't already. Hope to see you there.**

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#### **Conference reminders:**

FHS Healthy Lifestyle forum	5 November '08	<a href="http://www.usyd.edu.au/news/fhs">www.usyd.edu.au/news/fhs</a>
AAG Gary Andrews Travelling Fellow seminar series, various	6 – 13 November '08	<a href="http://www.aag.asn.au">www.aag.asn.au</a>
Older People, Mental Health and the Law forum	10 November '08	call Filomena Romano on 9382 3753
EADTSC Guest Lecture Series	11 November '08	<a href="http://dementia.uow.edu.au">http://dementia.uow.edu.au</a>
Driving Better Longer AAG (NSW) Forum	13 November '08	<a href="http://www.ageingwell.edu.au/news_start.htm">www.ageingwell.edu.au/news_start.htm</a>
Asia Pacific Geriatric Conference,	13 – 16 November '08	<a href="http://www.apgcbali.com">www.apgcbali.com</a>
Emerging Researchers in Ageing Conference	18 November '08	<a href="http://www.cra.curtin.edu.au">www.cra.curtin.edu.au</a>
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>
Preparing for an Ageing Society – Seminar 3	27 November '08	<a href="http://www.ageingwell.edu.au">www.ageingwell.edu.au</a>
RANZCP Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age Scientific Meeting	27 – 28 November '08	<a href="http://www.ranzcp.org">www.ranzcp.org</a>
AAG (NSW) Rural Ageing Conference	1 – 3 April '09	<a href="http://eastcoastconferences.com.au">http://eastcoastconferences.com.au</a>
IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, Paris	5 – 9 July '09	<a href="http://www.gerontologyparis2009.com">www.gerontologyparis2009.com</a>
2009 HILDA Survey Research Conference	16 – 17 July '09	<a href="http://www.melbourneinstitute.com/hilda">www.melbourneinstitute.com/hilda</a>
13th Alzheimer's Australia Conference 2009	2 – 5 June '09	<a href="http://www.alzheimers.org.au">www.alzheimers.org.au</a>
2nd International Microsimulation Conference, Ottawa	8 – 10 June '09	<a href="http://www.microsimulation.org">www.microsimulation.org</a>
ACSA 2009 National Conference	13 – 16 September '09	<a href="http://www.acsa2009.com.au">www.acsa2009.com.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:

AAG recent news

AAG national newsletters

ARO newsletters

[www.aag.asn.au/recent\\_news/about\\_news.htm](http://www.aag.asn.au/recent_news/about_news.htm)

[www.aag.asn.au/publications/pub\\_newsletter.htm](http://www.aag.asn.au/publications/pub_newsletter.htm)

[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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