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Email Bulletin – August 2006

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to send you the August email 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.

BARC Policy and Practice Colloquium – Workshop summaries and discussion groups:

Summaries of the Network workshops that took place on the second day of the BARC Colloquium will be available on the Network website shortly along with copies of the background issues papers provided to the participants. In addition, links will be provided to allow Network Members to join e-mail discussion groups to further develop the ideas discussed in these workshops. Members will be alerted once this material becomes available.

State Hub Activities:

NSW – a seminar entitled "On the Road in Later Years - Recent Research on Older Drivers" is being presented by the Australian Association of Gerontology, in association with the NSW Ministerial Advisory Committee on Ageing (MACA), COTA (NSW) and the Ageing Well Network's NSW Hub. This free seminar will take place on Wednesday 30 August 2006 from 9.00am to 12.30pm at the premises of COTA (NSW), Level 5, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney. If you would like to attend please respond directly to Janet Gilchrist on janetg@med.usyd.edu.au or 02 9767 7158.

Tasmania – the inaugural Tasmanian Ageing Well Research Network Symposium will be held at the University of Tasmania (Hobart) on Friday 8 September 2006 from 9.00am to 5.00pm. The aim of the symposium is to facilitate an inter-disciplinary understanding of the key ageing issues faced by Tasmanians, and assist in the creation of collaborative partnerships across disciplines. Tasmanian Members interested in taking part should contact Della Clark (Della.Clark@utas.edu.au) for more details.

International Visitors:

The Network will be sponsoring a visit by Dr Sarah Harper, Director of the Oxford Institute of Ageing at the University of Oxford and an international expert on intergenerational relations. Dr Harper will be giving a keynote address at the Australian Association of Gerontology Conference in November 2006 and plans are underway for additional Network activities in association with the Independent Living and Social Participation Theme. More details will be provided closer to the date.

New Appointments:

Dr Chris Shanley has taken up a two year secondment from the Centre for Education and Research on Ageing (CERA) to help set up a research project in the Western Zone of the Sydney South West Area Health Service. The Commonwealth-funded project is part of the Pathways Home program and is focused on finding ways to best support the interconnections between hospital and home in the care of older persons. Chris acted as the Network's Senior Project Officer during its set-up phase and we wish him well in his new endeavour.

Internet Resources:

ABS Age Matters – The National Ageing Statistics Unit (NASU) produces a regular newsletter which provides an update on aging-related activities within NASU and the ABS. To access the newsletters go to www.abs.gov.au and click on “News & Media” on the navigation bar below the ABS logo then click on “ABS Newsletters” and then “Age Matters”.

Aged & Community Services Australia National Reports – copies of ACSA’s fortnightly National Reports are available at www.agedcare.org.au/Publications/National_Report_index.htm. These reports provide concise and up to date information on issues, projects, action and events around the aged care sector.

AARP Global Ageing Newsletters – the AARP in the US produces a regular email newsletter on latest ageing news, events and research worldwide. To subscribe go to www.aarp.org/research/international/ and use the “Email Newsletter” link on the right.

Gay and Lesbian Issues and Psychology (GLIP) Review – GLIP has released a review on the topic of Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex ageing and aged care in Australia. The review can be found at www.psychology.org.au/units/interest_groups/gay_lesbian/GLIP_Review_Vol%202_No%202.pdf

Australian Policy Online – the APO has nearly 120 member centres and institutes and offers easy access to much of the best Australian social, economic, cultural and political research available online as well as a weekly email newsletter. For information on membership or signing up for the newsletter go to www.apo.org.au/about.shtml

Ageing Related Publications:

The AIHW has recently released the three reports relating to aged care provision. These reports are available from Can Print (1300 889 873) or for free on the AIHW website links provided below:

The ins and outs of residential respite care –
www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10299.

National Evaluation of the Retirement Villages Care Pilot –
www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10287

National Evaluation of the Aged Care Innovative Pool Dementia Pilot –
www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10288

Ageing Related Presentations:

NSW - Professor Alan Hayes, Director of the Australian Institute of Family Studies, will be speaking on “Families Through Life: Considerations for Policy and Practice” on Thursday 7 September 2006 from 4.30pm to 5.30 pm. This free seminar is being presented by the Benevolent Society at their premises, Level 1, 188 Oxford Street, Paddington. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Bianca Robertson by Monday 4 September, 2006 (02 9339 8080 or biancar@bensoc.org.au).

Position Vacant – Research Assistant – Queensland University of Technology:

The Queensland University of Technology (QUT) is looking for a research assistant to work on a project about sensory impairment (vision and hearing), cognitive abilities and driving in older people. Applicants should have a degree or postgraduate qualification in Optometry, Visual Sciences, Audiology, Psychology, Human Movements or similar field. This project is funded by the ARC and is a joint project between the University of Queensland (Audiology) and QUT (Optometry). The position is at QUT at Kelvin Grove and is full-time for 6 months. The person would be responsible for recruiting older participants, assessing hearing and vision and cognition and driving, entering data, etc. Training will be provided on the test procedures to be used in the project. For more information, please call Professor Joanne Wood on 3864 5701 or j.wood@qut.edu.au

Funding opportunities:

DEST – International Science Linkages: Competitive Grants - The current call for Applications opened on 7 August 2006 and will close on 1 September 2006. Access to the online application form is available at <https://sciencegrants.dest.gov.au/ISL/Pages/Home.aspx>

Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (ARHRF) - Patricia Hooton Family Grant - The ARHRF invites applications from individuals or research teams interested in investigating Alzheimer's disease. Successful projects will be awarded \$27,000 for one year. Closing date is 29 September 2006. For more information see www.arhrf.org.au/Applications/applications_index.htm

Upcoming Conferences:

The 2006 conference for the Psychogeriatric Nurses' Association of Australia (PGNA) will be held at the Wesley Convention Centre in Sydney on Friday 1 September 2006. The theme of the conference is "Mind, Body and Soul: Mental Health for Older People". Further information, including the flyer and registration form, can be found at www.pgna.org.au

The Ageing in New Zealand: Reporting Research Progress Conference will be held in Wellington, New Zealand on 13 November 2006. The conference is being hosted by the New Zealand Association of Gerontology and the New Zealand Institute for Research on Ageing. More information is available at www.gerontology.org.nz and www.nzira.ac.nz

The Carers NSW “Partnerships for Better Health Outcomes: Carers and professionals working together” Conference will be held at Dockside, Cockle Bay, Sydney on Thursday and Friday 8-9 March 2007. The Call for abstracts closes on 29 September 2006. More information is available at www.carersnsw.asn.au

2007 Alzheimer's Australia National Conference – A Journey of Passion and Purpose. The Next 100 Years - The 2007 National Conference will take place at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre from 29 May – 1 June 2007. The conference is for people working with and caring for people with dementia, for carers, for people with dementia as well as those that have an interest in research and the shaping of public policy. The call for abstracts closes on 2 October 2006. More information is available at www.alzheimers2007conference.com.au

The 20th Anniversary Cognitive Ageing Conference – Down Under: Connecting the dots will be held in Adelaide, South Australia, from 12 – 15 July 2007. More information about the conference can be found at www.cos.gatech.edu/cac/cac_du.htm


Conference Reminders:

Early bird registrations are about to close on 31 August 2006 for the 3rd International Conference on Healthy Ageing and Longevity (ICHAL) and the 39th Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG) Conference. The dates and weblinks for these and other upcoming conferences are provided below:

International Conference on Healthy Ageing & Longevity	13-15 October '06	www.longevity-international.com
The Australian Falls Prevention Conference	5 - 7 November '06	www.powmri.edu.au/AFP2006
Emerging Researchers in Ageing (ERA) Conference	21 November '06	www.chs.usyd.edu.au/era2006
Australian Association of Gerontology Conference	22 - 24 November '06	www.aagconference2006.com

That's all for this month.

With best wishes,



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