



## ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well

### Ageing Policy Directions in Australia

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## Overview

- Research and policy engagement
- National Health and Hospital Reform Commission (NHHRC) and discussions re Home and Community Care (HACC) split
- Research funding directions
- Questions and discussion

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## Our approach

- The Network and policy
- Understanding the policy context (longer term ideas and short term input)
- A “story” approach (Chatham House Rules)
- Big politic (the Rudd Government & older people)
- Thanks to Matthew Carroll

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## a) Research and policy engagement

- With advocates on health - Australia's Ageing Population Summit with Jane Fisher and Ian Yates from COTA Over 50s (Brisbane, August 2007) \*\*
- To Offices on Ageing – Ageing Population Policy and Planning (Canberra, February 2008) \*\*
- To Economists – The Treasurer's Intergenerational Report (Brisbane, February 2008) \*\*
- To the 2020 Summit (Canberra, April 2008) \*\*
- To Advocates and Governments – Affordable Housing for Older People Summit – COTA Over 50s Summit (Canberra, May 2008) \*\*
- 'Inside' Aged and Community Services (Melbourne, June 2008)
- 'Inside' the Health & Hospital Review (Adelaide, July 2008)

\*\* Materials will be available on [www.ageingwell.edu.au](http://www.ageingwell.edu.au)

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## b.i) National Health & Hospital Reform Commission (NHHRC) and discussions re Home & Community Care (HACC) split

### NHHRC

- “Beyond the Blame Game” of Australian Federalism
- Council of Australian Government (COAG) reforms
- NHHRC Purposes and Questions

What changes and investment do we need to make to:

- Enhance health promotion and wellbeing?
- Make the health care system work better for those who need it?

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## b.ii) NHHRC and discussions re HACC split – cont.

### NHHRC challenges:

1. Closing the gap in Indigenous health status
2. Investing in prevention
3. Ensuring a healthy start
4. Redesigning care for those with chronic and complex conditions
5. Recognising the health needs of the whole person
6. Ensuring timely hospital access
7. Caring for and respecting the needs of people at the end of life
8. Promoting improved safety and quality of health care
9. Improving distribution and equitable access to services
10. Ensuring access on the basis of need, not ability to pay
11. Improving and connecting information to support high quality care
12. Ensuring enough, well-trained health professionals & promoting research

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**b.iii) NHHRC and discussions re HACC split – cont.**

- Kendig submission to the NHHRC and discussions re HACC split
  - Commonwealth taking full responsibility for health and care of older people – why? (purchasing model)
  - States full planning and funding responsibility for younger people with disabilities
  - Full continuum of prevention through to care and palliative care
  - Partnerships: Older people, carers and health professionals
  - Appropriate medication use
  - .....
  - HACC split now on the table in COAG discussions

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**c) Research funding directions (getting ageing and older people onto the agenda)**

- The Ageing Research Challenge for Australia (ARCA) process
- Bradley Review of Universities
- Review of the National Innovation System
- NHMRC directions
- ARC directions

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**d) Questions and discussion**

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