



ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well

Network Directions

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1a. Ageing Well Network Objectives

- To lead and facilitate **collaboration** in **multi-disciplinary, large scale** ageing research
- To facilitate **international** research involvement
- To build **capacities and excellence** in ageing studies
- To **enable communication** among researchers in setting agendas, proposals, accessing data
- To involve **key constituencies** (community, government, and industry)
- To **translate research** findings to inform actions

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1b. Research Proposal Development Support (adding value)

- Criteria: large scale, multi-disciplinary, national priorities, multi-institutional, and involving older people & international collaborators
- ARC-NHMRC Ageing Well, Ageing Productively (AWAP) funding proposals strategy
- Enabling international partnerships (e.g.)
 - US National Institute on Ageing
 - Building the Australian-European Research Community (FEAST)
 - International Research Centre for Healthy Ageing and Longevity (IRCHAL)

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1c. Adding Resources for Researchers (value & efficiency)

- Theme Workshops & Papers
- Grant and Literature Inventory
- Australian Data Archive on Ageing
- Methodological Workshops
- International Visitors
- Policy Conferences

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1d. Network Activities / Support for Emerging Researchers

- Annual Conference for Emerging Researchers in Ageing (ERA)
- Mentoring scheme
- Workshops / Master classes e.g. grant writing / publication
- National and International networking
- Newsletter / website

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2a. Network Objectives

- Increase understandings and initiate partnerships in research development and communication
- Identify key issues regarding Network directions
- Discuss options for Network actions

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2b. Discussion groups

Research development and communication processes

- Consumer-led research
- Dissemination and translation of ageing research
- Research consultancies: governments, universities and the public sector
- Building collaborative research with industry

Network / BARC research themes

- Productivity and economic security
- Independent living and social participation
- Healthy ageing
- Population research strategies

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2c. Network Directions for next year (and beyond)

- Many collaborations enabled by the Network
- Lead large-scale collaborative research programs in the Theme Areas
- Ongoing improvement of research development and communication
- Meetings of State hubs and National partners

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3. Big Pictures Ahead

- Building a Vision of Ageing Well
- Building Coalitions for Research Development
- Advocacy for Investing in Research
- How Can Older People Provide a Lead?
- Will Ageing Research Become Mainstream?
- How Do You Wish to Connect and Contribute?

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