

ARC/NHMRC Research Network on Ageing Well

Western Australian
Symposium on Ageing
Research

www.ageingwell.edu.au

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Our Broad Mission

- To **inform decision-making in planning for an ageing Australia** (the National Strategy for an Ageing Australia)
- To **facilitate inter-disciplinary research** on key issues including the viewpoints of ageing people themselves
- To identify ways of **improving individual and societal experiences of ageing**





The ARC-NHMRC Research Network Grants Program

- Aim to enhance **the scale and focus** of national research activity, stimulate **innovation**, and support researchers to **connect** with others.
- To identify and address **areas of strength, opportunity or need** ... make a significant contribution to national wealth &/or well-being.
- 50 Participants (and 200 Associates)
- Funding up to **\$500,000 per year 2005 to 2009**

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Theme and State Conveners

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| • Productivity and Economic Security | Flinders University (Healy) |
| • Healthy Ageing | La Trobe University (Browning) |
| • Independence and Social Participation | University of Qld (Bartlett) |
| • Population Research Strategies | Australian National Uni (Healy) |
| • Western Australia | Curtin University (Boldy) |
| • New South Wales/ Aboriginal ageing | Uni of New South Wales (Broe) |
| • South Australia | Flinders University (Luszcz) |
| • National Hub | University of Sydney (Kendig) |
| • National Advisory Group | AAG Immediate Past President
(Squires, Benevolent Society) |

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Key Actions So far

- Theme workshops & papers
- Website established and first newsletter
- Ageing Well, Ageing Productively proposals
- State seminars underway
- Grant and Literature Inventory
- Australian Data Archive on Ageing

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Next Steps

- Joint developments with AAG, BARC, & AIHW
- Emerging Researchers Conference (Nov)
- AAG Gold Coast (November)
- Further research proposal development
- International visitors
- Longitudinal research and skills development
- And ???

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