



OUR PEOPLE

The **Australian Association of Gerontology** is the lead and host organisation with administrative responsibilities for ILC-A. The AAG is represented by **Professor Briony Dow** and **Mr James Beckford Saunders**.

ILC-AUSTRALIA Head, Professor Julie Byles: ILC-AUSTRALIA Delegate to 2015 ILC-GA Annual Meeting, Professor Yvonne Wells: Sue McGrath, National Policy Manager at Council on the Ageing (COTA) Australia: **Professor Colette Browning**, Director of the Royal District Nursing Service Research Institute: **Dr Ameer Morgans**, Senior Research Fellow, RDNS: **Debra O'Connor**, National Ageing Research Institute (NARI): **Sandra Hills** (CEO) and **Michelle Harris**: Benetas: **Christine Morka**, **General Manager**, Brotherhood of St Laurence: **Professor Simon Biggs**: School of Social and Political Sciences at Melbourne University: **Professor Hal Kendig**: ARC Centre of Excellence for Population Ageing Research (CEPAR): **Dr Helen Feist**: Acting Director, Australian Population and Migration Research Centre, University of Adelaide.

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Age-friendly cities indicators project: A healthy ageing initiative in Melbourne, Australia. Professor Yvonne Wells, Healthy Ageing Research Group (HARG), La Trobe University

House and Home: Pathways and alternatives to residential aged care: Led by Professor Julie Byles, Research Centre for Gender, Health and Ageing. Funded by Illawarra Retirement Trust.

Recipes for Life: Improving the overall health, and well-being of veterans: Funded by: Department of Veterans' Affairs; Led by Professor Julie Byles, Research Centre for Gender, Health and Ageing.

Life histories and health: Baby Boomers in Australia and England: Led by Professor Hal Kendig, Centre for Excellence in Population Ageing Research. Australian Research Council Discovery Project

Australian Community of Practice in Research in Dementia (ACCORD). Professor Julie Byles and Professor Colette Browning. Funded by National Health and Medical Research Council

Benetas is running a trial of a mediation process in which facilitates discussion and decision making around issues affecting older persons, such as health, finance, or care.

Dr Helen Feist has a current research project investigating the role of free transport in enabling mobility and wellbeing in older South Australians.

ADVOCACY and POLICY

COTA National Policy Forum 2015 Gender and Ageing – equity and diversity in later life. National Press Club, Canberra. This forum placed gender at the forefront of policy considerations for older people, recognizing that gender affects later life participation in work, access to superannuation, housing and roles as caregivers. See Communique: <http://www.cota.org.au/australia/national-policy-forum-2015-gender-and-ageing-forum-communique.aspx>

The **"Ageing in a foreign land"** conference, Flinders University 24-26th June 2015. The conference highlighted the important issue of ageing in Australia from a CALD perspective and built on an international theme established in 2009 in New York (NYA Protocol). Alex Kalache was a keynote speaker, and was joined by ILC-Australia representatives Dr Helen Feist and Dr Briony Dow.

Let's Talk About Sex 8 and 9 September 2015. The inaugural, international Let's Talk About Sex, Relationships and Intimacy as We Age conference was hosted by Alzheimer's Australia Vic and COTA Victoria with input from ILC-Australia members. See <http://www.ltas2015.com>

TRAINING

It's happening so get planning'. An innovative, first of its kind animation video has been launched by Benetas to help clearly explain what services are available to Australians as they get older. <http://www.benetas.com.au/news-media/news/its-happening-so-get-planning>

AAG webinars. Australian Association of Gerontology's webinars are growing both in numbers and engagement. Webinars now occur most months with an average of 100 plus registrations. The key reasons for success cited are the quality and diversity of presenters on relevant topics and technology that facilitates engagement. Recent topics include: Community Aged Care Reforms in Australia and New Zealand; Falls Prevention Evidence - A Close Look at the Cochrane Reviews; Ageing and Sexuality - Contemporary Issues; The Visionary Researcher. For more information visit <http://www.aag.asn.au/events>

Technology and Ageing 25th September 2015 .NARI hosted the annual seminar on technology and ageing. Covering everything from ipads to robots, the seminar featured a presentation by Professor Len Gray who is leading a revolution in "telegeriatrics".

2015 APRU Ageing in the Asia-Pacific Research Symposium. September 27-30th 2015. Hosted by UNSW Australia and the ARC Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research (CEPAR).

AAG 2015 Conference Alice Springs 4-6 November. The Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG) is hosting its 48th National Conference in Alice Springs from Wednesday 4 to Friday 6 November 2015. The AAG Conference is truly multidisciplinary and brings together people with a wide range of professional interests. The theme for the 2015 Conference is "Place, Spirit, Heart: Exploring Experiences of Ageing". The theme was chosen to reflect some of the characteristics of living and working in remote Australia. <http://aagconference.asn.au>

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