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 Amee 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.


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


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 speakers, 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”.


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

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS 2015 (IN IDENTIFIED AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY)

Carr A, Biggs S, Kimberley H. Ageing, diversity and the meaning(s) of later life: Cultural, social and historical models to age by, Contemporary Readings in Law and Social Justice, 2015; 7(1).