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Australia's Baby Boomers are expected to commence retirement from 2011, presenting new challenges and opportunities for our economy and population.

Moreover, the care for older Australians in an increasingly ageing society will have both a profound and imminent impact for all Australians, perhaps a lot sooner than many think.

This issue is central to the 42nd National Conference of the Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG) that will see some of the nation's leading experts on ageing gather in Canberra next month.

"The theme for this year's conference is 'Translation and Transformation'. Essentially, it's how we can examine ways and means to apply the work done by some of the world's most eminent ageing researchers and put these into practice," said AAG President, Professor Laurie Buys.

"To put it simply, this year's national conference will discuss ways in which we can take work from the desktop to the community for the benefit of older Australians", she said.

The key themes to be discussed at this year's National Conference include examining the provision of aged care services for people in rural and remote Australia, healthy diets for older Australians; workforce participation for people aged 65 and over and trying to better manage and understand the loneliness experienced by many older Australians.

The 42nd National Conference of the AAG will be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra over a three-day period commencing Wednesday, November 25. The Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing is the platinum sponsor of the conference.

The conference will be opened by the Association's patron, The Governor-General Ms Quentin Bryce AC and will be attended by the Minister for Ageing, the Hon. Justine Elliot and keynote speaker, Professor George Rebok from the John Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland USA.

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For more information on the 42nd National Conference of the AAG please go to www.aagnationalconference.com For media enquiries, or to arrange an interview, please contact Matt Mitchell on 0431 980 365 or matt@mitchellpr.com.au