

## **Recent Activities**

### **July Symposium**

This year the AAG are partnering with Geriaction to provide a series of symposia. The most recent was on July 21<sup>st</sup>. The topic was 'Residential Care and Hospital Admissions: Improving the transition'.

Speakers were:

- Prof Leon Flicker, Professor of Geriatric Medicine, University of Western Australia, & Executive Director, Western Australian Centre for Health & Ageing.
- Diana Johnson, Senior Occupational Therapist, Team Leader, Royal Perth Hospital Care Coordination Team.
- Carol Douglas, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Residential Care Line, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital

Professor Flicker described research examining the potential for avoiding hospital admissions. Diana Johnson reported how her team smooth older people's transitions through and out of hospital, as well as avoiding unnecessary admissions if possible. Carol Douglas explained how the Residential Care Line works to avoid hospital admissions from the residential care setting. Networking over refreshments was also enjoyed.

### **Guest Speaker in August**

Another joint presentation is pending, this being on August 25<sup>th</sup> at Curtin University of Technology for which AAG (WA) is partnering the WA Dementia Training Study Centre.

The speaker is to be visiting researcher is Thomas Fischer from Berlin. Thomas is just completing a PhD in Nursing Science and has research interests in pain in older persons and care concepts for persons with dementia. The venue has had to be changed to accommodate almost 200 people registering to attend.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The AGM was held on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Committee members whose terms expired on this date were Leon Flicker, Gill Lewin, Barbara Horner, and Hilary O'Connell.

New committee members are Lucie Baker (Student Representative) and Jennifer Grieve. Leon Flicker, Hillary O'Connell, and Gill Lewin accepted nominations for another term.

Gill Lewin presented the President's Report, recalling an outstandingly busy and successful year, and stood down from the position as the Division's President. Donelle Rivett, profiled in the last newsletter, was elected to fill this position.

### **Coming Later**

The committee will shortly be meeting to finalise events for later in the year. Another joint AAG Geriaction symposium is planned for November but details are not yet finalised. It is anticipated that the year will end with a Christmas 'get together'.