



The Australian Association of Gerontology (NSW Division)


In collaboration with the

ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well,

NSW Office for Ageing

& Baptist Community Services

Presents:



**The Ethics
of
Technology
in Ageing:**

What can it do?

What should it do?

28th August, 2008

Thursday 9am–3.30pm

The Y Conference Centre (Y Hotel)

Mary Jane Barker Room

5-11 Wentworth Avenue, Sydney



PROGRAM

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Thursday, 28 August 2008

- 9.00 **Welcome**
- *Felicity Barr, President AAG (NSW)*
- 9.15 **No More Bells and Whistles: A Human-Centric Approach to Aged Care Technology**
- *Dr Rob Sparrow & Ms Linda Sparrow*
- 10.00 **Telehealth services for managing chronic diseases at home and in the community: Ethical implications, data security and confidentiality**
- *Professor Branko Celler*
- 10.30 **Morning Tea**
- 11.00 **Technology & Ageing: Social & Ethical Challenges**
- *Assoc. Prof Elizabeth Ozanne*
- 11.30 **Community Awareness & Attitudes to Life Extension Technology**
- *Professor Wayne Hall*
- 12.00 **The Age Friendly Home**
- *John Fraser*
- 12.30 **Lunch**
- 1.30 **When does extending life become prolonging dying?**
- *Professor Colleen Cartwright*
- 2.00 **Panel discussion facilitated by Jenny Brockie**
- 3.30 **Close & Afternoon Tea**
- 4.00 **Annual General Meeting**
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All Welcome



Jenny Brockie, Facilitator, is one of Australia's most experienced and respected broadcasters and television documentary makers. She hosts 'Insight' on SBS TV, where she facilitates a lively discussion each week involving more than 50 people. Jenny began her broadcasting career with ABC television and radio news. She has presented the morning radio show on 702ABC Sydney as well as her own interview series for 'Speaking Personally' for ABC TV and report for current affairs programs including 'Four Corners' and 'Nationwide'. She has won many prestigious awards, including a United Nations Association Media Peace Prize for her work on 'Insight'.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

When does extending life become prolonging dying?



Professor Colleen Cartwright * is Foundation Professor of Aged Services and Director of the Aged Services Learning and Research Centre at Southern Cross University, Coffs Harbour. She has extensive teaching and research experience in ageing, ethics and medical decisions at the end of life, at national and international levels, with publications in major journals and a number of book chapters.

Colleen regularly runs information and training sessions for community and health professional groups on ethical and legal issues, including advance care planning, informed consent and capacity.

No More Bells and Whistles: a Human-Centric Approach to Aged Care Technology



Dr. Robert Sparrow is a Senior Lecturer in the Centre for Human Bioethics at Monash University. His current research focuses on political philosophy and on the ethical implications of new technologies. After being awarded his Doctorate, on the political philosophy of multiculturalism, from the Australian National University in 2000, he spent two years as a Research Fellow at the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics at the University of Melbourne, and 18 months at the University of Wollongong, before taking up his current position. He has published articles on prenatal screening, climate engineering, human cloning, xenotransplantation, robotics, nanotechnology, and ethical issues surrounding cochlear implants, amongst other topics.



Linda Sparrow's professional career has primarily been within the education sector. She was a Community Visitor with the Victorian Office of the Public Advocate for over 10 years and was elected to the Community Visitor Board where she was responsible for developing and directing policy issues relating to accommodation for marginalised people. She has extensive committee experience within the health and welfare sector. She has written widely on the need for more supported accommodation for people with mental health issues and on aged care matters. Linda completed an M.A. with a major thesis on social policy as it relates to aged care and is currently an advisor to an online aged-care advocacy group.

Telehealth services for managing chronic diseases at home and in the community: Ethical implications, data security and confidentiality



Professor Branko Celler is the Director of the Biomedical Systems Laboratory and the Laboratory of Health Telematics at the University of NSW. He was also Foundation Director of the Centre for Health Informatics at the University of NSW and is a Foundation Fellow of the Australian College of Health Informatics. Whilst maintaining his University role part time, Branko is now CEO and Chairman of TeleMedCare Pty Ltd, a company established to commercialise telehealth technology developed at the University of NSW.

Technology and Ageing: Social and Ethical Challenges



Associate Professor Elizabeth Ozanne * is Head of Social Work at The University of Melbourne where she also directs the Ageing and Long Term Care Research Unit. With colleagues Sol Encel and Allan Borowski in 2007 she published *Longevity and Social Change in Australia* which won the AAG Book of the Year award. She has a longstanding interest in the legal and ethical aspects of population ageing and the challenges presented by new technologies

Community Awareness & Attitudes to Life Extension Technology



Professor Wayne Hall was formerly Director of the Office of Public Policy and Ethics at the Institute for Molecular Bioscience (2001-2005) and Director of the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre at the University of NSW (1994-2001). He has been an expert adviser to the World Health Organisation since 1993, advising on: the health effects of cannabis use; the effectiveness of drug substitution treatment; the scientific quality of the evaluation of the Swiss heron trials; the contribution of illicit drug use to the global burden of disease; vaccines against drug addiction; and the ethical implications of neuroscience research on addiction. He is currently researching the policy and ethical implications of research on the neurobiology of nicotine dependence; biological interventions that purport to extend human life expectancy and pharmacological treatments of mental and behavioral disorders.

The Age Friendly Home



John Fraser moved to Australia in 1989 and has spent the majority of his time in being involved in the development of systems and applications in the Health Care Industry. This has included being a senior member of a team in Silver Chain (WA) which developed and implemented the 'ComCare' client management system. John is currently working with BCS on a number of projects including the evaluation of TeleHealth, the customization and implementation of a client management system for their Community Services and as a member of the Age Friendly Home Team. This is a small cross functional team providing input from Health Care Professionals including Dementia Specialists, Building and Property Management, Networks and Communications, IT etc who are responsible for the redesign and development of a 1970's suburban home with a view to evaluating, installing and presenting a range of solutions designed to assist people to live in their own homes within the community. This has included the physical layout and design of the property, both internal and external, furniture, colour schemes, assistive technology and more advanced TeleCare and TeleHealth solutions.

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13TH NOVEMBER, 2008 1.30pm-4.30pm

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**DRIVING BETTER LONGER: DRIVING ASSESSMENT & REHABILITATION
FOR OLDER DRIVERS**

How can older people learn to drive better for longer?

Find out the answers from this informative seminar covering the latest international and Australian research and practical sessions including older people and practitioners.

Keynote Speaker: Professor William Mann, AAG's Gary Andrews Travelling Fellow
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