

ERA 2008

The Centre for Research on Ageing at Curtin University of Technology was pleased to present the 7th National Emerging Researchers in Ageing (ERA) Conference at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle WA on Tuesday, 18th November 2008. The theme was “Shaping Research Landscapes”.

ERA 2008 was a one-day national conference providing an opportunity for emerging researchers (post-graduate students across a range of disciplines and industry-based researchers) to present their current research on ageing to leading policy makers, researchers and practitioners from across Australia, New Zealand and South East Asia. ERA 2008 provided an ideal opportunity for the students not only to showcase their research to potential employers but also to discuss and exchange information and methodologies with other professionals and peers in the ageing sector. ERA 2008 also presented an opportunity to emerging researchers working in research roles to enable them to build their knowledge and expertise.

The conference commenced with a ‘Welcome to Country’ from Mr Kim Collard a representative of the Nyoongar nation. Professor Judith Phillips, Professor of Gerontology and Social Work, and Head of the School of Human Sciences at Swansea University UK, was a key note speaker. She presented a stimulated and informative paper on “Gerontological Research in a new ERA: a view from the UK”. Dr Peter Dingle from Murdoch University presented on “How to live to 140 – keys to healthy living” an entertaining and challenging reflection of healthy living. There were 27 concurrent papers across the themes of: social engagement and aged care services; healthy body and healthy minds; perspectives on ageing. A panel discussion on the “Priority issues for research in the future” was chaired by Professor Duncan Boldy, from the Centre for Research on Ageing. In addition, there were 14 Posters – all excellent presentations that engaged participants during the breaks.
