



SEMINARS 2008

The Australian Association of Gerontology, the Australian and New Zealand Society for Geriatric Medicine, and GeriAction warmly invite you to this seminar as part of the 2008 Combined Seminar Series.

These seminars are suitable for anyone with a personal or professional interest in issues to do with ageing.

## EVENING SEMINAR

# LOGGING IN TO OLD AGE: NEW COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY KEEPING FRAIL OLDER PEOPLE IN TOUCH WITH LIFE

This seminar will inspire you with demonstrations of the use of readily available communications technology in extraordinary ways to enhance the lives of our most disabled and potentially isolated older people. This innovative evidence-based work from the US adapts computer technologies for use in a range of settings, including residential care, therapy settings, and home and community.

The seminar will also examine some practical implementation issues for managers introducing new technology. And you will have the opportunity to view the technology in action

### Presenters:

#### Jack York

Founder and CEO "It's Never 2 Late" Colorado, USA

#### Terry Wilby

Executive Officer, Coorong Health Service (MPS) Tailem Bend and Meningie Campus & Australian "It's Never 2 Late" inaugural site

**Date:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October

**Time :** 6:00pm refreshments and networking followed by the seminar

**Venue :** **Tailem Bend and Meningie campus  
74 Princes Highway Tailem Bend**

**Cost :** Members and Concessions      \$10  
Non-members                                 \$20

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## BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

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## Speakers

**Jack York** – Founder, 'It's Never Too Late', Castle Rock, Colorado

After spending 14 years in Silicone Valley, Jack York began donating computers to nursing homes in 1998. The enthusiasm that seniors showed in jumping into the computer world motivated him to establish 'Its Never Too Late' which specialises in constructing adaptive computer applications for older people. The unique combination of adaptive technologies allows individuals regardless of any physical or cognitive disabilities to be able to take advantage of the range of benefits of the internet and other communications applications. Their systems are already implemented widely in assisted living sites across the USA.

<http://www.in2l.com/index.php>

**Terry Wilby** – Executive Officer, Coorong Health Service (MPS) Taillem Bend and Meningie Campus

Coorong Health Service is the first health service and Age Care Facility in Australia to employ assistive interactive technology from 'It's Never 2 Late'. The community based project titled 'Planting Seeds' uses this ground breaking technology to link elderly citizens with the outside world through touch screens, large keyboards and other devices for easy use. The equipment provides cognitive stimulation, with therapeutic benefits which has taken our elders from being passive observers to active participants.

The IN2L training and programs assist residential care staff, volunteers and health professionals such as physio, speech and occupational therapists to deliver optimum individualised points of care and service in the daily living choices of our elders.

The application of this technology also enhances a work place environment that faces growing issues of recruitment and retention of staff in an ageing and depleting nursing and allied health workforce, especially in rural settings.

**To whet your appetite for ideas about the benefits of communications technology to older people, try these websites :**

Opening the Gates to Technology

<http://www.ahcancal.org/News/publication/Provider/TechNewsDec2007.pdf>

Games to Bridge the Gap

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/04/11/AR2008041103487.html>