



SEMINARS 2009

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 2009 Combined Seminar Series.

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

## "Why has the Retirement Village Industry got it Wrong?"

### Speakers:

**Prof. Andrew Beer, Flinders University**  
**Dr Debbie Faulkner, Flinders University**  
**Rob Hankins, ECH Inc.**

The Retirement Village has been seen a light on the horizon for South Australian ageing baby boomers. Marketed as both a symbol of affluence and security in later life, the image of a lifestyle that extends many of the desirable aspects of mid-life (an active outdoor lifestyle, social engagement and pleasing aesthetics) is a powerful one.

*But does the reality live up to the glossy brochure?* This seminar explores the experiences of those involved in planning and running Retirement Villages as well as those who live in them. It asks how effective the Retirement Village setting can be in meeting the needs and wants of older South Australians. Prof. Andrew Beer and Dr Debbie Faulkner discuss their extensive research into these questions, and Rob Hankins speaks on the ways in which the organisations he has been involved in have addressed some of the problems posed by the Retirement Village setting.

For anyone working in, planning or managing in this rapidly growing form of community living, and for those who are living in or considering Retirement Village living for themselves or a family member, this seminar will illuminate the benefits and challenges for the Retirement Village sector in the coming years.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2009**

**Time :** 5:00pm Food, Wine and Networking  
5:45pm Seminar

**Venue :** **Alzheimer's Australia SA**  
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**Cost :** Members & concession \$10.00  
Non-members \$20.00

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### **Robert (Rob) Hankins**

Rob Hankins was born and raised in South Africa where he completed a Bachelor of Commerce. In 1979 he was awarded an MBA from Andrew's University, USA, and then moved to Australia. He has been involved in acute care and hospital management in Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane and in South Africa.

During the 1990s Rob spent several years managing a charitable organisation providing acute care, independent living units and high care at a single site. Apart from being the current Chief Executive of ECH Inc. South Australia, he is also the Director and Chairman of Aged and Community Services SA & NT, a Director of Aged Care Services Australia and a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

### **Prof. Andrew Beer**

Andrew Beer is Professor in the School of Geography, Population and Environmental Management at Flinders University and Director of the Flinders Institute for Housing, Urban and Regional Research. He has a long history of research in urban issues, including work in both metropolitan and non-metropolitan Australia. His research partners have included: Urban Pacific, the City of Parramatta, the City of Onkaparinga, Planning SA; the Urban Development Institute of Australia (SA); and members of the urban development industry.

Andrew is an expert in urban economic development and has published numerous journal articles and two books on the topic. Much of this work has focused on the relationship between urban planning and the economic performance of cities. His work includes research on urban regeneration, locational disadvantage, the growth of outer metropolitan areas, the needs of employers in less developed regions and the supply of land for urban development. He has also written on the impact of infrastructure on urban development.

### **Dr Debbie Faulkner**

Debbie Faulkner is a Research Fellow with the newly established Flinders Institute for Housing, Urban and Regional Research at Flinders University. She has pursued a strong interest in housing issues for at risk groups such as women affected by domestic violence, people with a disability and the older population. Debbie's particular interest and expertise is the housing careers of the older population, ageing in place and the implications of this for housing provision.

Debbie's recent research in this area includes an analysis of the changing housing careers of the older population, the factors that make housing suitable for older people; a review of the housing models and options available to the older population; the suitability of accessory dwellings (granny flats) as an affordable housing option for people living in South Australia, the linkages between housing assistance, residential location and the use of community services in Australia and the housing aspirations and expectations of older people in South Australia with regard to retirement living.