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of Ageing*

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**National Conference on 'Diversity in Ageing' Announced
for Sydney**

The Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG) has announced it will hold its 2006 National Conference in Sydney during November. To be held 22 – 24 November 2006 at the Wesley Centre the Conference will focus on the theme **'Diversity in Ageing.'**

The conference is the major annual activity of the Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG), which brings together professionals interested in promoting education and research into all aspects of ageing. The Association encourages cross disciplinary exchange of ideas amongst professionals including clinicians, therapists, social scientists, economists and demographers. The anticipated 350 delegates are expected to include medical practitioners, researchers, nurses, social workers, psychologists, social scientists, music therapists, economists, demographers, geographers and consumers interested in the field of ageing research, education, service provision and policy.

The AAG is now calling for abstracts for the Conference. If you are a professional working in ageing, whether you are developing policy, an active researcher, an educator, a service provider or a consumer and you have research, policy or practice information to share, then the Sydney AAG Conference will provide a wide, diverse, well informed and well connected audience. The AAG program committee will welcome papers that are informative, relevant and contribute to the ageing research and education agenda.

This year the theme of the conference is Diversity in Ageing covering a broad range of topics including cultural, gender, health and social diversity. According to Felicity Barr, Conference Convenor and NSW AAG President, "Older people are not all the same; the experience of ageing is different for everyone. This conference will showcase research evidence and encourage development of policy which takes this diversity into account. Where else but in Sydney should the focus be on Diversity in Ageing, diversity as it is experienced and diversity as it is managed."

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The 3-day conference will include plenary and poster presentations as well as a social program designed to maximize networking for attendees in Australia's favourite Harbour City.

Further information on the Conference, including a 'Call for Abstracts' is available on www.aag.asn.au/conference2006.htm or by contacting the Conference Managers on 1300 368 783 or email aag@eastcoastconferences.com.au.

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