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From The President

What is the role of the AAG given the present extraordinary proliferation of *ageing interest groups* in virtually every profession, discipline and corresponding peak body in Australia? In a rapidly ageing society such as ours, every profession and body is now developing an increasing interest in understanding the impact of ageing on their own client group and on their own members, in terms of service provision, research priorities, education, workforce etc. This proliferation of *ageing interest groups* has occurred within health related disciplines (including nursing, medicine, physiotherapy, social work, psychology and psychiatry etc), their peak professional bodies (AMA, ANF, APA, APS, RACP, RACGP, ADGP, AASW etc), specific bio-medical research groups (in cardiology, osteoporosis, arthritis and diabetes etc), research groups applying broader methodologies to older people and to the ageing process (molecular biology, genetics, epidemiology, public health) and research and practice in the social sciences (social gerontology, geography, demography, economics etc). With population ageing there has also been a proliferation of organisations whose primary role and interest is *ageing*, but as it applies to a single area of need. These include providers of residential and community aged care and their peak groups and consumer organizations relating primarily to older people.

There will however always be a vital role for the AAG, as the peak professional organisation that links people who work across these multiple fields of ageing. The AAG itself is now over 40 years old and its integrative role becomes even more vital as the complexity of multiple *ageing interest groups* and *ageing organisations* proliferates. By virtue of its more general charter – “to expand the knowledge of ageing” – and its more general multidisciplinary leadership role – “to promote and support research and education in all aspects of ageing”, the AAG complements and balances the more focal interests of specific disciplines and professional groups by putting them in the broad ageing context. Our diverse membership, across psycho-social, bio-medical, service delivery, economic, legal and other disciplines, helps us to promote the importance of ageing issues right across the current social and political agenda, to support the diverse needs of our members and to “improve the experience of ageing” for older people themselves.

A recent example of this integrative role of the AAG has taken place within the National Aged Care Alliance, in which the AAG President and Executive Officer were given leadership of the Alliance Working Party on the “Health Care of Older People” for the twenty five peak bodies which make up the Alliance. These bodies include many of the *ageing interest groups* and *ageing organisations* outlined above. This has resulted in the production of a consensus Alliance Position Paper “AHMAC and Beyond – A Strategic Framework for Health Care for Older People: At

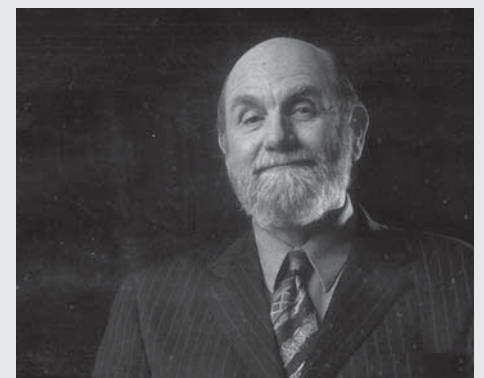
home, in residential care, in hospital and in transition between settings”. Reaching consensus has involved successfully integrating the views of the multiple and disparate *ageing interest groups* within the Alliance to achieve the following basic aims:

- to provide a framework to sustain the AHMAC (2004) proposals for State and Commonwealth Governments to deliver integrated health services for older people on the basis of need, rather than jurisdiction or who pays;
- to support a continuum of multidisciplinary health care across the three settings where care is delivered to older people – *hospital, community, residential facility* and their *interfaces*;
- to provide a framework for state and federal funding bodies to achieve this continuum of care, on the ground, across the *three settings* and the *transitions* between them.

This Position Paper is currently available to our members on both the Alliance’s (www.naca.asn.au) and the AAG’s (www.aag.asn.au) websites. Furthermore the AAG is increasingly being asked to provide input and commentary through expert committees and working groups at a state and federal level. This policy role is one we plan to grow, as it provides a way in which members can directly contribute to government policy development and decision making. A Policy Network is currently being established to promote our role in these forums and we are actively seeking interested members with appropriate experience for this Network.

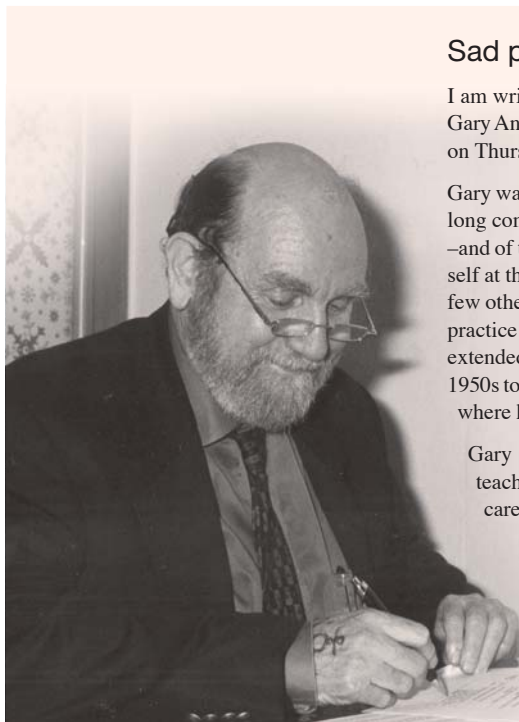
Professor G A (Tony) Broe

Members of the AAG were saddened to learn of the sudden death of Gary Andrews on 18 May this year. Gary was a pillar of the AAG as well as being a leading figure in gerontology on the world stage. On behalf of all its members, the AAG Council passes on its condolences and support to Gary’s wife, Wendy, and their three children Melinda, Jo and James. In the following pages there are a message from the AAG President, Tony Broe, four eulogies given at Gary’s service on 26 May and a message from a long time friend and colleague, Ruth Inall.



Professor Gary R. Andrews

A Tribute to Prof Gary R. Andrews



Sad passing of Professor Gary Andrews

I am writing to pay tribute to our friend, colleague and fellow Council Member of the AAG, Gary Andrews, who died suddenly while staying in Sydney to attend the AAG Council meeting on Thursday and Friday 18/19 May.

Gary was the best known gerontologist in Australia and arguably around the world for his life-long commitment to the study of ageing, the support of gerontology and the role of the AAG –and of the IAGG in less developed countries in particular. He was his active and enthusiastic self at the recent Council meeting and his direction will be sorely missed. Gary combined, as few others have, a life-long commitment to research, education, teaching, administration and practice in gerontology. His personal involvement with gerontology and geriatric medicine extended back for close to 50 years – taking up a NSW Department of Health Cadetship in the 1950s to work at Lidcombe Hospital with Dr Sid Sax while Gary was still a medical student and where he became a founding member of the AAG and subsequent Medical Superintendent.

Gary developed Lidcombe from a State Institution for older men to become a leading teaching hospital of the University of Sydney – before embarking on his extraordinary career involving every aspect of ageing in Australia and world wide.

Gary was an extraordinary human being who will be greatly missed by all of us in gerontology and by his friends and family – his wife Wendy and his children, Melinda, Jo and James.

Professor Tony Broe
National President, AAG

A message from the HealthandAge Foundation

We are very sad to learn that Gary passed away. He was an enormous inspiration to gerontology and geriatrics and we owe him very much. His vision will inspire us for the future.

Gary represented for the HealthandAge Foundation very valuable roles. He was a personality with the vision that a clear and sound understanding of healthy ageing must be pursued and achieved, a leader in public health policy with a global mission, and a teacher in gerontology of tireless commitment.

As Chairman of the UN Research Agenda on Ageing for the 21st Century, he led a team of experts in a major international initiative and organised the Valencia Forum in April 2002. This forum provided state-of-the-art input to the World Assembly on Ageing held later in Madrid.

Gary's role as expert in public health policy on ageing was invaluable as it embedded the Foundation in a worldwide network of researchers and practitioners, health officials and educators in medicine of ageing. Among his many important positions, the presidency of the International Association of Gerontology and organiser of the International Congress of this association in 1997 were highlights of his leadership and contributions to the older generation.

His advisory role to the Foundation on educating healthcare professionals is well expressed in his last e-mail to us: "I think you have put together a very exciting and ambitious program for development of HealthandAge Foundation supported education initiatives to be proposed to sponsors for funding. I particularly like the idea of the parallel programs of education of GPs and the web-based CME initiative. Hopefully sponsors will be inspired to provide the funds needed to achieve our objectives in the region ie.

- To foster gerontological and geriatric medicine education and training in the Asia Pacific Region
- To identify gaps and priorities for gerontological and geriatric medicine education and training in the Asia Pacific Region
- To plan and organise a series of training courses to be delivered in collaboration with key regional education and training providers on key topics.

With this in mind, we would like to say good-bye to a modest, dedicated and profoundly human personality whose last message shall be kept in our heart and in our actions. Gary dedicated his life to the health of others.

May the quest to explore the concept of healthy ageing continue!

Charles Studer

Message from a long-time friend and colleague

QUO VADIS – it was the title of Gary's address to the first Regional Congress of the Asia/Oceania Region in Melbourne in December 1980. Gary had stepped in to replace Dick Gibson who had died earlier that year – and we somehow put a program together in a very short time. Gary had the incredible ability to construct an entire Congress program complete with themes, topics and speakers – in a morning, and I never ceased to be amazed at his ability to come up with ideas. During the World Assembly on Ageing in Vienna in 1982 we collected participants from all the countries in our Region at a cocktail party hosted by our Minister, and Gary persuaded them that it would be an excellent idea if they went home and formed local associations – we would help with the formalities of course!

And thus Asia/Oceania was born – and Gary nurtured it by visiting country after country, participating in their meetings and encouraging research. He will be missed by all but especially by the Australian Association which he represented internationally, and to which I now say QUO VADIS?

Ruth J Inall



Gary Andrews; Queensland Conference 2005

A Tribute to Prof Gary R. Andrews

Reflections on Gary's international contributions

We have lost Professor Gary Andrews, an outstanding scientist, practitioner and educator in the field of ageing. Professor Andrew's contribution to the science and practice of ageing is by all means outstanding. He was one of the giants of gerontology in our time, tirelessly and persuasively pushing it to the forefront of the global agenda and skilfully steering the debate on the implications of individual and population ageing for human life and development.

Gary Andrews was a thinker and doer of the highest international calibre. His contribution to the development of international standards and norms for policy design, implementation and monitoring is well known and recognized around the globe. In 1989 the Secretary-General of the United Nations awarded Mr. Andrews with a Special Testimonial of the United Nations for his outstanding contribution to the United Nations Programme on Ageing. His contribution to the work of the United Nations in the area of ageing ranged from participating in various meetings of experts, developing the Research Agenda on Ageing for the Twenty-First Century, convening a famous Valencia Forum, and participating in the work of both the First and Second World Assemblies on Ageing.

We at the United Nations Programme on Ageing also feel that we have lost a dedicated colleague and a dear friend. In addition to his continuing involvement with the UN and WHO in their work on ageing, in 1999, Gary spent the whole year working as a staff member of the UN Secretariat on ageing, contributing to the outstanding success of the International Year of Older Persons.

Gary will be remembered as a champion, in his own words, "of a quest for greater information, knowledge and understanding of just what ageing REALLY IS." He ended that speech with a call: "May the QUEST continue!" May it continue in the name and memory of Gary Andrews – a scientist, an advocate, a policy designer, and a friend.

Alexandre Sidorenko

On behalf of staff of the United Nations Programme on Ageing

Gary Andrew's contributions to Australian Gerontology

Gary's wife Wendy has asked me to speak today about his contributions to Australian research on ageing, to NSW aged care, and to my own experience of his mentoring. I understand that Sasha Sidorenko and Charles Studor have written about Gary's exceptional international leadership, and Lu Mykyta is speaking on his leadership in South Australia.

Gary is widely recognised as one of the outstanding leaders in NSW – along with Dick Gibson, Sid Sax, and Tony Broe – in establishing the revolutions of geriatric medicine and aged care. They demonstrated that older people's lives could be improved through good quality of care with its medical, psychological, and social dimensions. Gary and his colleagues paved the way for Australia's aged care reforms from the 1980s onwards – and they advocated and led these changes.

After contributing to reforming the Lidcombe Old Men's Home early in his career, Gary brought his ageing expertise into the mainstream as Regional Director for Health Western Sydney, and then to the entire state as Commissioner for Health Services. His vast experience greatly benefited the University of Sydney and medical students when he moved to the Chair in Community Medicine and Geriatric Medicine, serving as Director of the Departments of Community Medicine, Geriatrics, and Rehabilitation at Westmead Hospital. In 1983 he left NSW to take up the Chair of the South Australian Health Commission and he began further reforms. Gary's commitment to clinical practice and research continued as he took on major management and policy responsibilities.

Gary somehow made the time to contribute hugely to the Australian Association of Gerontology, including his service as President from 1994 to 1997 and his contributions on the AAG Council even to the day before his death. He led countless reviews and advised successive Ministers on aged care and health services for more than 25 years.

In 1986, Gary returned to research and teaching at Flinders University where he founded and led since then the Centre on Ageing Studies. With his expert collaborators – notably Professors George Myers from Duke University and Mary Luszcz from Flinders University – Gary founded and led the landmark Australian Longitudinal Study of Ageing. ALSA's quality and productivity reflect Gary's intellectual capacities and scientific curiosities; his ability to engage large multi-disciplinary teams; and his knowledge of what really matters for older people.

In his extraordinary career Gary Andrews exemplified the value to be found in relating policy, research, and services for vulnerable older people. He recognised the great value of rehabilitation services and geriatric nurses and their education. Gary always had a dedicated and far-sighted vision, along with prodigious energy and personal skills, to work towards implementation and to inspire and bring along others. Regrettably Gary will not be able to grow older with Wendy, his children, and his friends to the good old age to which he contributed so much for other Australians.

There are so many of us who are profoundly grateful to Gary for his steadfast, sensitive, and at times challenging advice and mentoring. He has been a trusted and deeply valued mentor for me throughout my work in Australian gerontology. He recognised the potential of social research and he brought me into wide-ranging collaborations including the early development of ALSA and cross-cultural studies. In turn he contributed greatly to new ventures such as our ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well, and the International Research Centre in Healthy Ageing and Longevity.

Gary kept in touch with people; he would stop for a wise and friendly chat; and he always had a thoughtful comment. He was ever helpful and he could have a mischievous sense of humor. For a major international address he once loaned me some Powerpoint overheads and then, to the astonishment of myself and the large audience, we suddenly saw letters and numbers shooting across the screen like skyrockets! It was the best part of the talk.

In the few days since Gary's untimely death I have heard an outpouring from policymakers, professors, and health professionals who speak of him with great affection and respect. His tragic loss is deeply felt by all of us and his legacy for Australia will be enduring. We can follow Gary's leadership by supporting a next generation of researchers who will further advance Australian gerontology and aged care.

Prof Hal Kendig



Arthur Baxter, Gary Andrews, and Arthur Everitt; Tasmania Conference 2003



Gary Andrews, Catherine Wallace, Jill Pretty, and Melinda Andrews; Tasmania Conference 2003

National Activities

Relocation of Executive Officer

The Executive Officer has relocated to Brisbane. Janet is now based at QUT Carseldine with Laurie Buys but visits Tony Broe in Sydney fortnightly. All her previous contact details are still current and messages left will be received.

Options for calling are:

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Email j2.angel@qut.edu.au or

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RM Gibson Scientific Research Committee

After 3 years Anna Howe has completed her term as Committee Chair of the RM Gibson Scientific Research Committee and has been succeeded by Professor Leon Flicker of UWA. Professor Mary Luszcz of Flinders University has been nominated to the Committee to fill the vacancy. Other committee members are Associate Professor Laurie Buys (QUT), Professor Len Gray (UQ), Associate Professor Jillian Kril (USyd) and Professor David Le Couteur (USyd).

Policy Network

The creation of the network was announced in the April newsletter. To date there have been 22 members who have put their names forward as willing to contribute to the policy network plus a number of current council members who are deemed to be part of the network in any case.

Draft papers have been distributed to people willing to participate in the network: These include

- A Position Statement on Abuse of Older people.
- A substantial paper on the health workforce prompted by the Productivity Inquiry into the Health Workforce but converted into a position paper.
- The Research Priority paper being prepared for the NACA.

The next priority area of work is proposed to be around research policy in general and should be of particular interest to many members. Members who feel that the AAG should develop a position on a particular issue or members who wish to join the network should contact Janet Angel on j2.angel@qut.edu.au

Building Ageing Research Capacity Colloquium

The Building Ageing Research Capacity (BARC) "Policy and Practice on Ageing: Informed by Evidence" Colloquium was held on 4 & 5 July in Canberra. This national policy colloquium was organised by the Australian Government with help from the ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well.

Many members of the AAG participated in the Colloquium and Barbara Squires, Laurie Buys and Janet Angel contributed to the preparation of workshop presentation and discussion material. Laurie Buys represented the AAG on a panel on day 1. On day 2 there were workshops on Strategic Priority Areas one of which was lead by Barbara Squires.



Julie Byles, Taylor Dong, Laurie Buys, Felicity Barr and Helen Bartlett at the BARC Colloquium, Canberra

May Council Meeting

The AAG National Council held a two day meeting in mid-May. Apart from during the National Conference, this is the only time the full Council meets in person during the year. The Council includes the National Executive, representatives from each Division and four General Members, who are elected for terms of three years at Annual General Meetings.

The Council meeting involved deliberation on a wide range of topics affecting the organisation. These included reports from the Executive Officer, the Student Section, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ageing Committee, and the Policy Network. Also discussed were updates from Divisions and international issues.

The Council meeting was a useful time to do forward planning for National Conferences in 2006 and 2007 as well as canvass possible RM Gibson Travelling Fellows for next year. The Council decided to provide Bronze Sponsorship for the Emerging Researchers in Ageing Conference as well as become a member of Research Australia.



Prof G. Andrews, Mr R. Hankins, Prof T. Broe, A/Prof L. Buys, AAG Council, May 2006

Stakeholder forums

The paper AHMAC and Beyond: A strategic Framework for the Health Care of Older Australians has been presented to COAG, AHMAC and other relevant people and agencies. It is posted on the AAG website: http://www.naca.asn.au/pdf/AHMAC_and_beyond.pdf. The research working group is developing a top ten list of priority ageing research projects. Another major issue being addressed by NACA is the long term financing of residential care and a draft discussion paper prepared by Warwick Bruen working from Alzheimer's Australia was presented. Members interested should contact Janet Angel on j2.angel@qut.edu.au

REGIONAL CONGRESS BEIJING OCTOBER 2007

As in previous years a tour has been arranged for members of both the Australian and New Zealand Associations to the Regional Congress in Beijing. This is a wonderful opportunity to participate in the Congress as well as seeing some of the wonders of China. As before, there are options - hopefully meeting everyone's taste. When you study the programs you will agree that our travel agent, Freya Luick, has done a wonderful job in creating an exciting experience for us at a most reasonable cost. I hope many of our members will take this opportunity to travel with us once more. Contact details may be found in our brochure, and I look forward to seeing many old and new faces in October 2007.

Ruth Inall

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Many abstracts have been received and the conference promises to be of excellent quality. The program will be varied and some of the many sessions at the conference will focus on: palliative care, dementia, housing for older people, retirement income, mature aged working, social connections and men's mental health. In keeping with the theme of Diversity many papers focus on Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) ageing. The President's symposium will focus on the health care policy. The leading key note speakers include:



■ Professor
Chris Phillipson

RM Gibson Lecture and the
RM Gibson Travelling Fellow

Chris Phillipson is Professor of Applied Social Studies and Social Gerontology, at the University of Keele. He is immediate past President of the British Society of Gerontology and a member of the Training and Development Board of the Economic and Social Research Council. Published books he has authored or edited include:

- Aging, Globalisation and Inequality: The New Critical Gerontology.
- Social Networks and Social Exclusion.
- Social Theory and Ageing: Sociological and Policy Perspectives.
- Growing Older in Socially Deprived Areas: Social Exclusion in Later Life.
- The Family and Community Life of Older People: Social Networks and Social Support in Three Urban Areas.

Other areas of current interest include issues relating to work and retirement and the problems facing older people living in deprived urban communities.

■ Warwick Bruen

Warwick Bruen was Assistant Secretary, Community Care Branch, in the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing. His main interests have been how to apply the results of research and evaluation to policy development and program management. He has been particularly interested in the management of dementia and in the design and evaluation of community care programs for people with dementia. Since leaving full time employment Warwick has been involved in working with a number of non-Government organisations, including Alzheimer's Australia and UnitingCare.



■ Professor
Peter Saunders

NSW Social Policy
Research Centre

Professor Saunders is well known for his research into the measurement, causes and consequences of poverty; social policy and public finance. He is the author/editor of several books including:

- The Poverty Wars: Reconnecting Research with Reality.
- Welfare to Work in Practice. Social Security and Participation in Economic and Social Life.
- Ideas and Influence. Social Science and Public Policy in Australia.
- The Price of Prosperity The Economic and Social Costs of Unemployment.
- The Ends and Means of Welfare: Coping with Economic and Social Change in Australia.

■ Pat Anderson

Pat is Chairperson of the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health (CRAH). She was formerly CEO and co-founder of the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT (AMSANT), the CEO of Danila Dilba (the Aboriginal Community controlled health service in Darwin), and the Chair of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO).

Pat is an Alyawarre woman and has extensive experience in all aspects of indigenous health including community development, advocacy, policy formation and research ethics. She is also a prolific writer and has had many essays, papers and articles published. Pat has spoken on issues to the United Nations working group on indigenous people. She has recently been appointed by the NT Government to co-chair the Inquiry into Protection against Sexual Abuse of Indigenous Children.



■ Associate Professor
Susan Kurrle

David Wallace Address

Susan Kurrle is a geriatrician in hospital and community practice in NSW. She also holds the Curran Chair in Health Care of Older People in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Sydney. She has had a long interest and involvement in research into elder abuse, and has published in the local and international medical literature on this issue. She has been a professional member of the NSW Guardianship Tribunal since 1992, and also deals with the management of cases of elder abuse in her day to day clinical work. A/Prof Kurrle will be speaking on Treatment or Mistreatment: Medication as an agent of abuse of older people.

■ Kenneth Wyatt AM

Ken Wyatt is the Director Aboriginal Health NSW Department of Health and was previously Director of the Aboriginal Education, WA where the focus of his work was on improving educational outcomes for all Aboriginal students. He held the position of Pro Chancellor of Edith Cowan University Western. In 1996 he received an Order of Australia and in 2000 The Centenary of Federation Medal for his efforts.

He has a strong Noongar, Yamatji and Wongi heritage and believes that education and access to the knowledge society involves life-long learning and is the key to the change and making informed decisions of choice.

Ken is committed to working towards achieving better outcomes and opportunities for Indigenous Australians and Australian society.

CONFERENCE DINNER

This year the conference dinner is included in the overall ticket price. It promises to be a fantastic evening. To be held at the Marigold Chinese restaurant it will be a truly multicultural event. Bring out your favourite costumes and your (Latin) dancing shoes for night of fun and networking.

AUGUST 28 Closing date for Peer reviewed papers

For those presenters who choose to submit a full conference paper, the closing date is 28 August. The submission of a paper is optional but the papers accepted after full peer review will be published in a DEST suitable form. Guidelines for submissions of papers are available at <http://www.aag.asn.au/conferences/conference2006.htm>

PAPER AND POSTER PRIZE

A poster presentation can be a great way to get your information across to other conference delegates. A prize will be awarded to the most outstanding poster presentation. A prize will also be awarded to the best paper submitted for peer review.

Registration now available online <http://www.aagconference2006.com/>

JULY 31 Closing date for early bird registration

Student Space

“When I was a student”

An interview with Professor Hal Kendig



Professor Hal Kendig graduated in 1970 with a BA degree in Sociology, Biochemistry, and Philosophy from the University of California. He completed a Masters in Planning (1973) and PhD in Urban Studies (1975) at the Andrus Gerontology Center in the University of Southern California.

Moving to Australia in 1975 he conducted housing and urban research in the Research School of Social Sciences at ANU. He later led the Ageing and the Family Project and worked with the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health. From 1989 to 1998 he was Director of the ARC Key Centre in Gerontology and held a Personal Chair in Public Health at La Trobe University. At the University of Sydney he has served as Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences (1998-2005) and he now is Research Professor of Ageing and Health and National Convenor of the ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well.

He is an Honorary Life Member of the Australian Council on the Ageing and Fellow of the Australian Academy in Social Sciences. In 2003 he was awarded a Centenary Medal for Outstanding Service to aged care and healthy ageing through social science.

What was it like when you were a student?

University in the late 1960s was an exciting time and I loved the world of ideas but it was tough for my wife and me supporting ourselves and our child through part time and summer work. As a graduate student at the Andrus Gerontology Center I benefited greatly from the ‘hot house’ of multi-disciplinary research initiatives and sense of being on a quest for the new field. I had a chance to work with able and committed Professors who encouraged me as an ‘apprentice’ researcher and allowed me to work as a consultant on then new ageing programs.

When did you realise that you wanted to work with the aged and ageing?

After graduation from University I worked a year at the California Personnel Board (then under Governor Reagan) and decided that I wanted to be ‘somewhere else!’ My lucky break was the chance to go to graduate school with a Traineeship from the US Administration on Aging. I barely knew what Gerontology was at the time but I quickly learned the value of doing research with and for older people. Looking back I can see that my close ties with grandparents added depth and meaning to my ageing studies.

How did your educational training help you to find work in the field of gerontology?

In the early 1970s there was an explosion of US ageing programs and my applied research as a graduate student enabled me to find work as a consultant to the California Commission on Aging and the US Administration on Aging. It was an extraordinary time and the opportunities in some respects came too fast. We moved to Australia for what we thought would be just a few years of exploration away from the US, and the irony was that my first Australian appointment required that I not conduct research on ageing. But after a few years my senior colleagues at ANU began to see that a focus on ageing had academic and social value so they supported our efforts to build ageing research. My education in Gerontology (and ongoing ties with colleagues from graduate school) has been valuable in our building gerontology in Australia.

Why would you recommend a degree in gerontology to future students?

I believe that a degree in the multi-disciplinary field of gerontology is of most value after people have a foundation in a discipline or profession and grounding of at least a few years of work (and life)

experience. A Masters in Gerontology is a great way to build knowledge and skills for practice, policy, and research to benefit ageing and older people. Increasingly we will see ageing as a knowledge area within disciplines and professions and that will be valuable too. PhD graduates who have strong multidisciplinary skills - and engagement with older consumers, practitioners, and policymakers - are essential to build and apply our knowledge base to improve individual and societal experiences of ageing. The opportunities will be increasing rapidly as baby boomers retire from Universities, and as Australia recognises more the value of education and the importance of ageing for our future.

What is one of your favourite quotes or sayings?

An older woman who I once interviewed said: “You see me as an old person, and I feel some limits of age, but I still am the same person who I was when I was young.”

**Thank you for your time
Professor Hal Kendig**

Interview conducted by Taylor Dong



Ram Gautam and Tim Henwood, Tokyo, May 2006

A Nepalese Student in Japan

In May I received an email from Ramraj Gautam, a Nepalese PhD student studying at the School of Health Sciences and Nursing, Department of Social Gerontology at the University of Tokyo. He had noticed our Student Section reports on the IAGG website and was encouraged by what he read. I sent him some recent AAG newsletters and encouraged him to write us an article which we hope to print or post on the website shortly. However proving the value of networks, Qld member Tim Henwood met with Ramraj while visiting in Japan.

Taylor Dong

Student Space

Joint seminar AAG VIC Students' Group and the APS PAIG

The Joint AAG Students/ Psychology & Ageing Interest Group Evening Forum on 14 June 2006 a huge success! The topic was "Sensuality and body image: Issues with ageing".

We had a bigger than expected turnout (40 attendees) from different areas of life comprising of medical doctors, nurses, audiologist, social workers, sexual counsellor, psychologists, radiologist, oncologist, research academics, postgraduate students, working mums and interested lay persons. It was a truly enjoyable evening and I regret that we did not have enough time to cover all materials. There were several suggestions about a follow up forum. Power point presentations and information have been posted on the AAG website.

Mila Cichello (Vic)



Dr Arduca - Presentation - Male Sexual Dysfunction, 14 June 2006

Looking to the Future

It was always the intention that the Student committee would eventually elect its own chairperson and organise its activities with support from the AAG. That time has clearly come. AAG Council agreed that the student section meeting at the Conference in Sydney would be an appropriate time to formally select representatives. Helen Bartlett is happy to continue in an advisory role and provide a link between the group and the AAG Executive.

Coming soon is a student listserv to operate as an information exchange forum and a mentoring scheme. It is anticipated that mentoring will operate at a number of levels including email, phone and face-to-face interactions with the goal of connecting students with expertise and resources from across the sectors. Initially volunteers from the AAG membership will be sought to pilot the scheme in 2006 and any member willing to volunteer should contact Janet Angel on j2.angel@qut.edu.au

A Post Card from Peking

While strolling round the ponds of Peking University in the late afternoon in May, I came across a man writing calligraphy in water on the floor of a small pavilion. Wielding broomstick-length brushes in each hand, seemingly effortlessly, he was producing identical Chinese characters in two continuous flowing lines. Water bottles on the end of each stick supplied an endless flow of liquid to the sponge brushes with which he painted.

He told me that he was seventy and a professor at the university specialising in ageing and sports psychology. Every morning he cycles to the Summer Palace to practise his calligraphy on the stone pavements there. He showed me how to make one of the brushes. He unscrewed the bottle that held the water and indicated where he cut a sponge to form the shape of a brush.

Many famous Chinese calligraphers and painters apparently enjoy great longevity, with centenarians not uncommon in their ranks. In my own family it seems to be the women who are amateur artists who live healthily the longest into old age. This is why I feel I should persist with my own humble efforts at calligraphy and drawing, although another reason is just for the sheer enjoyment it gives.

Jill Miller (Peking University)

Emerging Researchers in Ageing (ERA) 2006

Planning is well underway for this year's ERA Conference, which will be held at the Darling Harbour Convention Centre in Sydney on November 21. People who have had abstracts accepted are encouraged to submit a full paper as well.

There will be Keynote Addresses by Professor Victor Minichiello and Professor Helen Bartlett. Prizes will be awarded for oral and poster presentations as well as written papers. Early Bird registration (closing

September 1) will be \$100 for students and \$140 for non-students. Registration forms are available through the conference website at www.chs.usyd.edu.au/era2006

Doctoral students can also get involved in organising the Conference by becoming an "ERA Volunteer". See the website for details and registration. Remember the ERA Conference is being held the day before the National Conference of the AAG, so this is a great opportunity for students to expand their networks at both conferences. Enquiries about ERA can be directed to era2006@chs.usyd.edu.au

Inaugural NSW Student Dinner

The NSW Student Section inaugural dinner was hosted by the AAG National President Professor Tony Broe on Wednesday 17 May. The gathering gave NSW students an opportunity to meet fellow gerontology post graduates from a variety of educational and practice backgrounds and a chance for informal Q&A with prominent aged care professionals. For some of the students, this was also their first meeting with fellow AAG members and the beginning of a new network of collegial support. There were eleven students from four universities present. Supporting the event were Associate Professor Cherry Russell (USYD), and from the AAG Executive, Barbara Squires, Dr Chris Shanley, and Janet Angel.

The business end of the gathering involved discussion of the student role at the AAG Conference and the Emerging Researchers in Ageing (ERA) Conference to be held in Sydney in November. Students were encouraged to access the AAG and its member networks for both study and career assistance. Our thanks go to Professor Broe and family for hosting this function at home and to AAG National for providing the gourmet pizzas! We look forward to gathering again at another student dinner prior to this year's two major events in gerontology.

Taylor Dong (National & NSW)



NSW student gathering, May 2006

Who's Who

Leon Flicker



Leon is the newly appointed Chair of the RM Gibson Research Grants Committee after serving on the committee for three years. The selections processes were very capably set up by Dr Anna Howe, who chaired the Committee for many years. Leon has been a member of AAG for 20 years and is on the Executive of the Western Australian branch. He is the inaugural Professor of Geriatric Medicine at the University of Western Australia and moved to Perth to take up this position in October 1998. He completed his training in geriatric medicine in Sydney, Newcastle and Melbourne and then completed a PhD in the assessment and treatment of osteoporosis at the University of

Melbourne. He was a Senior Lecturer in Geriatric Medicine based at the National Ageing Research Institute from 1989 to 1997. His research interests have focused on the diagnosis, prevention, assessment and management of the common medical conditions of older people, particularly in the areas of osteoporosis and dementia. He has been actively involved in the dissemination and implementation of such findings and has worked on the committees of several professional and community based organisations. He is immediate Past President of the Australian Society for Geriatric Medicine.

Gerontology News

ARO moves house

On 1 July the Ageing Research Online (ARO) website moved from its home at the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) to the Office for an Ageing Australia (OFAA) within the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing. Work is underway to ensure the transition goes smoothly.

The ARO has resided with the AIHW since it was launched in September 2003 as part of the Building Ageing Research Capacity (BARC) Project. The aim of the website is to improve dissemination of ageing research and encourage collaboration among researchers on ageing matters. Check out the three directories on the ARO website: the ARO Research Directory, the ARO Course Directory and the ARO Grant Directory. As well as searching these Directories, users are able to add their own research and notices to the site. They can also subscribe to a quarterly ARO newsletter and view upcoming events. A number of improvements have been such as the inclusion of research relevant to the veteran community and an enhancement of the search functionality, which enables users to browse entries by keyword as well as by subject, organisation and researcher.

Usage of the ARO continues to increase, with approximately 30 new users registering and 44 new research entries being listed each month. The average visits per month over the past year is 3,988, and the ARO currently contains 53 course entries, 1,457 research entries, and over 2,800 contacts.

As the website develops and grows, it will have a greater role in its capacity to assist with policy development and public health initiatives, increase collaboration between researchers on ageing matters, and improve the dissemination of research findings.

If you would like to register for the site, please visit www.aro.gov.au and complete the New User form. If you have any questions about the ARO, please contact the ARO Site Administrator: siteadmin@aro.gov.au

Dementia Training

Health professionals can now access specialised tertiary dementia training and scholarships through Dementia Training Study Centres. There are four leading providers: University of Wollongong, La Trobe University, Alzheimer's Australia SA and Curtin University which in partnership with other tertiary institutions, health-care and service-industry providers, will establish a Dementia Training Study Centre. At least 270 health care professionals will receive scholarships to help improve their dementia care skills. Nurses, medical students, medical specialists, social workers, diversional therapists and psychologists are among the professionals who will benefit from the program.

Additionally seven organisations will provide dementia-specific training across Australia. The training will cover vital aspects of good dementia care, including care planning, communication, and managing challenging behaviour.

For more information go to http://www.aag.asn.au/recent_news/about_news.htm

International Journal in Health and Ageing Management

A new on-line International Journal of Health and Ageing Management has been established by Academic Global Publications. The website for the journal is at <http://www.academicglobalpublications.com/ijham/index.htm> The aim of journal is to disseminate knowledge generated by academics, practitioners and researchers regarding management issues related to health, healthcare, ageing and aged care at societal, organisational and individual levels.

Academy of the Social Sciences

Call for Workshop Proposals:

The workshop program of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia funds several workshops each year. They are calling for proposals for workshops commencing in 2007 and to be completed no later than 2008. Successful applicants will need to focus on addressing significant issues and ideas in the social sciences. ASSA Workshops are interdisciplinary and participants should be drawn from a range of social science disciplines. Proposals must reach the Secretariat by COB Friday 11 August 2006. Further details on the Workshop Program are available at <http://www.assa.edu.au/Workshop/call.htm>

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NHMRC - ARC Ageing Well, Ageing Productively Research Grants Announced

The successful *Ageing Well, Ageing Productively* grants have been announced. The funding program is a collaboration between the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and the Australian Research Council (ARC), which have each contributed \$5 million. Six projects have been funded over five years:

- *Working longer: Policy reforms and practice innovation*, Professor John Piggott, University of New South Wales, \$2,000,000
- *Predictors of Ageing Well in the Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health and the Perth Health in Men Study*, Professor Annette Dobson, University of Queensland: \$1,800,000
- *Gene-environment interaction in healthy brain ageing and age related neurodegeneration*, Professor Perminder Sachdev, University of New South Wales, \$2,000,000
- *Using health outcome data from pooled Longitudinal Studies of Ageing to develop statistical and microsimulation models to determine how to best compress morbidity and optimize healthy and productive ageing*, A/Professor Kaarin Jane Anstey, Australian National University, \$2,000,000
- *The development and evaluation of management strategies designed to address poly-morbidity in older people: Implications for health policy planning, practitioners and patients*, Professor Andrew Gilbert, University of South Australia, \$2,000,000
- *Examining a core assumption of policy and services for older Indigenous Australians* Dr John Condon, Charles Darwin University, \$127,000

More detail is available on the AAG website at www.aag.asn.au/recent_news

2006 Census

The ABS released its Information Paper: Census of Population and Housing Proposed Products and Services, 2006 (ABS Catalogue No. 2011.0) in September 2005. Pricing for census products is currently under review as part of the overall ABS pricing review, and a final outcome is expected shortly (mid 2006). However it is anticipated that:

1. Anything free at the 2001 census will remain free for 2006 but there will be easier access. For example, not all the tables for a particular area will have to be downloaded if only selected tables are of interest, or it will be possible to rapidly download the same table for many areas.
2. A new census product, "CDATA on-line" will be available on line free, replacing the 2001 product CDATA Quickbuild. It will provide a degree of flexibility by allowing the choice of a selected number of cross-classified variables for each topic chosen. This will be based on pre-selected aggregations of records with common characteristics. Education, migration, employment, ethnicity and aboriginality have been given as examples of topics likely to be covered.
3. A new product, "Table Builder", will be available, for access through the ABS Remote Data Access Laboratory (RADL). It will allow users to build their own tables, directly. Extensive training will be supplied through 1-2 day seminars, and through on-line training. This product will cost about \$10,000, but may be free to university users. Negotiations with the AVCC are currently in progress.
4. The Household Sample File (HSF) will be available in the same CD-ROM form as at 2001. There will also be a 1 in 20 version, with fewer restrictions, available only through RADL. There will be some limitations of SAS/SPSS/STATA programs that can be run through RADL. This is also part of the AVCC negotiations.
5. Prices for anything else will come under "ABS Pricing Policy", a new version of which was released on the ABS website in February. A discussion paper, "Proposed changes to ABS pricing policy", was released on 8/2/06. The government's Expenditure Review Committee is scheduled to review the ABS cost recovery arrangements in 06-07. A key issue is whether they comply with the "Commonwealth cost recovery guidelines for information agencies" issued in March 2003.

The 2006 Census data will be of great interest to gerontologists around Australia and is fundamental to research. If you have any concerns about being able to get the data you need, contact the ABS via www.abs.gov.au

Anna Howe

Alzheimer's Australia Discussion Paper

Alzheimer's Australia have released a Discussion Paper Decision making in advance: Reducing barriers and improving access to advance directives for people with dementia. Authored by Margaret Brown of the University of South Australia, the paper examines how people with dementia can be helped to express their wishes in respect of future care and financial arrangements as well as citing the current barriers to advance directives. The discussion paper recommends that Attorneys General work together with consumers to simplify and harmonise the law so that individuals' rights to autonomy and self-determination can be achieved. The paper is available at www.alzheimers.org.au or by calling the National Dementia Helpline on 1800 100 500. Comments received up to the end of July 2006 will be considered.

National Dementia initiative

Henry Brodaty, Professor of Psychogeriatrics at UNSW will be the director of the Primary Dementia Collaborative Research Centre. The Primary CRC with its partners will be examining GP diagnosis and assessment (Newcastle University), nursing home care (University of Technology Sydney), behavioural problems in dementia (Monash University), design and technology (The Hammond Care Group), palliative care (Queensland University of Technology) and transitions in care (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare).

The Collaborative Centre for Early Intervention, Prevention and Risk Reduction will be established and managed by the Australian National University in collaboration with partners and will be lead by Professor Mark Budge. The Queensland University of Technology, in consort with partners, will establish the Collaborative Centre for Consumers, Carers, and Social Research which will be lead by Professor Jenny Abbey.

Aged Care nursing scholarships on offer

The Australian Government will offer scholarships for the 2007 academic year, worth up to \$30,000 each, to boost the skills base of Australia's aged care nursing workforce. Applications for Undergraduate Scholarships close on 25 August 2006, while applications for Postgraduate-Continuing Education Scholarships close on 22 September 2006.

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/health-mediare1-yr2006-ss-san061.htm>

State Activities

NSW

Most of the energies of the NSW Division are going into our major activity for this year, the hosting of the National conference in Sydney in November. The local organising and scientific program committees involve all members of the Executive and a number of other co-opted NSW members.

The 2006 Rural Conference was held on 23-24 March at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre and dedicated to the memory of Dr Elsie Harwood. It was very successful with a good program led off by our very own Dr Ruth Bright. Our other opening speaker was the National President-elect Laurie Buys, who also launched the new AAG national website at the conference. The main theme of the conference was "Positive Ageing – something to sing about", which seemed appropriate for the home of country music and a demonstration of bootscooting at the dinner got even our National Secretary up dancing. The range of papers and in particular, the final session with papers by Professors Victor Minichiello (University of New England), Colleen Cartwright (Southern Cross University, Coffs Harbour) and Julie Byles (University of Newcastle), demonstrated the strength of ageing research capacity in regional NSW.

140 delegates attended and we recognise with gratitude the Hunter Chapter who contributed their considerable energies to organising and running the conference. The chapter also sponsored five students to attend the Tamworth Rural Conference and is considering ways of using its reserve funds to assist students further.

A seminar on "Abuse of Older People" was held on 15 June at the Wesley Centre to mark the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Given the recent publicity around elder abuse, the seminar is very timely and over 300 delegates have registered. We appreciate the efforts of Barbara Squires, Paul Sadler, Jill Pretty and others involved in arranging this seminar.



Mr Paul Sadler

Student Activities: AAG prizes were awarded again by each of the three NSW universities offering post-graduate qualifications in multi-disciplinary gerontology. We have invited the winning students to join our ranks to continue expanding their knowledge of gerontology. Our wonderful student representative Taylor Dong organised a dinner for NSW students for which Tony Broe generously made available his home.

Felicity Barr
Newsletter Rep

ACT

The ACT Division started off the 2006 series of events with a very successful seminar in March by Dr Mary-Ann Ryall, a staff specialist geriatrician at the Canberra Hospital and lecturer at the ANU medical school. Afternoon tea and the topic of screening for cognitive impairment in the community attracted a capacity crowd of around 50, including many non-AAG members from service organisations in Canberra.

The seminar covered the basic background to screening, including why it is useful, common tools for screening with their strengths and limitations, and assessment scales. Assessments can be hampered by failure to account for diversity in culture or education. Dr Ryall spoke of her experience with assessment and cultural and educational diversity in Liverpool NSW and the development of the Rowland Universal Dementia Assessment Scale developed in 2002 for a multicultural community. Screening can diagnose dementia earlier, thus giving the potential to lessen the impact of the condition on carers and patients, an important contribution in our ageing society.

In mid June, ACT AAG hosted a seminar on community care at the CSIRO Discovery Centre - "Community Care: bread and butter or the Magic Pudding." A Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing speaker on "The Way Forward" initiative and Dr Anna Howe will overview and analyse developments and change in aged care provision. Students interested or involved in studying ageing will be specially invited.

Our current student rep, Jill Miller (who will complete her PhD this year) plans a Student Get-together in August, inviting students from ANU, Australian Catholic University, University of Canberra and Canberra TAFE interested or involved in studying subjects gerontological, to drinks and an event at ANU which could take a number of forms including a forum for to present introductions to individual's research or a talk by an expert

on gerontology, either way followed with an opportunity for social discussion.

We hope to invite the new Minister for Ageing, Senator Santo Santoro to speak at our AGM in August/September, mainly to meet the Canberra "aged care community" to discuss his goals for this appointment and his vision for the future.

A breakfast workshop is planned with Dr Marc Budge in October.

We have invited Anne Sammut, who will come in early December, to present a seminar on professional boundaries, "Can we care TOO much?" Anne will discuss her very topical work on where the 'personal' and the 'professional' boundaries become blurred, an increasingly important issue as jobs in the caring industry skyrocket in numbers without concomitant professional education, training and support.

The ACT committee agreed to the development of a proposal to put before the large national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sub-committee for an all Indigenous conference, which was suggested by Aboriginal aged care workers in Canberra. These particular workers have attended national conferences and appreciate that forum as a means to inform non-Indigenous conference participants about current trends in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander aged care. However, the feel that the national scene does not work well to inform Indigenous service providers who need a venue more focussed, less pressurised and less competitive, with lots more time for Indigenous workers to speak to each other. A small working group will prepare the proposal for discussion by the national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sub-committee.

The ACT group is focusing on membership, growing the profile of the AAG as a multi disciplinary forum for discussing and informing on topical issues, under the belief that people will want to belong to an organisation that provides accessible, even enjoyable, serious discussion on matters that concern them most.

Jill Miller
Newsletter Rep

SA/NT

As the weather gets colder, the SA/NT Division has been increasing its activities. On May 3rd, the Division held the second seminar of the Combined Seminar Series on Depression and Carer Blues. Many came to hear Dr Geoff Schraeder, Ms Kate Jurgens and Mr Andrew Peake speak regarding various aspects of depression and carer issues. Dr Schraeder, Senior Lecturer in Psychiatry at the University of Adelaide and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital

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spoke regarding the medical aspects of depression and the findings of his study on depression in the elderly. His research on the relationship between depression and morbidity and mortality in older people following a heart attack intrigued many present. Ms Kate Jurgens, spoke on carer stressors and supports, illustrating her advice with poignant anecdotes that highlighted the special needs of carers. Mr Andrew Peake rounded off a solid seminar line-up with an informative presentation on what is available in the community for older people with depression and how to access it. In all, an excellent seminar that informed, engaged and inspired many.

Certainly something to wet the appetite was the SA/NT Division's SAGe Conference held on Friday June 30! More in the next newsletter.

Cathy Lock
Newsletter Rep

TAS

The Tasmanian Division successfully hosted a presentation by two nursing Honors students last month. Alicia Roff and Rebecca Thomas both presented their work which focused on issues related to residential aged care. While numbers were small, those attending stimulated interesting debate. It was wonderful to see two young nurses with a passion for working in residential aged care. The Division is currently preparing for a visit by Professor Jenny Abbey later in July, who will be sharing with us her work, and that of her team, on pain management and palliation. We are also in the midst of planning our Annual General Meeting by videolink, which will be held in July.

Deb Visser
Newsletter Rep

VIC

At our April Forum, A/Professor Colette Browning, the Network's Victorian Coordinator and Convenor of the Healthy Ageing theme provided an overview of the Network's establishment and its work to date. The Network has strong links with the Ageing Research Online initiative via its research grant and literature inventory on ageing. Several multidisciplinary, large-scale proposals have already been developed by Network constituents, including several that were submitted to the NHMRC's Ageing Well, Ageing Productively funding program.

Jane Sims
Newsletter Rep

WA

Physical activity and older persons, was the theme of the last public presentation by AAG (WA) in the C.C. Bennett Lecture Theatre at Fremantle Hospital. There was a capacity audience.

Professor Billie Giles-Corti discussed the subject with particular emphasis on the built-environment being conducive to walking outdoors. This was complemented by Prof. Peter Howart speaking on "Cancer Prevention through physical activity and other risk factors - Are there any benefits for seniors?". Lively discussion followed.

The AAG (WA) prize awarded to ECU student, Christian Lafrentz, as the outstanding student in a gerontological related course was presented. A similar award to Notre Dame student, Jillian Locke was previously presented at a function at Notre Dame.

Attending the Fremantle seminar as a visitor to WA from the UK was Jen Hawkins, a health psychologist from Ipswich. Shown a copy of Dr Julie Goyder's book "We'll be married in Fremantle" which had been highlighted at an AAG Seminar in Bunbury five years ago she was keen to meet with Dr Goyder at ECU Bunbury. Julie who is currently researching for a further publication, found that she and Jen had much in common even though they lived in different countries and had no previous knowledge of each others work. We in WA felt quite privileged to have known these two remarkable women and were reminded of Prof Ladislav Volicer's words when speaking on ethical issues in dementia calling us to "enter the other person's reality" rather than expecting the reverse.

Leon Flicker was in the news again recently when the West Australian Newspaper picked up on comments he and Roger Warne had made on nutritional issues for elderly people in residential care.

Both doctors had urged the importance of establishing the most appropriate meals for individual needs, that is, the ones they will actually enjoy eating.

Note – Dr Julie Goyder's book: "We'll be married in Fremantle" printed by Fremantle Arts Press is still available in WA bookshops.

Ron Okely
Newsletter Rep

QLD

The AAG Queensland Division Committee was very excited to hear recent feedback from our President Professor Jenny Abbey after she attended the AAG National Committee. Jenny informed us that at the AAG National Conference hosted by our division on the Gold Coast last year a profit of \$37,000.00 was made – a very pleasing result indeed! Once again the Queensland division committee would like to thank all who helped to make this conference such a great success. Congratulations to everyone!

On June 14th, the eve of the first World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, AAG Queensland division held a joint forum with both the Australian Society for Geriatric Medicine and Geriacton Queensland Inc. The topic for this forum was: "The Hidden Abuse of People with Cognitive Impairment". The Chair of this event was Dr Chris Davis, Queensland President of the Australian Society for Geriatric Medicine, and guest speakers included: Dianne Pendergast, Adult Guardian; Karen Williams, Barrister-At-Law; Deborah Setterlund, School of Social Work, University of Queensland; Beverly Fenell, Office of the Public Advocate; Rebecca Lazarus and Carolyn Cave from Queensland Aged and Disability Advocacy (QADA). Preceded by an excellent supper, about 110 people attended this event. The committee is in the process of planning the AGM to be held later on in the year and planning is also in progress for other events to be held in both the latter part of 2006 as well as in 2007.

Dorothy Edelbrock
Newsletter Rep



Rebecca Lazarus and Carolyn Cave, Brisbane, June 2006



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Diary Dates 2006

AUGUST

August 2-4 | HOBART

Australian College of Health Service Executives and Royal Australian College of Medicine Administrators Joint National Conference

Healthcare - The Power and the Passion
Tel: 02 9878 5088

Email: achse@achse.org.au

August 10-11 | GOLD COAST

Nurses in Management Aged Care / ACQ Conference & Trade Exhibition 2006

Nursing with Attitude

Tel: 07 3725 5588

Email: events@acqi.org.au

August 20-22 | SYDNEY

Health Informatics Conference

Web: www.hic.org.au

August 28-30 | MELBOURNE

Catholic Health Australia 2006 National Conference

Tel: 02 6260 5980

Email: angelz@cha.org.au

Web: www.cha.org.au/site.php?id=508

August 29 - September 1 | TOWNSVILLE, QLD

Mental Health Services Conference

Reach out and Connect

Tel: 02 9810 8700

Web: www.themhs.org

SEPTEMBER

September 4-6 | CHRISTCHURCH, NZ

Australian Society for Geriatric Medicine 2006 Annual Scientific Meeting

Email: emma@conferenceaction.com.au

Web: www.asgm.org.au

September 13-16 | ALBURY, NSW

National Rural Health Alliance

Building Bridges - Crossing Borders

Web: www.ruralhealth.org.au/conferences/sarra2006/home.htm

September 14-16 | CANBERRA

Australian Nurse Teachers Society 12th Annual Conference

Web: www.conlog.com.au/ants2006

September 17-20 | GOLD COAST, QLD

ACSA 19th National Conference and Trade Exhibition

Email: events@acqi.org.au

September 17-20 | CAIRNS, QLD

Neurological Society of Australia Annual Scientific Meeting

Tel: 03 9249 1294

Web: www.acqconferences.com.au

September 22-23 | NEWCASTLE, NSW

9th National Diversional Therapy Conference

Leisure Channelling Ability: Empowerment through the medium of Leisure

Tel: 02 9887 5035

Email: dta_nsw@bigpond.com

Web: www.diversionaltherapy.com.au

September 26-29 | NARRABUNDAH, ACT

3rd National Conference: Ageing, Disability and Spirituality

Addressing the challenge of disability in later life

Email: caps@csu.edu.au

Web: www.centreforageing.org.au

September 27-29 | SWITZERLAND

The 2nd World Ageing & Generations Congress

Web: www.wdassociation.org

OCTOBER

October 2-6 | ALICE SPRINGS

Australian and New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses 32nd International Conference

Tel: 03 9682 0244

Email: anzcmhn2006@icms.com.au

Web: www.icms.com.au/anzcmhn2006

October 4-6 | NEWCASTLE, NSW

Australian and New Zealand Society of Palliative Medicine Conference

Tel: 02 4973 6573

Email: anzspm@willorganise.com.au

Web: www.willorganise.com.au/anzspm

October 5-8 | BRISBANE

Royal Australian College of General Practitioner 49th Annual Scientific Convention

Email: events@racgp.org.au

Web: www.racgp.org.au/asc2006

October 12-14 | BERLIN

22nd Conference of Alzheimer's Disease International

Dementia a Challenge for the 21st Century

Web: www.alzheimer2006.de/default.html

October 13-15 | MELBOURNE

3rd International Conference on Healthy Ageing & Longevity

Email: info@longevity-international.com

Web: www.longevity-international.com

October 15-21

Careers Week 2006

Web: www.careersaustralia.com.au

October 19-20 | MELBOURNE

National Institute of Clinical Studies *Using Evidence, Using Guidelines*

Tel: 03 8866 0400

Web: www.usingevidence.com.au

October 26-28 | QUEBEC CITY, CANADA

34th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Canadian Association of Gerontology

Email: info@cagacg.ca

Web: www.cagacg.ca

NOVEMBER

November 2-3 | SUNSHINE COAST, QLD

ACQ Community Care Queensland Conference *Community Care - Putting the Pieces Together*

Tel: 07 3725 5588

Email: events@acqi.org.au

Web: www.acqconferences.com.au

November 4-5 | GEELONG, VIC

1st Biannual APS Psychology & Ageing Interest Group Conference

Informing Psychological Interventions

Tel: 0413 118 792

Web: www.psychology.org.au

November 21 | SYDNEY

ERA: Emerging Researchers in Ageing

Research informing positive outcomes in older persons

Tel: 02 9767 7812

Email: era2006@chs.usyd.edu.au

Web: www.chs.usyd.edu.au/era2006

November 22-24 | SYDNEY

Australian Association of Gerontology 39th National Conference

Diversity in Ageing

Tel: 1300 368 783

Email: aag@eastcoastconferences.com.au

Web: www.aag.asn.au/conference2006.htm



November 26- December 1 | MELBOURNE

Australian Health & Medical Research Congress

Tel: 03 9863 7867

Email: congress@asnevents.net.au

Web: www.ahmrccongress.org.au

DECEMBER

December 5-8 | ADELAIDE

The 13th National Conference of the Australian Population Association

Population, Policy & Australia's Destiny

Web: www.austpop.org

2007

July 12 2007 | ADELAIDE

Cognitive Aging Conference

Down Under

Email: mary.luszcz@flinders.edu.au

Web: www.cos.gatech.edu/cac

October 22-25 2007 | BEIJING, CHINA

8th Asia / Oceania IAGG Regional Congress of Gerontology

Tel: 86 10 6217 4066

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