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**ADVANCING NOT RETIRING:
ACTIVE PLAYERS,
A FAIR FUTURE**

A FAIR FUTURE FOR OLDER WOMEN WHO EXPERIENCE SEXUAL ABUSE

WORKSHOP HOSTED BY

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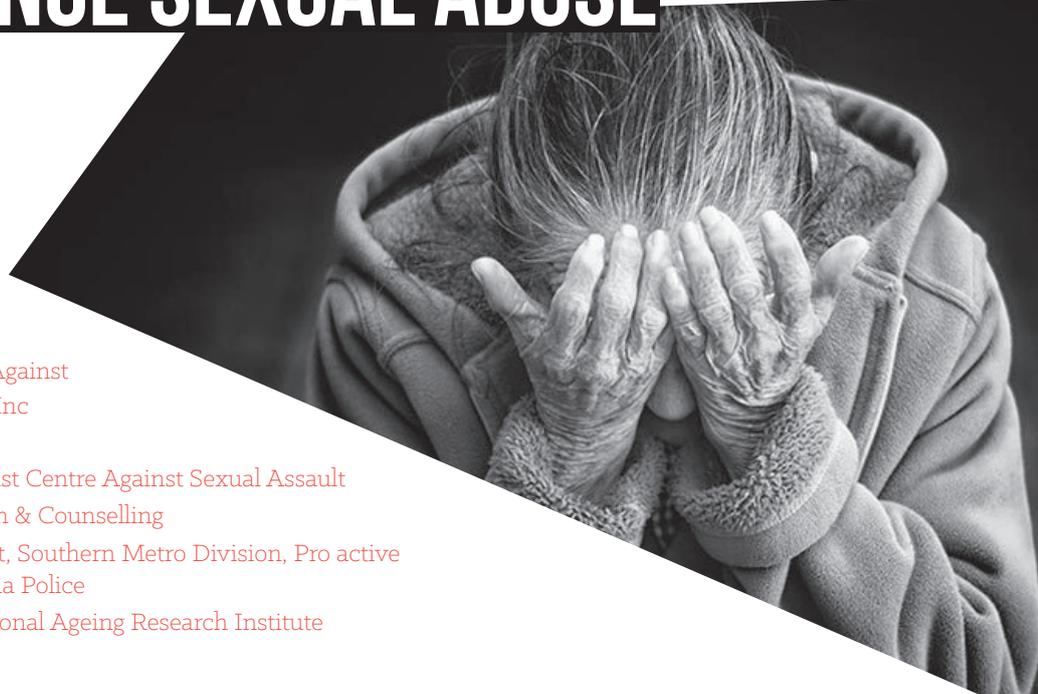
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Despite research showing one in four Australian women has experienced physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner, there has been little focus on the experiences of older women. This can partly be attributed to the misconception that sexual abuse of older women is rare. It is more accurate to say older women rarely report sexual abuse – because we do not listen or give them permission to speak about their sexual abuse. This is a significant gap because those service providers who listen have transformed the health and wellbeing of older women experiencing sexual abuse.

This workshop begins by outlining evidence on the sexual abuse of older women. It will engage participants in exploring barriers to older women reporting sexual abuse and how these can be addressed. Next a series of short interdisciplinary presentations will outline a range of perspectives on preventing sexual abuse of older women. Then participants will hear from a 96 year old about the impacts of sexual abuse and how service providers transformed her life. The final part of the workshop engages participants in reviewing draft guide sheets for service providers and understanding their role in prevention.



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9:30am to 12:30pm



Melbourne Convention Exhibition Centre
1 Convention Centre Pl, South Wharf



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