



**UPDATE for ILC Australia: May 2019.**

## **NEWS AND EVENTS**

### **Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing 15-18 April NYC**

Julie Byles attended the United Nations Open Ended Working Group on Ageing, as a member of the ILC Global Alliance. This was the tenth session to discuss the need for a convention on the rights of older persons. This session focused on life longer learning and social protection, and considered normative gaps highlighted in the 2018 meeting which focused on autonomy and independence, and on palliative and long term care. Working papers for the meeting are available at: <https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/> or contact [Julie.byles@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:Julie.byles@newcastle.edu.au) for further details.

Julie Byles moderated questions and discussion for a UN Side Event hosted by ILC Canada, ILC Global Alliance and the LIFE Research Institute, as part of ILC Canada's advocating plan for the UN Convention on the Rights of Older People. See photo of the panel below.



The OEWG meeting was also attended by a number of different representatives from Australia who have formed a loose alliance called Australian Civil Society Group on Ageing. The group have submitted an abstract to the AAG National conference, and if accepted, will present a paper on the UN process and progress and key areas where older people's rights need strengthening.

### Meeting with ILC USA

While in New York Julie Byles (ILC Australia) Didier Halimi (ILC France) and Masako Osako (ILC Global Alliance) met with Kavita Siva (ILC USA) to discuss the ILC Long Term Care project, opportunities for cooperation, and other ILC matters.

### IAGG-ER and IAGG Global Council

Julie Byles and Keith Hill are attending the IAGG European Regional meeting in Gothenburg Sweden 23-25<sup>th</sup> May, as AAG representatives. Julie and Keith will be hosting a Aussie Happy Hour to network with global delegates and to gain insights into how we can optimize Australia's bid to host the IAGG Global Meeting in 2029.

### ILC meeting on Caregiving

#### 5th International Conference on Ageing in a Foreign Land

*Ageing well through communities, capacity and innovation*

19 — 20 June 2019, Adelaide, South Australia

<https://www.flinders.edu.au/engage/culture/whats-on/ageing-in-a-foreign-land.html>

### Plans for ILC Global Alliance Meeting in Sydney

Representatives from the 16 members of the ILC Global Alliance will convene in Sydney in November, just ahead of the AAG conference.

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>3th</b>	
<b>November</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>5th November</b>
Arrival	ILC -GA General Meeting. AGENDA TBA	ILC-GA AAG Workshops: Workshops TBA Caregiver project overview and update; ILC LTC project overview and update; consensus meeting on 6As for LTC Meet with ILC Australia members
	ILC-GA Dinner	Robert Butler Memorial Lecture

### Robert N Butler Memorial Lecture - [Professor Tony Broe](#)

**Title: Population Ageing & Indigenous Australians:**  
*Political, Social & Biological Determinants of healthy ageing*

Cocktail event 5:30-6:15pm  
Lecture with Q&A: 6:15 – 7:30  
Location: International Convention Centre

**Plans for AAG meeting Sydney:** *Coming of Age Together – New ways of acting and knowing.*

The 52nd AAG Conference will be held in Sydney from the 6th to 8th November 2019 following the ILC-GA Meeting.

<https://www.aag.asn.au/national-conference/2019-conference>

Please tell us if you have meetings or events that you would like to share:

### **COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS and GRANT SUBMISSIONS**

#### **The Landings: Live well, age well.**

We are building on our experience working with the landings project to develop a set of community-based co-designed well being programs, with two projects moving forward:

- 1) A Delphi process to identify and priorities wellbeing activities to be addressed through train-the-trainer approaches to health promotion (similar to Cooking for 1 or 2). A questionnaire is being designed based on our workshop at AAG last year, and ethics approval sought.
- 2) A collaborative project with Bolton Clarke and funded by Cromwell Property Group Foundation, to extend the wellbeing program to another retirement community.

#### **International Project Long Term Care**

The aim of this research is to develop an international framework for describing and classifying Long Term Care (LTC) systems in different countries according to their ability to meet the needs of older people. A grant proposal has been submitted to the Australian Research Council. Meanwhile, we are developing a Delphi survey to finalise the draft framework.

#### **International Exchange on the Positive Aspects of Caring for Older Adults (PACOA)**

ILC GA members, are preparing a grant application for a project to identify patterns of positive caregiving experiences as they are shaped by personal, social, political and economic factors. ILC Canada has been funded to host a two-day face-to-face meeting as well as teleconference meetings that bring together a global multidisciplinary team of investigators and clinicians in collaboration through the International Longevity Centres-Global Alliance. Briony Dow is the ILC Aus representative on this project.

#### **Frailty:**

ILC AUS members Bolton Clarke and RCGHA have been collaborating on projects to improve outcomes for frail older people.

Please tell us if you have collaborative projects or grant applications in association with other ILC Aus members that you would like to share:

### **RECENT PUBLICATIONS from ILC-AUS**

Please tell us if you have had recent publications that you would like to share:

#### *Policy Briefs from the Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health*

Mishra G, Byles J, Dobson A, Chan H-W, Tooth L, Hockey R, Townsend N & Loxton D.  
Report prepared for the Australian Government Department of Health, February 2019.  
<https://www.alswh.org.au/publications-and-reports/major-reports>

Briefs most relevant to ageing include:

[Chronic Conditions Policy Brief - PDF](#)  
[Housing and Care for Older Women Policy Brief - PDF](#)

## URBAN AGEING BOOK

Rahman M, Efrid JT, Byles JE, 'Patterns of aged care use among older Australian women: A prospective cohort study using linked data', ARCHIVES OF GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS, 81 39-47 (2019)

DOI [10.1016/j.archger.2018.11.010](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.archger.2018.11.010)

Dolja-Gore X, Harris ML, Kendig H, Byles JE, 'Factors associated with length of stay in hospital for men and women aged 85 and over: A quantile regression approach', European Journal of Internal Medicine, (2019)

DOI [10.1016/j.ejim.2019.02.011](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ejim.2019.02.011)

Majeed T, Tavener M, Dolja-Gore X, Nair B, Choienta C, Byles J, 'Patterns of geriatric health assessment use among community dwelling older Australian women over a 14-year period.', J Health Serv Res Policy, 24 100-107 (2019)

DOI [10.1177/1355819618814561](https://doi.org/10.1177/1355819618814561)

Yu S, Byles J, 'Waiting times in aged care: What matters?', Australas J Ageing, (2019)

DOI [10.1111/ajag.12665](https://doi.org/10.1111/ajag.12665)

Cordier R, Chen YW, Clemson L, Byles J, Mahoney N, 'Subjective memory complaints and difficulty performing activities of daily living among older women in Australia', Australian Occupational Therapy Journal, 66 227-238 (2019)

DOI [10.1111/1440-1630.12548](https://doi.org/10.1111/1440-1630.12548)

Yiengprugsawan V, D'Este C, Byles J, Kendig H, 'Geographical variations in self-rated health and functional limitations among older Chinese in eight WHO-SAGE provinces', BMC GERIATRICS, 19 (2019)

DOI [10.1186/s12877-018-1005-y](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12877-018-1005-y)

Xu X, Parker D, Shi Z, Byles J, Hall J, Hickman L, 'Dietary pattern, hypertension and cognitive function in an older population: 10-year longitudinal survey', Frontiers in Public Health, 6 (2018)

DOI [10.3389/fpubh.2018.00201](https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2018.00201)

## OTHER NEWS:

Please tell us if you other news that you would like to share:

## NEXT ILC AUSTRALIA MEETING

Linda Smythe will send a doodle poll to arrange zoom meetings for June and September, ahead of the AAG meeting in November.