

Dear ACT AAG Members and Friends,

We are pleased to share with you the following updates:

**1. Upcoming AAG Events:**

- Dr Sarah Cope Memorial: In memory of our beautiful friend and colleague, and to remember her life and work, please join us for a memorial service and commemorative lecture. The Caring for Older People Excellence (COPE) Annual Award will also be presented for the first time. Sarah dedicated her career to enhancing the care of older people in our society, notably through her work as Dementia Practice Lead at Uniting Care, and latterly as Assistant Professor of Nursing at the University of Canberra.
  - When & where: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 12:00 pm – 4:30 pm at the University of Canberra, Building 2 Level B Room 02, 11 Kirinari Street, Bruce.
  - RSVP [here](#)
- It's almost here! The 52<sup>nd</sup> AAG Conference, to be held at the International Convention Centre in Sydney from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of November:
  - The theme this year is "Coming of Age Together: New Ways of Knowing & Acting". Registration information can be found [here](#).

**2. NGA Art and Dementia Symposium:**

- Our co-branded event with the National Gallery of Australia last month was a success with approximately 100 people in attendance. The speakers included Adriane Boag (NGA Program Producer), Nathan D'Cunha (UC PhD Candidate), and Yoko Hayashi (Arts Alive, Japan) who all presented on their work in this emerging area. You can stream the entire event on the NGA Facebook page [here](#).

**3. Other Upcoming ACT Events:**

- Beyond 2020 – Caring for an Ageing Australia: A stimulating policy discussion on the life and health needs of older Australians, the nature of quality care, and how we can best deliver it, will be held next week. An influential panel of policy leaders from across ageing and aged care will be on hand including Jane Halton (COTA), Prof Mike Woods (UTS), David Hallinan (Department of Health), Penny Gregory (Nous Group), and Claerwen Little (Uniting Care).
  - When & where: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at The Boat House, Grevillea Park, Menindee Drive, Barton.

**4. AAG ACT Committee Update:**

- Dr Chris Hatherly is the new ACT representative on the AAG Board of Directors and as a Trustee of the AAG Research Trust:  
"I'm delighted to have the opportunity to represent the ACT on the AAG Board of Directors and as a Trustee of the AAG Research Trust. For those ACT members I haven't met before, I'm the Executive Director of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, based at the ANU, and have a PhD in psychology from the ANU specialising in cognitive ageing. I've been a member of the AAG since 2007 and served as ACT Division Treasurer from 2010-2012 and as ACT President from 2012 to 2015. I was also the AAG National Student Representative in 2009 and served a one-year term as a Director of the AAG Board when it was incorporated in 2012. Before joining the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia this year, I worked as Director of Science Policy at the Academy of Science (2015-2019) and as National Research Manager at Alzheimer's Australia (2010-2014). My focus over the past decade has been working with sector stakeholders to advocate on a wide variety of policy

matters including research funding, dementia care, and aged care reform. Please feel free to contact me at [chris.hatherly@assa.edu.au](mailto:chris.hatherly@assa.edu.au) or 0417 209 425."



**5. Noel Castan Fellowship (Quality of Life) PhD scholarship opportunity:**

- The Australian and New Zealand Urogenital and Prostate (ANZUP) cancer trials group are advertising for a postgraduate student. Please see the attached file for more information and please share within your networks.

**6. In the media:**

- "Meet the nonagenarians: people in their 90s are Australia's fastest-growing senior age group": read this new Conversation piece by Prof Diane Gibson (UC) and A/Prof John Goss (UC) [here](#).
- Learn more about the science of dancing as we age and the great work at the great work of the "Dance for Wellbeing" program at the Belconnen Arts Centre and Ausdance ACT in this Fuzzy Logical Science Show Podcast [here](#).
- Click [here](#) to read the September 2019 Policy and Practice update from the AAG that provides an overview of current ways you can get involved in policy development to improve the experience of ageing- through both AAG and other organisations' research and consultation processes.
- University of Gothenburg researchers visits Canberra to discuss frailty in older age and research collaboration. Click [here](#) to learn more.
- *Have any news or recent publications you would like in our next newsletter? Hit reply and let us know!*

**7. Future events in the ACT and NSW:**

- The International Research Network on Dementia Prevention (IRNDP) will be hosting a global forum on dementia prevention on the 14th & 15th of October in Sydney. More information [here](#).
- The International Workshop on Subnational Life Tables to be held between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of October at the Australian National University. Find out more about the workshop [here](#).
- The 8th International Conference on Ageing and Spirituality is being held in Canberra between the 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of October at Old Parliament House. More details [here](#).

Warm Regards,  
ACT AAG Committee

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