

**May 2019**

Dear ACT AAG Members and Friends,

We are pleased to share with you the following updates:

1. Upcoming AAG Event:

- The Royal Commission on Aged Care: What can it do and how can you contribute
  - This FREE forum will provide insights into what Royal Commissions do, how they do about collecting information and developing recommendations, and what happens after the Commission presents its report.
  - Speaking will be Prof Emeritus Robin Creyke (Australian National University), Dr Kasia Bail (University of Canberra), Dr Richard Cumpston (Australian Projections Pty Ltd), Prof John McCallum (National Seniors), Glenn Rees (Alzheimer's Disease International) & Annie Butler (Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation).
  - When & where: Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of June between 5:30 pm and 7:15 pm at Bob Douglas Theatre, Eggleston Rd, ANU.
  - For more details and registration please [click here](#).
- More events to be announced soon!

2. Save the dates for 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".
- Abstract submission closing in one week on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of May. Submit [here](#).
- Registration information can be found [here](#).

3. Other events in the ACT region:

- The Canberra Health Annual Research Meeting is coming around again between the 30<sup>th</sup> of July and the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August at The Canberra Hospital.
  - For more details, the program and registration click [here](#).
  - Abstract submissions close today! Submit [here](#).
- The Australian Society for Medical Research New Investigator Forum will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June at the John Curtin School of Medical Research at ANU.
  - Research students, research assistants and early career researchers (<5 years post PhD) are welcome to submit abstracts and register [here](#) before the 20<sup>th</sup> of May.
  - Guest speakers include Ms Meegan Fitzharris MLA (ACT Minister for Health and Wellbeing, Higher Education, Medical and Health Research), Dr Keats Nelms (Beta Therapeutics Pty Ltd), Dr Anne Bruestle (ANU) & Dr Robert Rigby (ANU).
  - The Sundowner evening event (5:15 pm to 7:00 pm) will include food and a keynote by Prof Michelle Lincoln (Executive Dean of Health, University of Canberra).
    - Register [here](#).
- The International Workshop on Subnational Life Tables is 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](#).

4. A new report by the Benevolent Society: Index of Wellbeing for Older Australians (IWOA):

- The IWOA captures the multi-dimensional nature of wellbeing experienced by Australians aged over 65 years and includes indicators of high wellbeing which are protective and indicators of low wellbeing across five domains (Participation, Education, Resources, Wealth and Housing, and Functional Ability).
  - Read the infographic [here](#), full report [here](#), and an interactive map of Australia [here](#).

5. Congratulations to:

- Dr Kasia Bail (University of Canberra) for being awarded a Dementia Centre for Research Collaboration (DCRC) Capacity Building in Care Research Program Fellowship.
- Ms Rikki Jones (University of Canberra Nursing Honours Student) won the Alan Richardson Award from Parkinson's Australia ACT announced on World Parkinson's Day (Offbeat Dance for People with Parkinson's pictured below from the day).



6. Other news:

- Pharmaceutical Society of Australia requests \$17 million to test in-facility pharmacist model piloted by the University of Canberra and Goodwin Aged Care Services. Read about it [here](#).
- Canberra Times: Federal government promises \$52 million to ACT health projects including \$3.7 million on embedding pharmacists in aged care facilities in order to increase the safety of residents. Article [here](#).

7. Are you an AAG ACT member with a recent publication or upcoming event? Let us know so that we can feature it in our newsletters.

Warm Regards,

ACT AAG Committee