

AAG ACT Newsletter July 2020

1. Upcoming Local Events:

- AAG committee member Distinguished Professor Diane Gibson will be presenting a University of Canberra Professorial Lecture later this month.
 - The lecture is titled “Ageism and health care systems: the seven signs and symptoms”.
 - When? Wednesday the 22nd of July between 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm.
 - You may attend by Zoom at the link [here](#).

2. Future events in the ACT and NSW:

- Keep up to date with the latest AAG webinars [here](#).
- Wondering what is happening with the 53rd AAG Conference at the Grand Chancellor in Hobart in November 2020?
 - Current plans are evolving and will include a smaller, face-to-face conference and virtual conference titled “AAG Festival of Ideas in Ageing”.
 - Stay tuned to the conference webpage [here](#) as more details emerge.

3. COVID-19 Resources

- Keep up to date with the great work of Australian Projections [here](#). Their latest submission “Aged care visitor access code” is based on the scientific research available on the infectivity of persons from infection to recovery.
- Ageism in the time of COVID-19
 - EveryAGE Counts has developed a position statement to address some of the ageist attitudes towards older people that have surfaced during the pandemic. You can read more [here](#).
- The University of Queensland has put together a package of materials to support the delivery of quality of care for patients with cognitive impairment in hospital in Australia during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Click [here](#) for more.

4. Useful Resources & Article

- Media, Publications & Web – Productivity Commission Performance Reporting Dashboard.
 - A single, streamlined source of information on progress towards COAG’s key commitments can be found [here](#).
 - This includes performance benchmarks and selected indicators from National Agreements that cover health, school education, housing and homelessness, skills and workforce development, disability and Indigenous reform.
- ACT to criminalise elder abuse, though some lawyers fear it will make prosecutions more difficult
 - Click [here](#) to read the ABC news article and [here](#) for the Canberra Times

5. Intergenerational Care Survey

- Researchers from the International Research Network on Dementia Prevention based at UNSW have developed a survey for people in the community (aged 18 and above) to investigate what they think about intergenerational contact, and what they might want (if anything) from it.
- You can access the survey [here](#).

6. The Neighbourhood, Canberra (TNC) – A dementia village for the ACT

- TNC are an ACT-based association working to establish a dementia village as a residential aged care option in the region.
- To assist with this process, TNC are seeking expert and stakeholder input via a short survey. The survey will take approximately 5-10 minutes [here](#).

7. Please reply to this email if you would like something to be included in our next newsletter.

Warm Regards,

ACT AAG Committee