

AAG ACT Newsletter April 2021

Dear ACT AAG Members and Friends,

1. Upcoming Local Events:

- Next week on the 22nd of April at 4:30 pm, we will be hosting our first event in some time:
 - Reorientating the disorientated: Delirium as a distinct medical entity, and how it differs from dementia
 - Details and registration can be found here: <https://www.aag.asn.au/events/category/act>
 - Speaking will be our newest committee member Dr Michael Yoon Kang (Calvary Hospital), Ms Stella Creighton (More Than Medicine), and Ms Jane Bennett.
 - The event will be held at the University of Canberra in Lecture Theatre 12B02. A map can be found here: <https://www.aag.asn.au/documents/item/4118>
- Stay tuned, new events coming soon!

2. AAG National Conference:

- The 54th AAG Conference The 54th AAG Conference will be held between the 9th and 12th of November 2021 (pre-conference workshops 9th of November) on the Gold Coast, Queensland.
 - The theme this year is For the Future: Innovation in Ageing
 - The call for abstracts is now open: <https://2021.aagconference.aag.asn.au/abstracts>
 - The AAG ACT Committee will be providing bursaries for local students, early career researchers, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who would like to attend the conference. More details will be available soon.

3. New Committee Member:

- Welcome to our newest committee member Dr Michael Yoon Kang:
 - Michael Yoon Kang is a Consultant Physician specializing in General Medicine and Geriatric Medicine at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce. He is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and has memberships with various professional bodies, including ANZSGM, IMSANZ and most recently with the AAG. His clinical research interests include wide arrays of topics within Geriatric Medicine, including polypharmacy, osteoporosis, geriatric nutrition, delirium and improving delivery of healthcare services to older adults. He joined the ACT division of the AAG in 2020 and hopes to bring relevant clinical perspectives to foster the collaboration between researchers and clinicians within Canberra.

4. Looking for participants:

- A University of Canberra study is seeking people over the age of 65 years living in Canberra to participate in a 90-minute, online focus group.
 - Would you like to support the development of educational strategies to support positive attitudes towards older people among healthcare students? We are aware that prejudices and stigma about ageing can negatively affect older people participation in their communities.

- What are we doing? The University of Canberra is inviting older people living in the ACT to collaborate in the co-design of an educational strategy for healthcare students. We are a team of educators in different disciplines, looking to develop a program which is useful for the different professions. In the educational strategy, we are aiming to include what current literature highlights as required content in terms of promoting positive attitudes towards older people, and more importantly what our older citizens value in terms of creating more age-friendly societies, and in particular when accessing healthcare services.
- Please contact the research leader if you are interested, Dr. Daniela Castro de Jong via email (Daniela.castrodejong@canberra.edu.au) or phone +61 2 6201 2407

5. National Press Club address by the Chair of Dementia Australia:

- This past Wednesday, the Chair of Dementia Australia, Graeme Samuel, addressed the National Press Club, outlining his roadmap for quality dementia care.
 - The address can be viewed here: <https://iview.abc.net.au/show/national-press-club-address>
6. Please email us on enquiries@aag.asn.au if you would like something to be included in our next newsletter.

Warm Regards,

ACT AAG Committee