

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

AAG 39th National Conference

# Diversity in Ageing

22 – 24 November 2006

Wesley Conference Centre  
Pitt Street, Sydney NSW

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The Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG) is hosting its 39th National Conference in Sydney at the Wesley Centre from Wednesday 22 to Friday 24 November 2006. The theme is '**Diversity in Ageing.**'



## Conference Topics –

**Cultural diversity:** attitudes to ageing; indigenous ageing; crossing linguistic and ethnic divides; culturally appropriate care; health differences between groups; spiritual needs

**Gender diversity:** men's ageing; women's ageing; ageing amongst the gay and lesbian community

**Health diversity:** healthy ageing; ageing well; chronic conditions; acute care; residential care; community care; mental health

**Social diversity:** social inequality and poverty, economic impact of ageing; globalisation; mature age employment; financial planning; urban/regional planning

## Invitation

The AAG warmly invites you to participate in this exciting conference, as a delegate or speaker.

The Conference expects to attract over 400 participants. Delegates generally are doctors, nurses, social workers, psychologists, social scientists and other professionals working in the field of ageing in research, education, service provision and policy and are expected from all major cities in Australia, as well as rural and remote locations and nearby overseas countries.

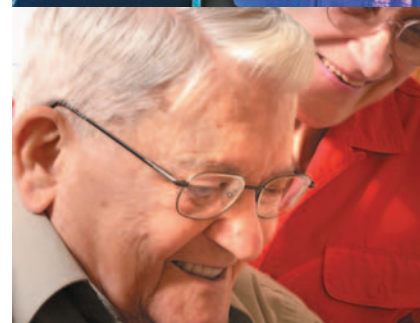
For further information regarding the program and early bird registration details, please contact the Conference Managers:

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## CLOSING DATE: 5pm Monday 22 May 2006

Your abstract, if accepted, will appear in its full form in the Book of Abstracts which will be printed and published for distribution to conference delegates as well as appearing on the web as a supplement to the Australasian Journal on Ageing.

If your abstract is accepted, you must register for the conference. Papers, including posters will not be scheduled for presentation until registration has been received.

### Optional peer review evaluation

As an additional option for authors where publishing is an important element, full papers can be submitted for peer review refereeing by **Monday 28 August 2006**. Authors will be advised of acceptance and/or any changes needed by **Monday 25 September 2006**. Papers accepted after peer review will be published electronically, in addition to appearance in the book of abstracts.

Acceptance of abstracts for conference presentation does not depend on submission for peer review, however the AAG is pleased to offer this service to enhance the value of conference participation for publishing authors.

### Type of Presentation

- 1. Oral Presentation:** 15 minute presentation for concurrent session.
- 2. Symposium:** Relevant to the theme with a multidisciplinary focus, with individuals from diverse research or practice groups. As well as individual abstracts, the convenor should submit an overview abstract outlining the theme and rationale for the symposium including a list of the symposium participants.
- 3. Poster Presentation:** Will be displayed for set periods during the conference with an allocated time for presenting author to be available for queries.  
A prize will be offered to the most outstanding poster presentation.
- 4. All** presentation modes require an abstract to be submitted (per details below)
- 5. Abstracts** may focus on research, policy or practice. Abstracts should highlight successes, lessons learned, emerging challenges and /or implications for research.

### Submission of Abstracts

Please select the appropriate category for your abstract

#### 1. Original research

This option is most suited for scientific studies. Abstracts must contain concise statements of:

**Background:** the study objectives, the hypothesis to be tested, or a description of the problem;

**Methods:** method(s) used or approach taken;

**Results:** specific results in summarized form (with statistical analysis if appropriate);

**Conclusions:** description of the main outcome of the study. All abstracts should disclose primary findings and avoid, whenever possible, promissory statements such as 'experiments are in progress' or 'results will be discussed'.

#### 2. Policy

Abstracts presented under the second option should contain concise statements of:

**Issues:** a short summary of the issue(s);

**Discussion:** a brief outline of the policy background, position taken and implications;

**Conclusions:** a brief description of the conclusions and significance of the findings.

#### 3. Practice report

This option is most suited for papers on case studies, strategic interventions, service delivery, action research, evaluation and other practice issues.

Abstracts presented under this option should contain concise statements of:

**Issues:** a short summary of the problem and context;

**Discussion:** a brief description of the project or intervention, including outcomes, approach to review or evaluation, and consideration of implications.

**Conclusions:** a brief description of the significance of the findings and where relevant, recommendations for future practice.

#### Abstracts must:

- Include the title, author/s, institution and position (underline the name of the presenting author) plus full contact details, including phone, postal address and email
- Be in MS Word format, maximum of 250 words
- Be received by the Conference Managers no later than 5pm **Monday 22 May 2006** (details below)
- Indicate whether you intend to submit your paper for peer review. (Note: this is not a binding commitment but will help the organisers plan the peer review process.)

All submitting authors will be notified of the results of the review of abstracts by **Tuesday 13 June 2006**.

**It is a condition of acceptance that all presenters must be registered delegates and have paid the conference registration fee.**

#### Abstract Submission

By post (disc/CD ROM):  
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