

Age Friendly Australia National Conference

In conjunction with ECU Social Ageing (SAGE)
Lab Ageing Research Forum



Unleashing an Age-Friendly Ecosystem for meaningful lives

4–5 December 2024
Crown Hotel, Perth,
Western Australia

Plus
WHO AFC
Global Network
Members Session
Tuesday
3 December



Decade
of healthy
ageing

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we will meet for the conference, the Noongar people on Whadjuk Country, and their ongoing connection to this land, waters and community.

Welcome

Welcome to the 2025 National Age-friendly Communities Conference at Boorloo (Perth) on Whadjuk Noongar country.

The LG Professionals WA Network Age-friendly Communities in partnership with the State Department of Communities, an Affiliate Member of the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities, are delighted and very pleased to host this National Conference.

It's been 5 years since we last gathered in Australia, coming together to focus on Age-friendly Cities and Communities. This Conference brings an international, national, and local focus to this work. In Western Australia we continue our strong partnership and collaboration between the State and Local Governments with age-friendly communities. We extend our thanks to the Department of Communities for providing financial sponsorship to support this important Conference.

Inspiring, connecting and supporting communities to grow and strengthen their age-friendly practice and communities is the mission of the WHO Global Network Age-friendly Cities and Communities. We trust you will be inspired by what you learn, use the opportunity to make strong connections, and take away knowledge and understanding to grow your age-friendly communities and see them flourish.

Age-friendly practice is about joining together the numerous and complex parts of the lives of older people. It's an ecosystem we all want to unleash!

Join us for an exciting Conference. I look forward to meeting you in December in our beautiful City of Boorloo/Perth.

Christine Young

Chair, LG Professionals WA Age Friendly Communities Network
Executive Project Officer, City of Melville

An invitation is extended to all WHO AFC Global Network Members including aspiring members to the members session

Tuesday 3 December

WHO AFC Global Network Members Session – Inspire, Connect, Support

Facilitator – Dr Kathleen Brasher

9.30 am	Morning Coffee and Registration
10.00 am	Welcome – Christine Young, Chair, LG Professionals WA Age Friendly Communities Network
10.15 am	Member session
12:30 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm–2.30 pm	Meeting with Affiliate Members of the Global Network Age-friendly Cities and Communities



Wednesday 4 December 2024 Conference MC: Joel Levin



8.00am	Registration		
8.30am	<p>Official Welcome and Opening</p> <p>Welcome to Country</p> <p>Host Welcome: Anthony Vuleta MLGP, President, Local Government Professionals WA</p> <p>Official Welcome: Hon Don Punch MLA, Minister for Regional Development; Disability Services; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering</p>		
9.15am	Opening Keynote Address: World Health Organization – Thiago Hérick de Sá		
9.45am	International Federation on Ageing – Graham Prior, President, International Federation on Ageing, CEO, Hall and Prior Health and Aged Care Group		
10.00am	Peak Body Address: Advocare – Bev Jowle, Chief Executive Officer		
10.15am	Morning Tea		
10.45am	<p>The Irish local government Age Friendly shared service—harnessing citizen voice and evolving scalable models to future proof for Age Friendly communities</p> <p>Dr Emer Coveney, National Programme Manager, Age Friendly Ireland, Meath County Council</p>		
11.30am	International Age Friendly Panel Discussion		
12.30pm	<p>Lunch</p> <p>InCasa Age Friendly Choir—La Seconda Gioventù (The Second Youth)</p>		
1.30pm	Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3
	<p>City of Ballarat Age-Friendly Indicators Framework</p> <p>Dr Kathleen Brasher, Research Fellow, John Richards Centre for Rural Ageing Research, La Trobe Rural Health School, and Cathy Bushell, Team Leader Sector Development, Ageing Well Services</p>	<p>Digital rights. The right of participation of elderly people through digital technology and artificial intelligence.</p> <p>Intergenerational experiences.</p> <p>Manuel Veguín García, Head of International Relations, Madrid</p>	<p>Aotearoa New Zealand—A national programme for developing age friendly cities and communities</p> <p>Diane Turner, Director, Office for Seniors, Ministry of Social Development</p>
1.55pm	5 minute changeover		
2.00pm	Paper 4	Paper 5	Paper 6
	<p>Healthy Ageing Hub</p> <p>Marita Chisholm, PhD, Research Officer, John Richards Centre for Rural Ageing Research</p>	<p>Starting a Business later in Life</p> <p>Karen Piercy, Programme Lead—Age friendly Aotearoa New Zealand</p>	<p>Slovenian Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities: Working together, systematically and concretely; showcasing the example of long-term care development</p> <p>Ana Ramovs MD, Anton Trstenjak Institute of Gerontology and Intergenerational Relations, Slovenia</p>
2.25pm	5 minute changeover		
2.30pm	Paper 7	Paper 8	Paper 9
	<p>Indigo 4Ms Framework Age Friendly Health Care</p> <p>Dr Kathleen Brasher, Research Fellow, John Richards Centre for Rural Ageing Research, La Trobe Rural Health School</p>	<p>Ageism Awareness Training for Local Government and Community</p> <p>Bianca Connelly, Community Development Officer, Campbelltown City Council</p>	<p>City of Salisbury Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plans</p> <p>Myfanwy Mogford, Team Leader Diversity and Inclusion</p>

Wednesday 4 December 2024 continued

3.00pm	Afternoon Tea
3.30pm	Closing address—Engaging with Ageing Dr Anne Ring
4.15pm	Singing for Wellbeing Dr Manonita Ghosh, and Stella Serafino
5.00pm – 6.00pm	Networking Cocktail Hour
6.30pm – 10.00pm	Conference Dinner including 'Comusichiamo – Making Music Together' with Dr Simone Marino and Dr Manonita Ghosh Includes dinner, beverages and entertainment by James Wilson

Presenters



Thiago Hérick de Sá

Thiago Hérick de Sá currently leads the work at WHO on age-friendly environments, including the Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

He joined the Organization in 2017 to support the work around urban, transport and health, including the development of WHO's Urban Health Initiative and WHO's Urban Health Research Agenda (2022). He also led the development of several technical resources such as the Sourcebook on Integrating Health in Urban and Territorial Planning (2020) and the adaptation for global use of the HEAT tool (2021). Thiago has a research background and holds a Masters and PhD in Public Health.



Anne Ring

I am the 82-year-old author of the 2022 book *Engaging with Ageing: What matters as we grow older*, which draws on an extensive professional and personal knowledge base about growing older, and old.

Professionally, I have a PhD in health sociology (undertaken in my 50s), comparing health, body image and ageing issues for women and for men, and I have continued to monitor these issues since, as well as writing extensively about them, as a freelance writer, in a variety of media.

Over the years, I have evolved as a social scientist, with qualifications and professional experience firstly in psychology (BA), and then in medical anthropology (MA), and health education (Grad. Dip), and for a decade was principal researcher in medical education research at the University of Queensland (publishing as Anne Wise). Personally, I understand some of the highs and lows of ageing both through my own increasing experience as I have aged, and also as a carer and advocate for my elderly parents in their final years.

The continuing interest generated by my book has resulted in my becoming a fairly prominent speaker on the complex realities of ageing, and the challenges of ageism, in many different venues as well as on radio and television. I am also on the Steering Committee of the national EveryAGE Counts Campaign.





Thursday 5 December 2024

8.00am	Registration		
8.30am	Opening Keynote Address: A Social Ageing Revolution for Diverse Ageing Futures Professor Loretta Baldassar		
9.15am	ECU workshop—Using Population Data to Understand Diversity Dr Lukasz Krzyzowski and Dr Catriona Stevens An interactive workshop to help delegates learn how to collect and use data to support ageing LGBTIQ+ and CaLD communities		
10.00am	Morning Tea		
10.30am	Understanding Social Frailty Dr Manonita Ghosh and Dr Hien Nguyen		
11.15am	10 minute changeover		
11.25am	ECU Research Presentation Stream 1	ECU Research Presentation Stream 2	ECU Research Presentation Stream 3
	Diverse Ageing Chair: Dr Pyone Myat Thu (Murdoch) LGBTI ageing Dr Lukasz Krzyzowski (ECU)	Social ageing interventions Chair: Irene Mooney (MyVista) Digital ageing Dr Bernardo Dewey (Curtin University), and Dr Emanuela Sala (ECU)	Ageism and abuse Chair: Mark Kinsella (COTA WA) Addressing ageism: Tips from psychology Dr Trish Cain (ECU), and A/Prof Eyal Gringart (ECU)
	11.50am—5 minute changeover		
	Aboriginal ageing well framework Dr Kate Smith (UWA)	Social prescribing and befriending National Ageing Research Institute Presenters	12.00pm—5 minute changeover
	12.20pm—5 minute changeover		
	CaLD ageing Dr Cheng Yen Loo (ECU), and Dr Simone Marino (ECU)	Promoting wellbeing with the volunteer visitor scheme: Voices from the field Mary Gurgone (AfcAS ACVVS), Anne Butorac (AfcAS ACVVS) and Volunteer Visitors (ACVVS)	Addressing the abuse of older people Dr Barbara Blundell (Curtin University), Dr Catriona Stevens (ECU), and Amy Warren (Curtin University)
12.45pm	Lunch		
1.45pm	Memory Bridge Michael Verde What people with dementia most need from us—is us. Memory Bridge exists to end the emotional isolation of people with dementia. We bridge people with and without dementia to each other in life-changing ways.		

Thursday 5 December 2024 continued

2.30pm **WA Showcase Session**

Our Voices Have Changed The World—Kedy Kristal, Executive Officer, GRAI – GLBTI Rights in Ageing
Language as Leverage: Building Not Breaking Age-Friendly Communities—Henrietta Podgorska, CEO,
Umbrella Multicultural Community Care Services Inc

Sing, Swing and Mingle—Kay Raymond, Community Development Officer, City of Fremantle

Neighbourhood Houses: A Key Resource in Addressing Community Needs and Building Age-Friendly
Communities—Mikayla Greisbach, Community Engagement Officer, Broome Circle

3.30pm Afternoon tea

3.45pm – Closing Address and Comments

4.30pm **Thiago Hérick de Sá, World Health Organization**

Christine Young, Chair, LG Professionals WA Age Friendly Communities Network

Plus special guests

Presenters

Professor Loretta Baldassar

Professor Loretta Baldassar is a leading migration scholar and Professor of Anthropology and Sociology. She is Vice Chancellor's Professorial Research Fellow and Director of the Social Ageing (SAGE) Futures Lab at Edith Cowan University (ECU).

Loretta was recently named Australian Research Field Leader in Migration Studies and in Ethnic and Cultural Studies by *The Australian*. Among her many research projects, she is lead Chief Investigator on a Medical Research Future Fund Dementia and Migrant Communities project; Social support stream Lead on the National Frailty Kit project, and co-Chief Investigator of the Youth Mobilities project. Her work is widely acknowledged as foundational to the field of Transnational Family Studies. Her SAGE Futures research team at ECU is leading innovation in social care across the life-course, contributing social science perspectives and arts-based methodologies to the creative and caring professions. Her career has been devoted to better understanding the impact of migration on families and communities, with a particular focus on the importance of ongoing relationships to homeland, the role of social support networks in ageing and wellbeing, intergenerational relations, and the social uses of new technologies.

Michael Verde

Michael Verde is an award-winning writer, speaker, documentary producer and teacher. He founded Memory Bridge—an internationally recognised NGO dedicated to ending the emotional isolation of people with dementia—in 2003.

Memory Bridge's programs are hosted on three continents and provide ongoing education to caregivers in 14 countries. To date, Memory Bridge has connected over 9,000 people with and without dementia in one-to-one relationships.

Michael has a M.A. in literary studies from the University of Iowa; and a M.A. in theology from the University of Durham, England, where he graduated at the top of his international class. He is currently completing his PhD dissertation at Indiana University in the area of empathetic communication and literature and religion.



Accommodation

LG Professionals WA has secured a group booking at the Crown Resort for the duration of the Conference.

Group rates are available from Monday 2 December 2024 to Friday 6 December 2024 inclusive.

The group rate is only available through direct online booking. The weblinks will remain open until Monday 25 November 2024, after this time the group rates will no longer be available.

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Conference Dinner Registration

- Conference Dinner registration fee: \$50
- Partner Conference Dinner registration fee: \$50

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