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Meetings 2017

Practitioners Network Meetings

- Monday 20 November 2017

9.30-11.30am, Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill

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For up to date news about the Network, including all meeting dates, please go to our website:

<http://iepcp.org.au/key-project/practitioners-network/>

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Active Healthy Ageing

Seniors Festival 2017

Victorian Seniors Festival will take place throughout October. Free and low-cost events and activities will be presented across Victoria, including concerts, dances, theatre shows, celebratory morning teas, tours, a host of indoor and outdoor recreation activities and much more. Check councils for specific events:

Boroondara Council: [Boroondara Seniors Festival Events Booklet](#)

Manningham Council: [Seniors Morning Tea, Seniors Music Night](#)

Monash Council: [Positive Ageing Lifestyle Booklet](#)

Whitehorse Council: [Whitehorse Seniors Festival Events Booklet](#)

Forget-Me-Not Club pilot project: Expression of Interest

Maroondah's Active & Healthy Ageing Initiative has teamed up with Life Activities Club Croydon to pilot a 10 week activity program for people who are experiencing cognitive and memory challenges which impact on their ability and confidence to access and/or continue with community-based social groups.

For more information, check [here](#)

The Lived Experience of Ageing

[Healthtalk Australia](#) which is a research collaboration lead by RMIT University has produced 'The Lived Experience of Ageing'. 56 people were interviewed about their experiences of ageing. Participants spoke about what is important to them as they age; and what it feels like to be getting older - physically, mentally and in their social context. They talked about their changing personal relationships, pragmatic life decisions, health, illness and death.

Aged Care Reforms

Home Care Packages Program Report

The Home Care Packages Program provides older people who want to stay at home with access to a

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range of ongoing personal services, support services and clinical care that help them with their day-to-day activities. The report provides data on the operations of the home care packages program since commencement of the reforms to home care on 27 February 2017 through to 30 June 2017. The report presents data across four key categories:

- eligibility and assessment of home care consumers
- the national prioritisation process (including the number of packages assigned and the number of people on the national queue)
- service delivery (demand and supply for home care across aged care planning regions)
- provider behaviour on maximum exit amounts published on the My Aged Care service finder.

For more information: https://gen-agedcaredata.gov.au/Resources/Reports-and-publications/2017/September/Home_Care_Packages_Program_Data_Report_2017

Government applies co-design principles to wider reform

The Minister for Aged Care, Ken Wyatt, is hosting multi-stakeholder sessions around the country as he applies the concept of co-design to the breadth of aged care reform. He reports he would be “very actively” consulting and collaborating with aged care providers and older Australians over the coming months while he considered the various reports and steps in the reform process.

<https://australianageingagenda.com.au/2017/09/13/government-applies-co-design-principles-wider-reform/>

Additional funding for meal providers to benefit Older Australians

Older Australians living at home will benefit from a Turnbull Government investment of an additional \$8 million in funding for meals providers through the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP). Currently, the Australian Government, through the CHSP, provides \$65 million to more than 560 meals providers to support older people in their homes. Home

delivery services, including Meals On Wheels do more than provide a healthy meal as it also an opportunity to have a friendly chat and to check on person’s wellbeing. Up to \$8 million will be made available to increase funding for some 232 CHSP meals providers, with affected providers contacted directly by the Health Department For more information:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/health-mediarel-yr2017-wyatt094.htm>

Flexible Aged Care Places (Multi-Purpose Services) Allocations

The 2017-18 Flexible Aged Care Places (Multi-Purpose Services) Allocations Round is a competitive application process that enables approved providers of flexible aged care in Multi-Purpose Services to apply for aged care places to expand existing services or establish new services. Providers can also apply to change the level of care designated to an existing flexible aged care place from low care to high care (or vice versa). The Flexible Aged Care Places (Multi-Purpose Services) Allocations Round will close on 10 November 2017. For more information:

<https://agedcare.govcms.gov.au/programs/flexible-care/2017-18-flexible-aged-care-places-multi-purpose-services-allocations-round>

Aged Care and older people

Compulsory flu vaccination for aged care workers

The Turnbull Government will investigate ways to boost vaccination rates among workers in aged care facilities, including making the flu vaccine compulsory, following an increase in deaths this winter. This investigation follows deaths of seven elderly residents at St John’s Retirement Village in Wangaratta in Victoria and reports of fatalities from flu at Strathdevon Aged Care in Tasmania. At present there is no requirement for aged care workers to be vaccinated under law, however providers have a duty of care to provide the safest possible environment for their residents and carers. Under the National Immunisation Program,

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those eligible for a free flu shot include people aged 65 years and over, most Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and those who suffer from chronic conditions.

Media release:

[http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/7C33E6F2D2D940ECCA258190007DE2DC/\\$File/GH090.pdf](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/7C33E6F2D2D940ECCA258190007DE2DC/$File/GH090.pdf)

COTA: Increasing Self-management in Home Care Project Survey

COTA is developing The Increasing Self-management in Home Care Project that seek to offer home care package consumers, and/or a family member or carer, the option to become more involved in the day-to-day planning and management of their services. To assist with this project, COTA Australia invites aged care staff and approved providers that already provide home care package services to participate in a [survey](#). Sector peak organisations and affiliated organisations and their staff can also participate. Your responses will help to develop a Self-Management Kit for providers and their staff, and for consumers and carers, which will lead to a Self-Managed Home Care Package trial in 2018.

For more information:

<http://www.cota.org.au/australia/requests/win-an-ipad.aspx>

Alcohol & Drugs

Older People with Acquired Brain Injury and Associated Complex Behaviours

A new service model has been developed and put into practice for older people living with alcohol-related brain injury (ARBI) and complex behaviours, enabling them to transition into long-term residential aged care. Wintringham, the Victorian service that developed and trialled the model says it demonstrates that extreme behaviours arising from ARBI can be managed within the aged care system in a cost-effective and humane manner.

For more information:

http://www.wintringham.org.au/file/1411/l/The_Wicking_Project_-_Report_%28Sept_2011%29.pdf

Aged Care Complaints Commissioner Annual Report

The Aged Care Complaints Commissioner Annual Report 2016-17 is now available. The Aged Care Complaints Commissioner provides a free service for anyone to raise their concerns about the quality of care or services being delivered to people receiving aged care services subsidised by the Australian Government. The report describes the types and numbers of complaints the Complaints Commissioner receives and how they are dealt with. For more information:

<https://www.agedcarecomplaints.gov.au/>

Funding Extension for Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP)

As part of the 2017-18 Federal Budget, the Australian Government has agreed to extend funding arrangements for the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) Funding arrangements have now been extended for an additional two years to 30 June 2020. The Department will negotiate new funding conditions with existing CHSP providers that will deliver more choice for consumers, and a greater focus on supporting independence and wellness from 1 July 2018. The details of the new conditions have not yet been developed by the Department and will be discussed with the sector over the coming months. For more info:

<https://agedcare.govcms.gov.au/programs/commonwealth-home-support-programme/chsp-funding-extension>

Carers

Free online course on partnership model of care for older people

Deakin University has developed a partnership model of care that aims to build stronger and more beneficial relationships between older people and those who care for them. The aim of

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the partnership model is to ensure that healthcare services are more responsive to the needs and preferences of older people within a variety of care settings. This course has been created for older people and anyone involved in their care, including family members, friends, care workers and healthcare professionals.

Access online learning:

[https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/older-people?utm_campaign=deakin_university_older-people_september_2017&utm_medium=organic_pr&utm_source=pr#section-dates](https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/older-people?utm_campaign=deakin_university_older_people_september_2017&utm_medium=organic_pr&utm_source=pr#section-dates)

Climate Change

Thunderstorm Alarm App

Thunderstorm [asthma alert app](#) to launch as spring sets in and likely to see an increased risk of thunderstorm asthma. Last November, nine people died and more than 8500 patients flooded emergency departments when a storm swept across Melbourne, triggering one of the world's worst ever recorded thunderstorm asthma disasters. Epidemic thunderstorm asthma events are uncommon and don't occur every year. In south-east Australia they can happen during grass pollen season from October through December. To learn more about thunderstorm asthma, resources available [here](#).

Dementia

Younger Onset Dementia and the NDIS

New resources are available by Alzheimer's Australia on younger onset of dementia and the NDIS. This booklet has been developed for people living with younger onset dementia and their friends and families who are seeking information on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The aim of this resources is to assist people understand the NDIS better and understand how to access the services and supports needed to achieve your goals. Booklet available [here](#).

Seeking submissions for 2018 International Dementia Conference

Seeking submissions for oral and ePoster presentations from people living with dementia, carers, practitioners and researchers for the 2018 International Dementia Conference in Sydney. Deadline for submissions for papers and posters is 5pm AEDT on the 24th November 2017. Central theme of the conference will be 'Choice,' where people can confront and debate what choices mean for people with dementia in every aspect of life and critically consider what the truth of choice really means.

For more information:

<https://www.dementiaconference.com/>

Educational Dementia Immersive Experience

Alzheimer's Australia Vic launched a new 3 hour workshop which uses Educational Dementia Immersive Experience (EDIE)- a virtual reality smartphone app. It uses Samsung Gear VR (Virtual Reality Goggles) to allow users to explore a moment in time This program will explore what it may feel like to experience dementia, care for someone living with dementia and to work in partnership with the person living with dementia and their carer in identifying support needs and developing a support plan that enables people with dementia to live more confidently.

For more information:

<https://vic.fightdementia.org.au/vic/about-us/edie-educational-dementia-immersive-experience>

Diabetes

New diabetes service opens in Doncaster East and Ringwood

New Integrated Diabetes Education and Assessment Service (IDEAS) sites have opened in two sites- Doncaster East and Ringwood. These services aim to address the chronic nature of type 2 diabetes and reduce avoidable hospitalisations.

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The Doncaster East service operates on Tuesdays from Unit 1, 1020 Doncaster Road, Doncaster East telephone 8841 3023.

The East Ringwood service operates from EACH, 75 Patterson Street, East Ringwood telephone 9757 6260.

To access the service, a referral from your GP is required or for more information contact the service directly.

Disability/NDIS

The NDIS will become available in the Inner East and Outer East Melbourne area from November

The NDIS will become available in the Inner East and Outer East Melbourne area from 1 November 2017. A person may meet the access requirements to become a participant of the NDIS up to 6 months prior to this date. The Inner East Melbourne area covers the local government areas of Boroondara, Manningham, Monash and Whitehorse. The Outer East Melbourne area covers the local government areas of Knox, Maroondah, Yarra Ranges.

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/about-us/our-sites/VIC.html>

Employment

The Career Transition Assistance Program

The Career Transition Assistance Program is part of the Government's \$110 million Mature Age Employment Package announced in the 2017-18 Federal Budget, and will provide greater opportunities for mature age people to reskill. The program will deliver a short, intensive course consisting of skills assessments, exploration of suitable occupations, research of local labour markets and learning resilience strategies. The Career Transition Assistance Program will be trialled in five locations from 1 July 2018, ahead of a national rollout scheduled in 2020. The five trial regions are Ballarat (Victoria), Somerset (Queensland), Central West (New South Wales),

Adelaide South (South Australia) and Perth North (Western Australia).

More information:

<https://www.employment.gov.au/career-transition-assistance-program>

Health

Real-time prescription monitoring in Victoria

Harm from non-medical use of prescription medicine is a rapidly evolving public health problem in Australia. For the last five years more Victorians have died from overdose involving prescription medicines than from traffic accidents or overdose involving illicit drugs. To reduce deaths and harm from prescription medicine misuse, the Victorian Government is implementing a real-time prescription monitoring system, an essential tool to provide information during a consultation to doctors and pharmacists about their patient's up-to-the-minute dispensing history of high risk prescription medicines, to support safe prescribing and dispensing of these high-risk medicines and ensure better patient safety. More information here:

<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/drugs-and-poisons/real-time-prescription-monitoring>

Quit Victoria: gives quitters the best chance of success

Providing practical advice to smokers wanting to quit, no matter where they are at in their quitting journey, is at the heart of a new Quit Victoria website, launched recently. The website had been completely refreshed with new content designed to provide information, support and encouragement required at various stages - from thinking about quitting, to having a go and getting back on the wagon after a slip-up. For more information, visit the [Quit Website](#).

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LGBTIQ+

Pride in Health+ Wellbeing

ACON, Australia's largest LGBTI health organisation, has just launched Pride in Health + Wellbeing, a new national membership program that will help organisations in the health and wellbeing sector to make their services LGBTI-inclusive. Partners will get year-round support, training and guidance on inclusive service delivery. Pride in Health + Wellbeing is just one of ACON's inclusion programs, which also cover sport and the workplace. Read more on the [Pride in Health + Wellbeing](#) website.

Seeking Participants for Rainbow Ageing: A National Survey of the Health and Well-being of older LGBTI Australians

The Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society at La Trobe University invites LGBTI Australians aged 60 and over to [participate in an online survey](#) about their health and wellbeing. The survey should take 30–40 minutes to do and will help researchers, healthcare providers and government to support better health and wellbeing for older LGBTI people.

Mental Health

Psychological Strategies Trial for Melbourne's East

Psychological Strategies program, a year-long trial will be provided by Eastern Access Community Health (EACH).to those with, or at risk of, low to moderate severity mental health disorders. The trial which adopts an early intervention approach will use targeted treatment plans which include mainly face-to-face sessions with the option for telehealth options, like video conferencing and phone support. Referral to the program can be made either through a GP or self-referral by contacting EMPHN's Referral and Access Team on 9800 1071. For more information: <https://www.emphn.org.au/news->

[events/news/psychological-strategies-trial-for-melbournes-east](#)

Steps to Wellbeing by NEAMI

A new low Intensity mental health program called Steps to Wellbeing is being offered by NEAMI. This initiative is funded through Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Network as part of their stepped care model for Mental Health. This program, delivered by Neami National, will be offering short-term wellbeing coaching to people who reside in the North, Inner East and Outer East EMPHN region. This program is suitable for people who may be experiencing emerging mental health symptoms and would benefit from a short term coaching support to enhance resilience, coping skills and build strategies to maintain ongoing wellbeing in the future. Referrals can be made online via the website <http://stepstowellbeing.org.au>, or via Phone (03) 86915450.

Stroke

Latest clinical guidelines for stroke management

The Stroke Foundation developed the Clinical Guidelines for Stroke Management 2017 to provide a series of evidence-based recommendations for the management of stroke. It covers the continuum of stroke care from acute to community-based support. More information: <https://strokefoundation.org.au/What-we-do/Treatment-programs/Clinical-guidelines>

Transport

“Try Before You Ride”- opportunity to familiarise with our public transport system

Try Before You Ride is an annual event designed to provide people of all abilities the opportunity to familiarise themselves with our public transport system.

When: Wednesday, 11 October 2017

Where: Box Hill Interchange.

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Register your interest for the event in the following ways:

- Register interest by calling 1800 800 007
- Register interest by emailing the [PTV Accessibility team](#).

Details needed include your name and contact details. More information:

<https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/getting-around/accessible-transport/try-before-you-ride/>

Grants available

Disability Promoting Dignity Grants 2017

Promoting Dignity Grants Initiative is providing two individual grants of \$10,000 to assist disability support professionals to develop and implement creative and practical projects that will reduce and/or replace the use of restrictive interventions. Closing Date: Mon 2nd Oct, 2017

More information:

<http://www.daru.org.au/resource/disability-promoting-dignity-grants-2017>

Changing Places Funding Round 2017 is now open (Source: DARU news July 2017)

Funding of up to \$100,000 (plus GST) will be provided to support local councils and not-for-profit organisations to construct a Changing Places facility. Changing Places facilities are larger than standard accessible toilets, and have extra features and more space to meet the needs of people with a disability and their carers. Each facility has a height adjustable, adult-sized changing bench, a tracking hoist system, space for two people and a safer and cleaner environment.

Closing date: Fri 13th Oct, 2017

Apply and read guidelines [here](#).

Dementia Grants Program -Investing in future leaders of dementia research

The Alzheimer's Australia Dementia Research Foundation (AADRF) is pleased to announce the Dementia Grants Program – Round 2 is open on 4 September 2017, with four PhD Scholarships of \$30,000 per year over three years on offer.

Closing date: Monday 16 October 2017 5.00pm AEST

Outcomes announced: December 2017

Funding commences: January - March 2018

For more information:

<https://www.dementiaresearchfoundation.org.au/research-grants>

Print Disability Services Program

The Australian Government is inviting organisations to apply via an open process to produce print material in alternative formats for people who are unable to use standard print under the Disability and Carer Support Program. Funding will be offered for three years. Funding under the Program is directed to the production of digital masters of print material, to reflect the uptake of recent and emerging technology and to ensure the best quality material is available to the end user.

Closing Date: 26 October 2017 - 2:00pm AEDT

For more information:

<https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/print-disability-services-program>

Information about Services

The Haven Day Centre Free Concert

A free musical performance has been organised by The Haven Day Centre with performers from Melbourne Recital Centre. The show is organised for a diversity of community groups such as elderly socially isolated people in their homes and their carers, people in care, people living with disabilities, dementia or people financially disadvantaged.

Date: 3rd of October

Time: First show at 11.15am, second show from 1.15pm.

For more information, email

admin@thehavendaycentre.org.au or

Phone 9762 8423

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Date/Time	Event	Information	Location	Contact/Registration
Wed, October 4, 2017, 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	The HeART of Ageing - Conversation Event	COTA Victoria is celebrating International Day of Older Persons by hosting a conversation event with four older Australians unafraid to speak up and challenge assumptions around ageing.	The Wheeler Centre, 176 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Vic 3000	A\$20 – A\$50 https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-heart-of-ageing-conversation-event-tickets-36677522457
4-6 October, 2017	7th International Carers Conference	Carers Australia is pleased to announce that registrations for the 7th International Carers Conference are now open. The conference will feature high-profile national and international speakers, thought-provoking presentations, challenging debates, interactive workshops and a cutting-edge exhibition zone.	Adelaide Convention Centre	Registrations Open Early Bird Closing Date: 4 August. More.
Wednesday 4 October 2017, 6.15pm-7.15pmat	Coming Back Out: Elder LGBTI+	How can we respect the diverse sexual orientations of older Australians? How can LGBTI+ elders know and assert their rights as they navigate the complex, confusing and sometimes intimidating aged care system? And how important is visibility of LGBTI+ older people – for individuals and for the broader Australian population?	The Wheeler Centre, 176 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000	Free event, Book here: https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?embed&eid=303119
Thursday, 5 October 2017, 10.00 - 10.30 morning tea for 10.30 to 11.30 presentation	Learning from what went wrong in home care: messages from English Safeguarding Adult Reviews'	The purpose of Safeguarding Adult Reviews clearly states in statutory guidance that there is to be 'promotion of effective learning and improvement action to prevent future deaths or serious harm from occurring again'. It can be difficult to keep a focus on the learning in the face of	Torlano Hotel, 42 Fitzroy Street ST KILDA, VIC	Registrations Close: 4th Oct 17 11:55 PM AAG Member: FREE Non-member: \$25 Member (Student/Concession): FREE Non-Member (Student/Concession): \$25

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		abuse, neglect, media and public interest, yet there is an imperative to do so.		https://www.aag.asn.au/events/event/learning-from-what-went-wrong-in-home-care-messages-from-english-safeguarding-adult-reviews
Thursday 5th & Friday 6th October 2017	3rd National LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care Conference – 2017. It's About Time: Rethinking LGBTI Ageing in Australia	Organised by Val's @ GLHV. Held across two days, this conference explores the changing lives and rich histories of older LGBTI people, presenting new opportunities to share personal stories, discuss policy and practice in the aged care sector, and reflect the challenges and celebrations of this diverse community. Older LGBTI people, aged care experts and service providers can come together to share experiences and ideas, and work together to promote healthy ageing for older LGBTI people.	Novotel Melbourne on Collins - 270 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000	Registration and call for papers now open: http://www.latrobe.edu.au/events/all/3rd-national-lgbti-ageing-And-aged-care-conference
Thursday 5 and Friday 6 October.	VHA Annual Conference: Humanity in Health	Collaborate, explore and discover innovations to inspire your staff, drive operational efficiencies and deliver world class patient care. Forget “the what” attend and learn “the how” from our global thought leaders.	Melbourne Cricket Ground, Olympic room - Level 2, Entry through Gate 3, Brunton Avenue, Richmond VIC 3002	http://www.vha.org.au/events To book email events@vha.org.au or phone 03 9094 7777.
Sat 07 Oct 2017 6pm	The Coming Back Out Ball	The Coming Back Out Ball is part of the 2017 Victorian Seniors Festival in association with the 3rd National LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care Conference. It is a spectacular social event to celebrate Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) elders 65+.	90-130 Swanston St, Melbourne VIC 3000, Melbourne Town Hall	Full: \$100, Senior Concession: \$50, LGBTI elders: Free https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/courses-and-events/the-coming-back-out-ball?utm_source=VicHealth%20Update&utm_campaign=VicHealth%20Update%202012%20September%202017&utm_medium=Email

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<p>Tuesday 10th October, 10am – 12pm</p>	<p>NDIS and Younger Onset Dementia Information Session</p>	<p>The forum will provide an opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand how the NDIS works and how it may impact you • Learn more about registering and preparing for transition to the NDIS • What Allied Health therapy services does the NDIS fund? • Find out how to prepare for my meeting with my NDIS planner 	<p>Carrington Health, 43 Carrington Road Box Hill</p>	<p>To book your seat call phone 8843 2219 or email events@carringtonhealth.org.au – Bookings close on Monday 9th October.</p> <p>Free event– morning tea will be provided</p>
<p>Wednesday 11th October, 10am – 12pm</p>	<p>NDIS & Allied Health Consumer Information Session</p>	<p>The forum will provide an opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand how the NDIS works and how it may impact you • Learn more about registering and preparing for transition to the NDIS • What Allied Health therapy services does the NDIS fund? <p>Find out how to prepare for my meeting with my NDIS planner</p>	<p>Carrington Health, 43 Carrington Road Box Hill</p>	<p>To book your seat call phone 8843 2219 or email events@carringtonhealth.org.au – Bookings close on Monday 9th October.</p> <p>Free event– morning tea will be provided</p>
<p>Wednesday, 11 October 2017</p>	<p>Try before you ride</p>	<p>Try Before You Ride is an annual event designed to provide people of all abilities the opportunity to familiarise themselves</p>	<p>Box Hill Interchange.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register interest by calling 1800 800 007

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		with our public transport system. This includes people with disability, parents with children and seniors.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Register interest by emailing the PTV Accessibility team.
Thursday 12 October 2017 (7.30-9am)	Breakfast symposium on Age-Friendliness and Liveability in Victoria	This session explores why it is important to consider age-friendly indicators both as part of, and in isolation from, wider liveability indicators and indices. It will also investigate some of the current initiatives aimed at increasing the age-friendliness and liveability of diverse communities and regions within Victoria, from the perspective of both macro and micro level approaches.	Rydges Melbourne, Conference Centre, Level 1, 186 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000	<p>Free event https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/age-friendliness-and-liveability-in-victoria-tickets-37440761325?utm_term=eventurl_text</p> <p>Breakfast symposium is a part of the 3rd Annual International Symposium on Ageing and Old-Age in Asia-Pacific See details below.</p>
Wed., 11/10/2017, 8:30 am –Thu., 12/10/2017, 5:00 pm	3rd Annual International Symposium on Ageing and Old-Age in Asia-Pacific	The 3rd Annual International Symposium on Ageing and Old-Age in Asia-Pacific will bring together leading experts in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond to facilitate exchange of the latest knowledge on the health, social, cultural, political, and economic challenges associated with ageing and old-age.	Rydges Melbourne, Conference Centre, Level 1, 186 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000	<p>\$40 – \$695 https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/3rd-annual-international-symposium-on-ageing-and-old-age-in-asia-pacific-tickets-32945836885</p>
Friday 13 October, 8.45am to 3.30pm	From climate change to care – how the environment impacts older people	The quality of the environment in which an older person lives has significant bearing on their health and well-being. This Annual Seminar will explore the impact of the environment on older people, with experts on older people and climate change, heatwaves and the weather through to neighbourhood design, dementia care, hospital and residential care design.	Australian Unity Federation Room, 15 th Floor, 114 Albert Rd, South Melbourne	<p>Tickets: General admission - \$160 per person (incl. GST) Early bird \$135 per person (incl. GST) <u>until 31st July, 2017</u></p> <p>Concession - \$90 per person (incl. GST)</p> <p>Registration</p> <p>Contact details:</p>

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		<p>Opening address: Hon Ken Wyatt, Minister for Aged Care and Minister for Indigenous Health.</p> <p>Keynote speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Helen Barrie who will be talking about “Growing old in a changing climate: challenges for the Asia-Oceania region • Professor Charles Guest, Chief Health Officer for the State of Victoria who will be talking about “Heatwaves, climate and the weather and how this impacts on older people” 		<p>National Ageing Research Institute P: 03 8384 2305 E: NARI Education: education@nari.unimelb.edu.a</p>
Tuesday, 17 October 9.30-10.30am	Victorian Healthcare Association	This webinar will focus on the changes in the aged and disability environment, reinforce the concepts and strategies health services must adopt to flourish in a more competitive and market driven environment, and provide insights into how to lead the way in a consumer driven environment through marketing activities.	Location: online	<p>VHA Member only event- Free.</p> <p>https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/webinar-healthcare-marketing-setting-the-scene-vha-member-only-tickets-36918709855</p>
17-20 October	Biennial National Dementia Conference	Our program includes a diverse range of highly regarded local and international speakers who will touch, move and inspire you to BE THE CHANGE in your area of endeavour. The program will include highly interactive workshops and other sessions that will provide unique opportunities for you to share your experiences with others as well as develop practical skills and insights. Guest speakers will reflect the diversity of the sector and presentations	Melbourne	<p>Early bird closes 31 August</p> <p>http://dementia2017.org/</p>

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		will challenge delegates to BE THE CHANGE that is needed both in Australia and globally to better support people whose lives are impacted by dementia. The program will not just inform but inspire delegates, with leaders in the sector presenting on their own path to leadership, innovation and change.		
Thursday 19 October 2017	National Carer Counselling Conference	Professional practitioners (counsellors, psychologists and social workers) from across Australia will come together to focus on the therapeutic and counselling approaches demonstrated to be effective with unpaid family and friend carers.	Melbourne	https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/national-carer-counselling-conference-2017-tickets-33915372793 \$190 to attend
24-25 October 2017	Australia in 2030: Creating the Future we Want	The 2017 ACOSS National Conference, in partnership with VCOSS, is the event where community leaders, policy and decision makers, practitioners, academics and people with lived experience come together to collectively tackle the issues driving poverty and inequality in Australia. Leading thinkers and decision makers from the community, public, and private sectors will collaborate to identify challenges and workshop responses to move us towards a brighter and more equitable 2030.	Melbourne	http://acossevents.org.au/
Wednesday 25 th October, 2017, 1.00pm – 5.00pm	Sexuality and Ageing	Would you like to expand your knowledge, share your experiences in sexuality and ageing, learn the latest evidence and practice some strategies to help you improve the care you deliver and/or the	National Ageing Research Institute (NARI), Building 9 Seminar Room, Gate 4, 34-54	Cost: \$240 (incl GST) Ten percent early bird discount until 4th October, 2017. https://www.trybooking.com/261332

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		<p>research you undertake in this area? If so, then this workshop is for you.</p> <p>At this half-day evidence-based and experiential workshop you will learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > the assumptions about ageing and sexuality and the effects of pervasive ageism > the importance of positive sexuality in later life > intimacy and ageing is everyone's concern: perspectives from experts in acute, sub-acute, GEM and dementia settings > particular issues for LGBTI ageing and aged care > practical strategies for facilitating sexual discussions and addressing positive sexual expression > where to go for further evidence/practical advice 	<p>Poplar Road, Parkville, VIC</p>	
<p>Thu 26 Oct, 2017 - Fri 27 Oct, 2017, 11:00:AM - 05:00:PM</p>	<p>Palliative Care Research Colloquium</p>	<p>The Colloquium provides an invaluable opportunity for those involved in the provision of evidence based care of patients with advanced disease to learn, connect and collaborate.</p>	<p>Rendezvous Hotel Melbourne, 328 Flinders Street, Melbourne, Victoria</p>	<p>Registration Close: 27th Sept 2017</p> <p>For more information: http://www.apcrc.net.au/</p>
<p>Friday, 27 October and 3 November , Time: TBC</p>	<p>Beyond Cultural Competency</p>	<p>This two-day cross-cultural workshop for workers who want to improve their support of carers from refugee and immigrant backgrounds.</p>	<p>Location: TBC</p>	<p>Event Flyer: https://www.emphn.org.au/images/uploads/files/Beyond-Cultural-Competency_Final.pdf</p>

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<p>Tuesday 31 October 2017, 9.30 am - 4.00 pm</p>	<p>Learn the How-To of Running Successful Focus Groups and In-depth interviews for Project Evaluation</p>	<p>LEARN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When focus groups and in-depth Interviews are appropriate methods • The theories and methods behind focus groups • Best practice in recruiting and facilitating a focus group • Designing questions to produce open and honest responses • How to undertake focus group/interview analysis to achieve research-driven results • Produce evidence-based and publishable results • Use the results to improve services. 	<p>Rydges Hotel, 701 Swanston Street, Melbourne VIC 3000</p>	<p>CIA MEMBERS: \$325 NON MEMBERS: \$350</p> <p>To book: https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=312997</p>
<p>Thursday, 2 November to Friday, 3 November</p>	<p>Nursing Adults Aged 85 + Conference</p>	<p>up-to-date your gerontological nursing skills for the increasing numbers of people who are living beyond 85 years of age.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age appropriate nursing assessment – why is it important? • Is cardiac disease age related and/or treatable in older adults? 	<p>Oaks On Collins, 480 Collins Street, Melbourne</p>	<p>https://www.ausmed.com.au/course/nursing-adults-aged-85 Price: \$572.00 (two days) CPD Hours: 11 Hours + 15 mins</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fading away – the problem of anaemia • How to manage chronic wounds correctly • Ageing, Parkinson’s disease and medicines • Chronic pain management and much, much more... 		
Wednesday, 08– Friday, 10 November 2017	Ageing: The Golden Opportunity	The 2017 Conference “Ageing: The Golden Opportunity” in Perth will provide plenty of ‘Eureka moments’ to explore the future of ageing, including health and wellbeing and the economic potential of our ageing society.	Crown, Perth, Western Australia	https://www.aag.asn.au/documents/item/1796
Saturday 11th November 2017, 10am- 3pm	Connecting The Dots – a holistic approach to wellness –	The Annual General Meeting of Scleroderma Victoria Inc.	Michael Chamberlain Lecture Theatre, Aikenhead Wing, St Vincent’s Hospital, 41 Victoria Pde, Fitzroy 3065	\$25.00 for Members, Concession Card Holders & Students \$35.00 for Non-Members RSVP: by 3rd November 2017 For further information e-mail: enq@sclerodermavictoria.com.au or phone: (03) 9288 3651
Tuesday, 21 November 2017, 8.45am – 4.15pm	Law for Home Care Managers VIC	LawSense Law for Home Care Managers is a must attend seminar for home and community care managers in aged care, assisting you to deal effectively with legal rights and obligations, client, staff and contractor issues and with limiting your legal exposure.	Rendezvous Hotel, 328 Flinders St, Melbourne	http://lawsense.com.au/law-for-home-care-managers-vic Early Bird: \$695 (expires 12 October 2017). Standard: \$795. Prices include gst. Nurses & lawyers attending receive CPD points

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19-20 February 2018	The 5th National Elder Abuse Conference, on the theme of 'Together Making Change'	The 5th National Elder Abuse Conference is being hosted by the Seniors Rights Service in Sydney on 19 and 20 February 2018. The Conference is titled: 'Together Making Change'. The National Organising Committee has purposely chosen this name as they strongly believe that any enduring response to the important social issue of elder abuse requires multiple stakeholders working together	Sofitel Hotel, Sydney	For more information, check website: http://togethertomakingchange.org.au/
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