



# 2024 Annual Research Symposium

Responding to societal challenges  
in ageing

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30 October 2024 | 9am - 5pm  
John Niland Scientia Building, UNSW Sydney

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**SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM**



8:40am

**Guest Arrival and Registration**

9:00am

**Welcome to Country**

Aunty Lola Ryan | *La Perouse Aboriginal Community*

9:10am

**Symposium Opening**

Professor Bronwyn Fox | *UNSW Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research & Enterprise*

9:20am

**Keynote Address: Empowering the rights of older Australians**

Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald AM | *Age Discrimination Commissioner*

10:00am

**Session 1: Reimagining Care for Ageing Populations**

*Chair: Dr Ben Harris-Roxas*

Primary care for people living in residential aged care homes: General practitioners' perspectives on Royal Commission's recommendations

**Associate Professor Joel Rhee**

General practice care in Australian residential aged care homes: Resident and family perspectives

**Ms Kate Marshall**

Do current reablement programs for community-dwelling people living with dementia align with the evidence?

**Dr Claire O'Connor**

Palliative care use by people with intellectual disability: A linked data study in NSW Australia

**Dr Rachael Cvejic**

10:50am

**Morning tea**

11:15am

**Session 2: Ageing Brains, Resilient Minds**

*Chair: Dr Moyra Mortby*

Is 70 really the new 60? Cohort trends in intrinsic capacity in England and China

**Associate Professor Katja Hanewald**

Estimating Gender Differences in the Association between Cognitive Resilience and MCI Incidence over 12 years

**Dr Yvonne Leung**

Exploring neural mechanisms for why older people with fear of falling are at increased risk of falls

**Dr Jasmine Menant**

12:00pm

### Session 3: Tech-Savvy Ageing: AI and Innovation

Chair: Professor Mari Velonaki

The day Richard went down at the Swannies: AI companions to support anxiety in relation to falls  
**Dr Gail Kenning**

Developing an innovative computerised assessment of instrumental activities of daily living in older adults with and without cognitive impairment  
**Associate Professor Simone Reppermund**

Assessing Quality, Safety, and Disparity of an AI Chatbot in Managing Chronic Diseases: A Simulated Patients Experiment  
**Dr Yafei Si**

12:45pm

Lunch | Poster exhibition

1:45pm

Rapid-fire presentations

Chair: Dr Paulo Silva Pelicioni

2:15pm

### Session 4: Culture, Community, and Healthy Ageing

Chair: Dr Louise Lavrencic

Culturally Relevant Healthy Ageing Intervention: The STOMP! Project  
**Ms Madeleine Veinovic & Ms Alison Timbery**

Intergenerational Family Relationships and Old Age Volunteering: The Perspectives of Older Chinese Immigrants in Greater Sydney, Australia  
**Dr Yiran Li**

The Ironbark Study: evaluation of an Aboriginal community-based balance and strength exercise program for fall prevention  
**Dr Rona Macniven & Leanne McCarthy**

Privileging the spirit voices and cultures of First Nations peoples in dementia care: education for non-First Nations healthcare providers  
**Mrs Lauren Poulos**

3:15pm

### Panel Discussion: Balancing Academic Excellence and Societal Impact

Professor Kaarin Anstey | Director, UNSW Ageing Futures Institute

Professor Michael Kidd AO | Director, UNSW Centre for Future Health Systems

Professor Rebecca Ivers AM | Head, UNSW School of Population Health

Professor Bingqin Li | UNSW Social Policy Research Centre

3:50pm

Awards | Closing remarks

4:00pm

Canapés and Refreshments