2010 National Conference of
EMERGING RESEARCHERS IN AGEING
“Getting the right skill mix”

PROGRAM & REGISTRATION BROCHURE

Newcastle City Hall
21 & 22 October 2010

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The Research Centre for Gender, Health and Ageing at The University of Newcastle is delighted to be hosting ERA 2010; the 9th National Conference of Emerging Researchers in Ageing.

ERA 2010 will build upon the previously successful ERA conferences held in Queensland, Adelaide, Perth, Sydney and this year will see the conference taking place in Newcastle on 21-22 October.

Ageing is one of the most important changes affecting both individuals and populations, and population ageing is one of the greatest challenges and opportunities for this century. The previous ERA conferences have supported Australian emerging researchers conducting research in this important field. This conference will continue this tradition and bring together PhD, Professional Doctorate, Masters and Honours student researchers from across Australia representing a range of disciplines, together with academics, practitioners and policy makers. This conference will provide a wonderful opportunity for networking for the next generation of researchers, academics, practitioners and policy makers.

It gives us great pleasure to extend this invitation to you to attend ERA 2010 and actively participate in this exciting and important program.

Best wishes,

Professor Julie Byles
Director
Research Centre for Gender, Health and Ageing
The University of Newcastle

EMERGING RESEARCHERS IN AGEING CONFERENCE
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The 2010 ERA conference will take place at the University of Newcastle on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd October, and will be convened by Professor Julie Byles and Associate Professor Lynne Parkinson of the Research Centre for Gender, Health and Ageing at the University of Newcastle.

For the first time in 2010, the conference will be extended over two full days, with three postgraduate workshops held concurrently on the morning of the first day, and the conference starting after lunch on the first day.

The conference is organised around the theme: “Getting the right skill mix”. Emerging researchers in ageing come from many disciplines, and gerontology is known as a transdisciplinary field, where the broadest range of skills is needed to equip the new researcher. This conference will provide opportunities to explore the different skills needed for an emerging ageing career, including workshops that offer a choice of methodological and academic approaches.
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Abstracts for presentations and posters are now invited from current postgraduate students and honours students working on ageing projects in any discipline. The deadline for abstract submission is the 16 July 2010. Abstracts should be submitted by email to abstracts2010@era.edu.au. Notification of the outcome of the abstract review process will be given by end of July 2010. Abstracts will be published online in the ERA 2010 Conference Proceedings. The deadline for submission of full papers is 30 August 2010.

Prizes will be awarded for:
- Helen Bartlett Prize for Innovation in Ageing Research
- Best Paper presentation
- Best Poster presentation

Check the ERA 2010 website for the Abstract, Poster and Paper Guidelines
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Guidelines and Prizes

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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The 2010 conference will feature three postgraduate student workshops to be held concurrently on the morning of Thursday 21st October 2010:

1. Issues in mixed methods research
2. Issues in quantitative research
3. Writing and reviewing for publication

Please note that places are strictly limited for these workshops. You will be asked to register your interest in two of the workshops at the time that you register for the conference, and places will be allocated in order of registrations. You will be advised which workshop you have been allocated prior to the conference.

**Issues in Mixed Methods research**
Dr Pat Bazeley, A/Prof Centre for Primary Health Care and Equity, University of New South Wales and Director/ Research Consultant, Research Support Pty Limited. An internationally renowned expert on mixed methods research.

‘Mixed methods’ is used as a generic term to describe research in which more than one approach is taken to answering the question/s asked in a particular study, resulting in the combination of multiple elements of design, types of data, and/or analysis strategies. Implementation of integrated approaches to social and human services research is currently becoming more accepted, and strategies for implementation are being further developed.

This program is designed to extend researchers’ awareness with regard to mixed methods research, and of the possibilities and issues raised by such strategies.

**Writing and reviewing for publication**
A/Prof Lynne Parkinson, A/Prof Lynne Parkinson, Senior Research Fellow, Research Centre for Gender, Health and Ageing, University of Newcastle; Editor in Chief of “Australasian Journal on Ageing”; Dr Lauren Williams, Senior Lecturer, School of Health Sciences, University of Newcastle; Associate Editor of “Nutrition & Dietetics”

Scholarly writing is an essential academic skill, and can be useful for practitioners and others who want to share achievements in practice or debate change in policy. There are some fairly simple tips that journal editors can provide authors to improve the quality of manuscripts and increase publication chances. This half day workshop will focus on the editorial perspective. Short presentations will include:

- writing for publication (approaches and tips)
- journal manuscript requirements
- the review process
- becoming a journal reviewer

A central feature of the workshop will be brief review of manuscripts in small groups, with support from the facilitators. The workshop will be interactive and include open discussion.

**Issues in quantitative research**
Prof Catherine D’Este, Chair in Biostatistics, School of Medicine and Public Health, Faculty of Health, University of Newcastle.

More information on this workshop coming soon.
Registration Fees and Conditions

Registration fees include:

- The 1 1/2-day conference sessions and attendance at one half-day workshop
- Welcome reception on Thursday 21 October at 5.30pm
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea for two full days (accommodation and travel costs are not included)

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Bursaries

A number of $500 bursaries will be available for suitable applicants to provide some assistance with transport, accommodation and registration for the conference.

The following organisations are offering bursaries:

- Emerging Researchers in Ageing: ten bursaries
- The Centre for Practice Opportunity and Development (CPOD) at the University of Newcastle: one bursary
- Australian Association of Gerontology NSW (AAG): one bursary for a student member of AAG

You will be asked to indicate on your registration form if you wish to be considered for a bursary.


Registration procedures

2. You will be asked to download and complete the Payment Form at the end of the registration process. Please return the form to the University of Newcastle Cashiers' Office via fax 61 2 4921 7418, email: revenue@newcastle.edu.au or post to: University of Newcastle Cashiers Office Student Services Hub, University Dr - CALLAGHAN NSW 2300 - AUSTRALIA.
3. Once payment is made, a receipt will be emailed to you.

Payment

Payment is required to confirm registration and is due within 7 days of reception of your registration. If payment is not received within 7 days of registration, the registration will be cancelled and you will need to re-register if you still wish to attend the conference.

Earlybird registration

Earlybird registration is available for registration received up to midnight on the 16 August 2010. If you register on the 16 August 2010 and payment is not received by the 7th August, your registration will be cancelled and you will have to re-register and pay full registration fees.

Cancellations

Refunds must be requested within 6 weeks of the conference (that is before 8 September 2010). A handling fee of AUD$ 30 will be levied for all cancellations.
WELCOME TO NEWCASTLE

The city of Newcastle has an enviable position, resting on a peninsula bordered by the magnificent working harbour and spectacular surfing and swimming beaches.

CONFERENCE VENUE
The Emerging Researchers in Ageing Conference 2010 is being held at the Newcastle City Hall, in Newcastle’s CBD. The venue is directly opposite Civic Park and the Newcastle Region Art Gallery, and is only a short walk from hotels, beaches and Civic railway station.

Newcastle City Hall
290 King Street
Newcastle NSW 2300
Phone: 49742996
www.civicprecinctnewcastle.com.au

ACCOMMODATION
Please visit the ERA 2010 website for accommodation, venue and how to get there details: www.era.edu.au/ERA+2010

GETTING THERE

Road
National Highway 1 (F3 Freeway) is the main access route from Sydney to the Hunter, while the Pacific and New England Highways are the main routes from Queensland.

Rail
Newcastle is part of the New South Wales City Rail network. There are frequent return services daily from Sydney. Civic railway station is the closest station to the City Hall.

Air
The region’s major airport is Newcastle (Williamtown) - a 30-minute flight from Sydney and just over 1 hour from Melbourne and Brisbane. Taxi and bus transfers to Newcastle CBD are readily available and the journey time is approximately 30 to 45 minutes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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