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# Dementia and Social Care for Diverse Communities

ECU SOCIAL AGEING (SAGE) FUTURES LAB  
5th Annual Research  
Forum on Ageing



## When

November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023  
9:00 - 17:00 (UTC+08)

## Location

Room 3.201, Building 3,  
Mt Lawley Campus,  
Edith Cowan University

## Cost

IN PERSON	ONLINE
Waged: \$60	Waged: \$30
Students: \$30	Students: \$15
Unwaged: Free	

## Register

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# Welcome to 5th Annual Research Forum on Ageing Dementia and Social Care for Diverse Communities

Dementia ranks among the top causes of death in Australia, imposing a substantial burden on caregivers. Lack of understanding about dementia and its impact often leads to community reluctance and uncertainty in discussing the issue. Consequently, those living with dementia and their family members may struggle to share their experiences with others.



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Due to language barriers and lack of appropriate services, culturally and linguistically diverse Australians tend to access health care later than others, resulting in delayed diagnosis, higher risk of social isolation, and compromised health. They are also underrepresented in research. It is imperative to raise awareness about the diverse needs of people living with dementia and their families.



The Annual Research Forum on Ageing brings together scholars, researchers, industry partners, government agencies, policy makers, community, non-government agencies, teachers, and students from across Australia who work with and for older people. This year's forum explores:

- ❖ Research and policy to support diverse communities and dementia care;
- ❖ Interventions and services for social care in diverse communities; and
- ❖ Opportunities and challenges for dementia and diversity futures.

**ECU Social Ageing (SAGE) Futures Lab  
And 2023 Steering and Organising Committees**

*We acknowledge we are situated on Whadjuk Noongar land and recognise the continuing connection to lands, waters, and communities. We pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures; and to Elders past, present, and emerging.*

# Dementia and Social Care for Diverse Communities



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**Thursday, 23 November, 9:00 – 17:00**

8:30	<b>Registration</b>
9:00	<b>Welcome Session</b> Chair: Prof Loretta Baldassar, Director, Social Ageing (SAGE) Futures Lab, ECU
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Prof Caroline Finch, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, ECU</li> <li>❖ Guest of Honour, Mrs Theresa Kwok JP, CEO, Chung Wah Community Care, 2023 WA Senior Australian of the Year</li> </ul>
9:30	<b>Panel 1: Dementia Preventions for CALD communities</b> Chair: Prof Verena Thomas, Associate Dean Research, School of Arts and Humanities, ECU
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Prof Blossom Stephan, Chair in Dementia, enAble Institute, Curtin University</li> <li>❖ Ms Lynette Yappo, Project Officer &amp; Dr Kate Smith, Research Lead and Senior Lecturer, the Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health, Medical School, UWA</li> <li>❖ A/Prof Tuan Anh Nguyen, Principal Research Fellow, NARI &amp; Swinburne University</li> </ul>
10: 50	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
11:15	<b>Morning tea</b>
11:45	<b>Panel 2: Theory to Practice: Dementia Research Implementation</b> Chair: Mr Jason Burton, Associate Executive Director, Dementia Training Australia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ A/Prof Anita Goh, Senior Research Fellow, Dementia Australia, NARI, ECU</li> </ul>
12:30	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
12:45	<b>Lunch</b>
13:00	<b>Introduction to Choir</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Matthew Allen, Executive Dean, School of Arts &amp; Humanities, ECU</li> </ul>
13:15	<b>Performance: InCasa Italian Choir – La Seconda Gioventù (Second Youth)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Dr Simone Marino, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Social Ageing (SAGE) Futures Lab, ECU</li> </ul>
13:30	<b>Panel 3: Current Dementia Projects in CALD Communities</b> Chair: Prof Davina Porock, Director, Centre for Research in Aged Care, ECU
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Mr Pelden Chejor, PhD Candidate, Centre for Research in Aged Care, ECU</li> <li>❖ Mrs Mary Gurgone, Chair, Association for Culturally Appropriate Services (AfCAS)</li> <li>❖ Prof Lee-Fay Low, Ageing and Health, University of Sydney</li> <li>❖ Prof Lily Dongxia Xiao, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Flinders University</li> <li>❖ Dr Manonita Ghosh, Project Manager, Social Ageing (SAGE) Futures Lab, ECU</li> </ul>
14:35	<b>Afternoon tea</b>
15:00	<b>Roundtable Discussion: Opportunities and Challenges for Dementia and Diversity Futures</b> Chair: Professor Colleen Doyle, Honorary Fellow, NARI; Honorary Professor, Swinburne University
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Mrs Theresa Kwok, CEO, Chung Wah Community Care</li> <li>❖ Mr Allan Quire, Manager, Bene Aged Care</li> <li>❖ Ms Jane Wittenoom, Company Secretary, Chorus – Aged Care, Disability &amp; Mental Health</li> <li>❖ Mrs Andrea Creado, CEO, Ishar Multicultural Women’s Health Centre</li> </ul>
16:00	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
16:30	<b>Closing Remarks and Evaluation</b> Chair: Prof Loretta Baldassar, Director, Social Ageing (SAGE) Futures Lab, ECU

# Annual Research Forum on Ageing

Established in 2019, the Annual Research Forum on Ageing is being hosted by the ECU Social Ageing (SAGE) Futures Lab for the first time in 2023.

The theme for this year's Research Forum is aligned with the NHMRC funded [BEFRIENDING with GENIE project](#), - An intervention to reduce loneliness, and increase social support and service access for people living with dementia and caregivers from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) communities - led by the ECU SAGE Futures Lab.



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## Steering Committee

- ❖ Professor Loretta Baldassar, Director, ECU SAGE Futures Lab
- ❖ Mrs Mary Gurgone, Chair, Association for Culturally Appropriate Services
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- ❖ Dr Hien Thi Nguyen, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, ECU SAGE Futures Lab

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