

Building Australia's Longevity Agenda: Research to Impact

2026 Annual Research Symposium

UNSW Ageing Futures Institute

8 OCTOBER 2026 | 8:30AM - 12:15PM



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PROGRAM

8:30am	Guest arrival and registration
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8:45am	Symposium Open <i>Professor Kaarin Anstey Director, UNSW Ageing Futures Institute</i>
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8:55am	Keynote In ageing populations, should preventive and treatment strategies aim to maximise longevity, morbidity, productivity, health inequalities, or all of these? <i>Professor Tony Blakely Professor of Epidemiology, University of Melbourne</i>
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9:25am	Session 1: Supporting Sustainable Longevity <i>Chair: Dr Hanlin Lou</i>
<div> <div> Designing Equitable, Stable and Sustainable Payouts under Longevity Inequality and Uniform Pricing <i>Gayani Thalagoda</i> </div> <div> A two-generation model with altruism for reverse mortgage demand <i>A/Prof Katja Hanewald</i> </div> <div> The Workforce behind Healthy Longevity: Precarity and Agency among Migrant Aged Care Workers in Australia <i>Yue Wu</i> </div> </div> <div> Financial Literacy and Cognitive Function in Later Midlife <i>Dr Danny Htun</i> </div> <div> What does it take to implement dementia rehabilitation in Australia: Learnings from a national pilot study <i>Dr Claire O'Connor</i> </div>	

10:10am	Morning tea
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10:40am	Session 2: Healthy Longevity <i>Chair: Dr Jane Hwang</i>
<div> <div> What is it like to have subjective cognitive decline? An exploratory study on experiences, beliefs, and strategies for coping and help-seeking <i>Dr Jana Koch</i> </div> <div> Factors associated with performance on a novel, computerised, performance-based assessment of instrumental activities of daily living (IADL) in older adults with and without cognitive impairment: A pilot study <i>Minal Tanvir</i> </div> <div> Sex Differences in Eye Conditions as Risk Factors for Dementia: Opportunities for Dementia Prevention and Healthy Longevity <i>Dr Ying Xu</i> </div> </div> <div> Medical care of older adults living in residential aged care homes <i>Alexander Tran</i> </div> <div> Measuring health progress: Is health improving for all generations? <i>Dr Rafal Chomik</i> </div>	

11:25am

Session 3: Purposeful Longevity

Chair: Professor Xiaoqi Feng

Associations Between Social Determinants of Health and Dementia, Mild Cognitive Impairment, and Cognitive Decline in Australian Adults: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Xinyi Yu

Food insecurity and modifiable dementia risk: Cross-sectional evidence from a national Australian sample aged 50 years and older

Dr Annabel Matison

From Psychosocial Tech to Psychosocial impact: AI skilled companions to support older people in their homes

Dr Gail Kenning

Examining upper limb function in people with Parkinson's (PD) living with levodopa-induced dyskinesia

Chiara Speranza & Olivia Khoo

Extending the concept of dignity of risk to social participation: Fostering dignity of social risk.

Dr Nikki-Anne Wilson

12:15pm

Close | Lunch



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THE VENUE

Venue details

The event is being held in the Council Chambers at The Chancellery Building, UNSW Kensington campus in Sydney.

Venue address:

Chancellery Building (C22)
University of New South Wales
Chancellery Walk, Randwick NSW 2033



Getting there

Getting to the Chancellery

- **Main Entrance:** The primary entrance to the Chancellery is located at Gate 9, accessible via car from the car park.
- **Pedestrian Access:** You can also walk to the Chancellery by going through the Student Centre or via the Library Lawn.

