



# 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	<b>Guest Arrival and Registration</b>
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9:00am	<b>Welcome to Country</b> Aunty Lola Ryan   <i>La Perouse Aboriginal Community</i>
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9:10am	<b>Symposium Opening</b> Professor Bronwyn Fox   <i>UNSW Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research &amp; Enterprise</i>
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9:20am	<b>Keynote Address: Empowering the rights of older Australians</b> Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald AM   <i>Age Discrimination Commissioner</i>
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10:00am	<b>Session 1: Reimagining Care for Ageing Populations</b> <i>Chair: Dr Ben Harris-Roxas</i>
<p>Primary care for people living in residential aged care homes: General practitioners' perspectives on Royal Commission's recommendations <b>Associate Professor Joel Rhee</b></p> <p>General practice care in Australian residential aged care homes: Resident and family perspectives <b>Ms Kate Marshall</b></p> <p>Do current reablement programs for community-dwelling people living with dementia align with the evidence? <b>Dr Claire O'Connor</b></p> <p>Palliative care use by people with intellectual disability: A linked data study in NSW Australia <b>Dr Rachael Cvejic</b></p>	

10:50am	<b>Morning tea</b>
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11:15am	<b>Session 2: Ageing Brains, Resilient Minds</b> <i>Chair: Dr Moyra Mortby</i>
<p>Is 70 really the new 60? Cohort trends in intrinsic capacity in England and China <b>Associate Professor Katja Hanewald</b></p> <p>Estimating Gender Differences in the Association between Cognitive Resilience and MCI Incidence over 12 years <b>Dr Yvonne Leung</b></p> <p>Exploring neural mechanisms for why older people with fear of falling are at increased risk of falls <b>Dr Jasmine Menant</b></p>	

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**