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Australian Ageing Research Highlighted in New Book Published by the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia

A new book focused on the ageing demographic in Australia is to be launched at the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia (ASSA) annual symposium in Canberra today.

Jointly published by ASSA and ANU Press, *Population Ageing and Australia's Future* examines the complexity of ageing from a social science viewpoint. The newly appointed Age Discrimination Commissioner, The Hon Dr Kay Patterson AO, will formally launch the volume which examines the complexity of ageing from a social science viewpoint.

"The Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia sees this as a major contribution to improving our understanding of population ageing in Australia. Social science research in this area truly underpins our ability as a nation to develop public policy that manages such demographic change, and its consequences for the economy and society" said Professor Glenn Withers, President, ASSA.

Edited by CEPAR Chief Investigators (CIs), and ASSA Fellows, Professors Hal Kendig, Peter McDonald and John Piggott, the topics explored build on presentations given at the 2014 ASSA symposium of the same name.

The symposium, and now this publication, provide multidisciplinary evidence from many of Australia's leading scholars in the hope of addressing the challenges presented by Australia's ageing population.

"New social science thinking and evidence point the way towards social, economic, and political changes that can improve individual and population ageing but many areas remain unexplored," said Professor Kendig.

"This volume is a testament to the range of research currently being conducted on population ageing. It is also a call for new research, policy, and public affairs initiatives to address what is one of the most important social phenomena of the 21st century."

Split into four parts - Perspectives on Ageing; Population Ageing: Global, Regional and Australian Perspectives; Improving Health and Wellbeing; and Responses by Government and Families/Individuals - the volume features research from a range of disciplines, including psychology, actuarial science, health and pension economics, gerontology, sociology and demography.

The authors, including several ASSA Fellows, are all leaders in their fields with a number of CEPAR CIs, Associate Investigators and Research Fellows contributing.

To download or order *Population Ageing and Australia's Future* [click here](#).

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