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CEPAR 2014 Annual Report

17 April 2015: The 2014 Annual Report from the ARC Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research (CEPAR) details CEPAR's activities, outputs and events in 2014.

Research into retirement incomes was a major focus. As with all areas of CEPAR research, work in this important area makes a significant contribution to the evidence base required by policy makers and product providers.

"2014 included a mid-term review by our major funder, the Australian Research Council. The Review Panel responded very positively to our progress in establishing and growing CEPAR, and commended our strong multi-disciplinary research program, growing profile in the ageing policy sector, increase in international relationships and the quality of our postdoctoral researchers and students," said Centre Director Professor John Piggott.

We moved from five strands to seven areas of research focus (ARFS) in 2014 to capture the span of research CEPAR undertakes, and to set the foundation for future initiatives. The ARFs which describe our work are: Causes and consequences of demographic change; Cognition and decision making; Resources in retirement; Ageing well and productively; Ageing in Asia and its impact on Australia; and Health and aged care.

Additional researchers joined the CEPAR network and we now have over 100 people affiliated with, or directly employed by, CEPAR, expanding our global reach and relevance.

Highlights of 2014 include:

- 130 journal publications
- 56 research projects
- Sponsorship of public lecture by Nobel Laureate Joseph E Stiglitz
- Participation in consortium to establish the International Longevity Centre Australia
- Establishment (with UNSW) of Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) Research Hub focused on population ageing
- Three contributions to the Financial System Inquiry
- Sponsorship of 2014 symposium of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia
- Publication of two-part research brief Aged Care in Australia
- Joint workshop with CESifo: Tax, Pensions and Globalisation
- Organised (with UNSW) the Go8C9 PhD conference focused on population ageing.

The full report is available at <u>www.cepar.edu.au</u>

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