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Research Quality and Policy Influence on the Agenda for this Year's Emerging Researchers in Ageing Conference

This year the 16th Emerging Researchers in Ageing (ERA) Conference, running from 6-7th November, will showcase 37 Oral and Poster presentations from students and early career researcher from almost 20 national and international universities.

Dr Matthew Carroll, ERA National Convenor, says this year's conference theme, Digging for Gold: Building Success in Ageing Research, was chosen to show young researchers that policy influence, as well as high quality research, is essential to forging an academic career in this space.

“Our keynote speakers this year, Dr Nicholas Waldron, WA Health Falls Prevention Health Network, and Dr Susan Slatyer, Curtin University, are both academics who are active in the policy and practice space. It's important that young researchers see that there is not just one path to be taken after they complete their studies. An academic career can look different for each individual researcher”, he said.

The multi-disciplinary nature of the conference means that presentations cover a broad spectrum of ageing related topics, including dementia, nutrition, social relationships, service use, health and physical activity, and psychological, neurological and biological aspects of ageing.

Just a few of the pieces of research on offer this year are:

- Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour in Residential Aged Care Facilities (Sharon Parry, Curtin University)
- Impact of Older Workers' Perception of Human Resource Practices on Intention to remain at Work: A Systematic Review (Hoi Ling Irene Mok, University of Sydney)
- Causing Death: The Obfuscation of 'Voluntary Assisted Dying' (Courtney Hempton, Monash University/Yale University)
- Aged Care Service Provision within Australia's Primary Health Network Model: A Case Study (Millicent Cripe, University of Sydney)

This is the only Australian conference to focus on the work of higher degree research students undertaking research in ageing.

The [ERA Network](#) provides forums for mentoring and discussion, and disseminates information relevant to the ageing research field.

It is based at Monash University and is supported by the [ARC Centre for Population Ageing Research \(CEPAR\)](#). The 2017 conference is hosted by Curtin University.