

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



The Australian Association of Gerontology NSW Division presents

2010 AAG Rural Conference

'Ageing at home: sustainable housing and communities for older people'

Ballina RSL Club, Ballina NSW

15 & 16 April 2010

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The Australian Association of Gerontology (NSW Division) is hosting its 2010 Rural Conference in Ballina on the beautiful NSW Far North Coast, on Thursday and Friday, 15 & 16 April. The conference will be of interest to health and aged care practitioners, policy makers, researchers and anyone interested in current issues in ageing.

The theme for the conference is '*Ageing at home: sustainable housing and communities for older people*'.

Appropriate housing, accessible communities and proximity to services are central to people's ability to maintain quality of life and continue living in their communities as they grow older. Supportive external environments allow older people to remain more active and better able to manage disability, and facilitate greater access to services within the home. On the other hand, unsafe homes and neighbourhoods that have multiple physical barriers to access and usability are likely to limit older people's mobility and social participation, and increase the risk of isolation, depression, and declining fitness. Care providers face many challenges to ensure that those who need residential care or supported accommodation remain integrated in their communities.

We are particularly (but not exclusively) interested in papers that address the following topics:

- Housing for older people and the impacts on health and independence in older age.
- Home modifications and urban and building design for ageing populations.
- Provision of services which link people to their communities across a range of residential care and community settings.
- Building better and stronger communities.
- Models of residential care to meet the competing challenges of sustainability, cost effectiveness and living with dignity.

Call for abstracts: We welcome submission of papers regarding these and other aspects of ageing. Abstracts of 250 words or less are invited for oral, workshop or poster presentation at the conference. Your submission (MS word format) should include the title, author/s, institute or organisation and position (underline the name of the presenting author) and a 50 word biography plus full contact details, including phone, postal address and email. All accepted presenters must register and pay for at least one day of the conference with payment received no later than Friday 12 March 2010.



Closing date:

Friday 29 January 2010

Author notification:

by 26 February 2010

Presenter registration deadline:

by 12 March 2010

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