

Economics of Dementia Care Symposium 2023

Event details

Date:

Wednesday 29 November 2023

Time:

8.30am arrival for 9am–1pm

Venue:

The River Room, Customs House
399 Queen Street, Brisbane

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Program

8:30–9am	Guest arrival and registration
9–9:15am	Official Opening and Acknowledgement of Country Professor Aidan Byrne, Provost, The University of Queensland
9:15–9:30am	Presentation of Symposium Agenda Professor Brenda Gannon, Director of Research, School of Economics, The University of Queensland
9:30–10:30am	Keynote Presentation Professor Eamon O'Shea, Professor of Economics, University of Galway
10:30–10:45am	Morning Tea
10:45–11:15am	Presentation of Research Program by The University of Queensland (led by Professor Brenda Gannon)
11:15am–12pm	Panel Discussion: Issues in financing dementia care Panellists: Professor Eamon O'Shea, Professor of Economics, University of Galway Professor Kaarin Anstey, Scientia Professor and ARC Laureate Fellow, University of New South Wales Mr Bill Yeates, Dementia Australia Advocate Ms Edel Murphy, National Programme Manager, Patient and Public Involvement Ignite Network, University of Galway Moderator: Leonie Short, Seniors Dental Care Australia
12–12:15pm	Symposium Summary and Close
12:15–1pm	Lunch



Speaker Profiles



Professor Brenda Gannon, Director of Research, School of Economics, The University of Queensland

Professor Brenda Gannon is in the School of Economics and is an Affiliate Professor at the Centre for the Business and Economics of Health and the Mater Research Institute, The University of Queensland. She is also an affiliate member of CEPAR (ARC Centre for Research Excellence in Population Ageing Research). Her work has been influential in the development of programs for falls preventions and informing policy on disability and social inclusion, positively impacting on the health of many older people across the world. She has provided advice to government at senior levels, on the Medical Services Advisory Committee Evaluation Sub-Committee 2017–2021. She has been invited to give several talks at international fora, including a keynote talk on ageing and longevity at the National Academy of Medicine, Global Roadmap to Healthy Longevity, in Washington DC. She is an elected Fellow of the Queensland Academy of Arts and Sciences.



Professor Eamon O'Shea, Professor of Economics, University of Galway

Eamon O'Shea is a Professor of Economics in the School of Business & Economics at the University of Galway. He was founder and inaugural Director of the Irish Centre for Social Gerontology (ICSG). He is currently Director of the Centre for Economic and Social Research on Dementia at the University of Galway. He holds an M.A. from University College Dublin, an M.Sc. from the University of York and a Ph.D from the University of Leicester. He has published close to 200 scientific papers in refereed journals, including publications in top-ranked journals such as the Journal of Health Economics, Social Science and Medicine, Age and Ageing, British Medical Journal and the International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry. Professor O'Shea has authored/co-authored 15 books and monographs, mainly in the field of ageing, dementia and social policy. His work has been influential in setting the agenda for the reform of services and policies for people with dementia in Ireland. He was Chair of the National Economic and Social Forum Expert Group on Care of the Elderly in 2005/06 and co-authored the influential Creating Excellence in Dementia Care report in 2012. He was awarded a five-year Health Research Board (HRB) Research Leader grant in dementia in 2015 and is currently part of a Marie Skłodowska-Curie doctoral network (HOMEDEM), exploring home care and design for people with dementia in Europe.



Mr Bill Yeates, Dementia Australia Advocate

After graduating from Pharmacy, Bill entered the field of education where he was a school administrator and has taught senior Physics and Chemistry for over 35 years. In August 2019, at the age of 59, he was diagnosed with Younger Onset Alzheimer's Disease. Bill has a keen interest in learning how to best manage his diagnosis on a daily basis and has created his own website where he enjoys helping and showing others who are also living with dementia, how it is possible to still lead a better life. Besides being a volunteer surf lifesaver, Bill competes in masters Swimming, Pool Rescue and Surf Lifesaving Championships, at a local, state, national and international level.

Currently, Bill is a member of Dementia Australia's Advocate Program and has been Vice Chair of Dementia Alliance International for the past two years. He is also a member of the World Health Organisation GDO KE Focus Group and a member of the Global Review Panel for ADI Accreditation of dementia care. Recently, Bill has started to share his experiences at national and international conferences as a way of raising awareness about dementia, focussing mainly on post diagnostic care and support via his holistic approach to life and the development of reablement plans.



Professor Kaarin Anstey, Scientia Professor and ARC Laureate Fellow, University of New South Wales

Kaarin Anstey is a Scientia Professor Anstey and ARC Laureate Fellow in the School of Psychology. Kaarin completed her undergraduate and honours training in Psychology at the University of Sydney and her PhD at the University of QLD. After completing an NHMRC Postdoctoral fellowship at Flinders University and the Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute, Kaarin moved to the Australian National University in 2001 where she later established the Centre for Research in Ageing, Health and Wellbeing. Anstey moved to the University of New South Wales in 2018 where she is the Director of the UNSW Ageing Futures Institute.

Kaarin has been a Chief Investigator on the ARC Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research (2011–17) and is Co-Deputy Director of the current ARC Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research (2017–2024) where she also co-leads the Cognitive and Decision Making Stream. Kaarin is Chair of the International Research Network on Dementia Prevention, and a member of the Governance Committee of the Global Council on Brain Health, an initiative supported by the American Association of Retired Persons and AgeUK.



Ms Edel Murphy, National Programme Manager, Public and Patient Involvement Ignite Network, University of Galway

Edel has worked in the area of public and patient involvement (PPI) in research for a number of years, working with researchers and students across all disciplines and with the public to build PPI capacity across all sectors, delivering education and training and providing support to help researchers understand how to plan for and embed the public and patient voice across their research. Edel is driving the development and growth of an energetic, collaborative and innovative Network, bringing together a diverse range of stakeholders nationally and internationally to build a shared voice for PPI in research in Ireland. With the seven leading Universities in Ireland at its centre, the PPI Ignite Network has ten national partners – a mixture of public agencies, national patient organisations, and national research and education entities – and over 50 organisations partnering locally with the main Universities, ensuring genuine national reach. Funded by the Health Research Board and the Irish Research Council, the Network aims to change the national research ecosystem, to place the public and patient voice at the centre of research.