



New Zealand Association of
Gerontology

Te Ropu Maturanga Kaumatatanga o Aotearoa

New Zealand Association of Gerontology (NZAG) Conference 2023: Rethinking Ageing

We are excited to announce that the New Zealand Association of Gerontology (NZAG) Conference 2023 will take place in Auckland at Waipapa Taumata Rau, the University of Auckland, Aotearoa New Zealand, 6th-8th September 2023.

We aim to celebrate older people and their essential contributions to society, address ageism upfront, provide new thinking, new methods, research and education that will add value to the lives of older people, their whanau and families, carers, health professionals, health and regional planners, private and public providers and society.

Conference key details:

Date: 6-8 September 2023

Location: Faculty of Engineering, The University of Auckland, 20 Symonds Street, Auckland CBD, New Zealand

We have an excellent line up of local and international plenary speakers.

Local plenary speakers

Dr Joanna Hikaka (Ngāruahine), University of Auckland

Joanna is a pharmacist and Senior Research Fellow at the University of Auckland New Zealand. Her clinical and research work focuses on older adult and Māori health, spanning primary, secondary, and aged residential care settings with a current focus on exploring Māori experiences and expectations of kaumātua care.

She is a co-director of the newly established Centre for Co-Created Ageing Research at the University of Auckland. Joanna enjoys supporting others to develop research skills in both academic and non-academic settings. She sees value in developing research teams with diverse lived experiences to deliver excellent research that is most likely to be relevant to communities of interest, and to impact policy and practice.



Professor Christine Stephens. School of Psychology, Massey University

Christine's work in health psychology and health promotion is presently focused on the requirements of the ageing population and the need to provide information for supportive social policy and practice. The Health and Ageing Research Team (HART) run a longitudinal study of ageing that has been following older New Zealanders and their quality of life in work and retirement since 2006. Christine brings the wisdom of thousands of person years of follow up to rethinking ageing with a specific focus on the impact of housing along the way.



International Plenary Speakers

Maria Edström, Associate Professor, University of Gothenburg, Sweden. Maria has a background as a journalist, primarily in radio and print. Gender, representation and human rights has been in focus for Edström for many years. She is involved in AgeCap, Centre for Ageing and Health, a multidisciplinary centre at the University of Gothenburg, both as a researcher and a member of the Steering committee.

Through AgeCap she has the opportunity to go deeper into issues of media and ageing, as well as ageism in the media industry and gendered ageism. Maria will talk about ageism in the media and society, how they are linked together and how they may be countered, both in general and in a well-fare state such as Sweden. She has a vibrant contribution to make to our thinking about ageing, and how collaborations might spur change.



Professor Brendan McCormack is Head of The Susan Wakil School of Nursing and Midwifery & Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Health, The University of Sydney. Brendan's research focuses on person-centredness with a particular focus on the development of person-centred cultures, practices and processes. He has engaged in this work at all levels from theory development to implementation science and through to instrument design, testing and evaluation.

He is methodologically diverse, but is most at home in participatory/action research. Whilst he has a particular expertise in gerontology and dementia practices, his work has spanned all specialities and is multi-professional. He also has a particular focus on the use of arts and creativity in healthcare research and development and will bring this to the discussions rethinking ageing with the title 'The dance of creative partnering in research: being present with the whole person'.



Dr Andrew Kingston, Population Health Sciences Institute. Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne UK.

Andrew is a Senior Lecturer and Chartered Statistician. He holds a PhD in statistical epidemiology and uses complex data to understand how health outcomes unfold over time. Andrew's vision is to understand ways in which age-related functional decline can be compressed to the shortest possible window before death.

His research falls into three themes: mapping health trajectories, health expectancy and microsimulation. He has a broad portfolio of research to bring to the rethinking of ageing including understanding pathways to disability and dependency in older people; understanding how disability is shaped by exposures to risk factors across the life-course and drivers of health inequality.



We seek your contributions to the growing group of researchers practitioners, artists, businesses and educationalists interested in ageing. Get ready to register and submit your abstracts!

Key Dates

10 March: Abstract Submission Open

27 April: Registration Open

26 May: Abstract Submission Deadline

12 June: Review Results Expected

12 July: Early Bird Registration Closes

12 July: Presenter Registration Deadline

Warm wishes,

Organising Committee

Ngairé Kerse MNZM, Joyce Cook Chair in Ageing Well, President NZAG, Co-director Co-created Ageing Research Centre (CCREATE-AGE), University of Auckland.

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