



NZiRA News No.23
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From the Director

Just a short newsletter this month, to accompany the NZiRA 2005 Annual Report. I hope you will agree that we accomplished a wide range of activities in 2005, consistent with NZiRA's objectives, and that we were able to advance the cause of research on ageing in New Zealand. We always welcome comments from network members on our activities, past, present and future.

Before the end of February NZiRA will have moved to its new home in the School of Government, here at Victoria University. Specifically we will be on the fourth floor of Rutherford House, in downtown Wellington, between Parliament and the Railway Station. Our other contact details remain the same.

Very best wishes for 2006 to you all.

Judith Davey

Research News

We are very pleased to have had a positive response to our survey of Home Equity Release Clients— research which we are doing for the Retirement Commission and Office for Senior Citizens. We begin interviewing for this study later this month and during March. More about this in later newsletters.

Graduate level paper on ageing offered on-line via the University of Waikato

HDC0501-06A (NET) Ageing in Society

This paper examines the concept of ageing at an individual and societal level from a variety of social science perspectives. It will consider how ageing is constituted in social-cultural and political discourses, analyses the meanings and images associated with ageing, reflects on the changing research agenda in social gerontology, and considers the way older people experience their everyday life.

The paper is offered in Semester A commencing on Tuesday 28 February and is available to anyone enrolled in a graduate studies programme. However, check with your course advisor to see whether or not you could credit this paper to your qualification. There is no on-campus requirement but the class meet once a week for a 2 – 3 lecture/discussion on-line via the virtual classroom.

For more details contact - Dr Bevan C Grant at bcg@waikato.ac.nz

BRITISH SOCIETY OF GERONTOLOGY

35th Annual Scientific Meeting, 7th-9th September 2006
University of Wales, Bangor

THE AGEING JIGSAW: INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO OLD AGE

The University of Wales, Bangor are delighted to be hosting this years annual British Society of Gerontology three day conference.

CALL FOR PAPERS:

Practitioners, Policy makers and Researchers, who are involved in Gerontology, are invited to submit Abstracts.

The deadline for Abstract submission is 30th April 2006

The conference will cover a range of perspectives on ageing within societies, which although taking a critical social perspective, will also encompass mental health, health and well-being.

For more detailed information about the conference, please look at the website:

<http://www.bangor.ac.uk/csprd/bsg2006.html>