



Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age 2025 Conference

# Journey to the West:

Discourse and discovery in old age psychiatry

12–14 November 2025 · Esplanade Hotel Fremantle/Walyalup

## Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age 2025 Trainee Program

### Wednesday 12 November 2025

11:00-17:00	Registration open
12:00-13:00	Arrival & light lunch
Session Chair: Dr Noel Collins	
13:00-14:00	Working in the acute hospital: Liaison psychiatrists for older adults- necessity or luxury Professor Elizabeth Sampson
14:00-15:00	Memory clinics in old age psychiatry – opportunities and challenges Dr Carolyn Orr, Dr Layale Tayba and Bronwyn Cutler
15:00-15:30	Afternoon tea
Session Chair:	
15:30-16:15	Reversible dementia Dr Carolyn Orr
16:15-17:00	SATPOA Update A/Professor Gary Cheong
17:00-19:00	Welcome reception & Welcome to Country



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## Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age 2025 Conference – Day 1

### Thursday 13 November 2025

08:00-08:30 **Registration & arrival tea and coffee**

08:30-08:45 Conference opening  
**Dr Noel Collins**

#### Session 1 Keynote presentation Session Chair: Dr Noel Collins

08:45 – 09:45 Why delirium matters for old age psychiatrists  
**Professor Elizabeth Sampson**

09:45 – 10:15 **Morning tea**

#### Session 2 Invited presentations Session Chair: Dr Natalie Schulman

10:15 – 11:15 The human rights and global ageing mission: How specialist older persons' mental health clinicians can contribute  
**Professor Carmelle Peisah**

11:15 – 12:15 ADHD, ageing and the brain  
**Professor Mark Bellgrove**

12:15 – 13:15 **Lunch**

#### Session 3 Invited presentations Session Chair:

13:15 – 14:15 The sexuality in dementia (SID) pilot project  
**Bronwyn Cutler**

14:15 – 15:15 AI in clinical health: Opportunities and challenges in practice  
**Alex Jenkins**

15:15 – 15:45 **Afternoon tea**

#### Session 4 Award recipients Session Chair:

15:45 – 16:15 Effects of changing criteria on improving interRAI assessment for elder abuse: analysis of a national dataset from Aotearoa  
**Associate Professor Yoram Barak, 2025 winner of the Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age Prize for Best Mental Health Service Improvement**

16:15 – 16:45 Characterising the risk factors for falls and evaluating the effectiveness of the implementation of a multidisciplinary risk round in reducing falls in an inpatient aged psychiatry unit  
**Dr Claire Wise, 2025 winner of the Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age Psychiatric Trainee Prize for Scholarly Project**

16:45 – 17:20 **Members forum – Dr David Lie, Faculty Chair**

18:15– 20:15 **Conference dinner**



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## Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age 2025 Conference – Day 2

### Friday 14 November 2025

08:15-08:45      **Registration & arrival tea and coffee**

#### Session 5 Invited presentations      Session Chair: Dr Noel Collins

08:45 – 10:15      Diabetes and obesity: impact of new medicines on mood  
**Professor Osvaldo Almeida**

Monoclonal antibodies for dementia – Concerns outweigh hopes  
**Professor Leon Flicker**

10:15 – 10:40      **Morning tea**

#### Session 6 Free papers

Session 6a – Free papers Session chair:		Session 6b – Free papers Session chair:	
10:40 – 11:05	Expanding cognitive stimulation therapy across cultures and platforms in New Zealand <b>Associate Professor Gary Cheung</b>	The development of an autism assessment service for older adults in Melbourne, Australia <b>Dr Jessica Dumble</b>	
11:05 – 11:25	Dementia services development in Aotearoa   New Zealand: state of play and lessons learned <b>Dr Matthew Croucher</b>	Pramipexole augmentation in the older adult population for treatment resistant unipolar and bipolar depression: A retrospective case series <b>Dr Christopher Brand</b>	
11:25 – 11:50	Effectiveness and carers’ perception of the e-DiVA website for family carers of people with dementia <b>Associate Professor Sarah Cullum</b>	Repurposing lithium for the prevention and treatment of Alzheimer's disease <b>Dr Jasdeep Gill</b>	
11:50 – 12:15	Prevalence and risk factors of occupational violence and aggression in older adult mental health: A systematic review <b>Dr Timothy Hender</b>	Advance care planning with older people with mental illness- development of evidence-informed educational resources <b>Associate Professor Anne Wand</b>	

12:15 – 13:10      **Lunch**

#### Session 7 Invited presentations      Session Chair:

13:10 – 13:55      Mental health of the older people in remote Aboriginal communities  
**Dr Stephen Fenner**

13:55 – 14:40      Prolonged grief disorder in later life: Risks, recognition, and recovery  
**Dr Monique O’Connor**

15:15 – 15:45      **Afternoon tea**

**Session 8 Invited presentations**

**Session Chair:** Tracy Ryan

15:30 – 16:15

Air pollution, climate change and the brain  
**Dr Carolyn Orr**

The effect of Pramipexole in treatment resistant depression: Results of the Pax-D study  
**Professor Michael Browning (virtual)**

**Conference closing**

17:15 – 17:30

Closing remarks  
**Dr Noel Collins**