



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

Rottnest/Garden Room, Level 1

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: Dr Noel Collins**

15:30-16:15      Reversible dementia  
**Dr Carolyn Orr**

16:15-17:00      SATPOA Update  
**A/Professor Gary Cheung**

17:00-19:00      **Welcome reception & Welcome to Country for all conference attendees**  
**Resort Pool**



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

### Thursday 13 November 2025

#### Sirius Room

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 Shulman**

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: Dr Lianne Leung**

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: Associate Professor Gary Cheung**

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  
Bathers Beach House, 47 Mews Rd**



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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 Natalie Shulman

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| 08:45 – 10:15 | <p>Diabetes and obesity: impact of new medicines on mood<br/><b>Professor Osvaldo Almeida</b></p> <p>Monoclonal antibodies for dementia – Concerns outweigh hopes<br/><b>Professor Leon Flicker</b></p> |
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10:15 – 10:40      **Morning tea**

#### Session 6 Free papers

| Sirius Room<br>Session 6a – Free papers<br>Session chair: Dr Lawrence Woo |                                                                                                                                                   | Admiralty Gulf/King Sound<br>Session 6b – Free papers<br>Session chair: Dr Angela McAleer                                                                                  |  |
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| 10:40 – 11:05                                                             | Expanding cognitive stimulation therapy across cultures and platforms in New Zealand<br><b>Associate Professor Gary Cheung</b>                    | The development of an autism assessment service for older adults in Melbourne, Australia<br><b>Dr Jessica Dumble</b>                                                       |  |
| 11:05 – 11:30                                                             | Dementia services development in Aotearoa   New Zealand: state of play and lessons learned<br><b>Dr Matthew Croucher</b>                          | Pramipexole augmentation in the older adult population for treatment resistant unipolar and bipolar depression: A retrospective case series<br><b>Dr Christopher Brand</b> |  |
| 11:30 – 11:55                                                             | Effectiveness and carers’ perception of the e-DIVA website for family carers of people with dementia<br><b>Associate Professor Sarah Cullum</b>   | Repurposing lithium for the prevention and treatment of Alzheimer's disease<br><b>Dr Jasdeep Gill</b>                                                                      |  |
| 11:55 – 12:20                                                             | Prevalence and risk factors of occupational violence and aggression in older adult mental health: A systematic review<br><b>Dr Timothy Hender</b> | Advance care planning with older people with mental illness- development of evidence-informed educational resources<br><b>Associate Professor Anne Wand</b>                |  |

12:20 – 13:10      **Lunch**

#### Session 7 Invited presentations      Session Chair: Dr Angela McAleer

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| 13:10 – 13:55 | <p>Mental health of the older people in remote Aboriginal communities<br/><b>Dr Stephen Fenner</b></p>         |
| 13:55 – 14:40 | <p>Prolonged grief disorder in later life: Risks, recognition, and recovery<br/><b>Dr Monique O’Connor</b></p> |

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| 14:40 – 15:05 | Afternoon tea |
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| Session 8 Invited presentations | Session Chair: Dr Tracy Ryan |
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| 15:05 – 16:05 | Air pollution, climate change and the brain<br>Dr Carolyn Orr |
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| 16:05– 17:05 | The effect of Pramipexole in treatment resistant depression: Results of the Pax-D study<br>Professor Michael Browning (virtual) |
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| 17:05 – 17:15 | Closing remarks<br>Dr Noel Collins |
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