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Mental Health, Aged and Dementia Care*

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## PSYCHOGERIATRIC NURSE'S ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA (Inc.)



### Message from the Executive –

**Summary:** What the Executive Committee are planning to work towards over the next 12 months.

- PGNA is now on **LinkedIn**.
- We are completing the PGNA Resource Manual comprising **Roles and Responsibilities of all Exec Positions plus Policy /Procedure Manual**
- **Website improvements**. There will be soon a **Members Only area**. This will separate information for members and non-members. Members can access and enjoy benefits that differ to non-members.
- **Collaboration and ties with FPOA** We have been liaising closely with Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age with joint education, i.e. First Seniors Week Seminar in Feb.
- PGNA are working on Increasing Multidisciplinary ties.
- **Education Sub Committee** is re-established – if anyone would like to suggest Topics, please email any of the Executive Committee
- There is a **link to PGNA** on NSW Health Intranet under “Links” check it out

To contribute to the next Newsletter please forward the information to me ....  
[marianne.cummins1@gmail.com](mailto:marianne.cummins1@gmail.com)

### Look out for Newsletters 2019 in:

- May
- August
- November

### Planned Months for 2019 Education Events:

- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 19:15pm (7:15 pm EST) via Zoom – flyer sent by email. Can register as well from last page of this newsletter.
- July
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September PGNA Conference** — Wollongong (save the date)
- AGM - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September at the Conference

### The 2019 Executive meetings will be held:

- Every second Month the Second Thursday of the month at 6pm

### Dates for 2019!

- May 16<sup>th</sup>
- July 11<sup>th</sup>
- September 12<sup>th</sup>
- November 14<sup>th</sup>
- AGM 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

If you have **any agenda items** you would like discussed or **feedback** you would like to provide, please contact Secretary - Fraser by email:

[Fraser.McLelland@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Fraser.McLelland@health.nsw.gov.au) or mobile - 0476 243 802

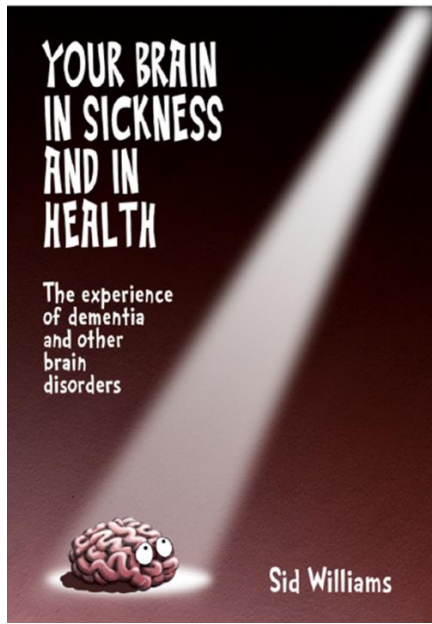








- This book is well worth the small amount of \$ and it comes in the form of: Hardback, Paperback, E-book.



### [Nursing Review \(News\)](#)

#### New gerontology framework to ensure skills for nurses

In the wake of the Royal Commission and a perceived skills shortage in the sector, the University of Wollongong, in partnership with the Illawarra Health and Medical Research Institute, has released the Gerontological Nursing Competencies (GNCs) framework. The framework provides an evidence-based pathway where nurses can develop specialist .....

[Read more.](#)

#### Eye in the sky: SA to run CCTV pilot in aged care

The South Australian government has announced a trial of CCTV installations across at least five aged care facilities in the state over a twelve-month period. The government will invest \$500,000 into the trial. It will be run by UK firm Care Protect, which runs its own facilities as well as provides CCTV monitoring in a number of homes ...

[Read more.](#)

## **PGNA CONFERENCE**

### SAVE THE DATE! PGNA Conference

- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September— Wollongong – Innovation Campus

### 2019 “Health Awareness” days /months

- February 13-24<sup>th</sup> Seniors **Week**
- April 16-22<sup>nd</sup> - National “Advanced Care Planning” **Week**
- May 12<sup>th</sup> – International Nurses **Day**
- May 20-26<sup>th</sup> Dementia Action **Week** previously Dementia Awareness
- June 11-17 Carers **Week**
- June 15<sup>th</sup> World Elder Abuse Awareness **Day**
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> week July! NADOC **Week**
- August 20-26<sup>th</sup> - Be Medicinewise - **Week**
- September Dementia Awareness **Month**
- September 13<sup>th</sup> RU OK **Day**
- September 21<sup>st</sup> World Alzheimer’s **Day**
- October Mental Health **Month**
- October 8-14<sup>th</sup> Mental Health **Week**
- October 10<sup>th</sup> World Mental Health **Day**
- **2020 – Year of the Nurse and Midwife!**

### Job Vacancies

- Has your service any Job Vacancies to be filled – Maybe if the time frame fits it can be advertised in PGNA Newsletter!

### **A reminder to have your say about the draft Aged Care Homelessness Action Plans**

**If you haven’t already done so, this is a gentle reminder to provide your feedback on the three draft Aged Care Homelessness Action Plans by 22 May 2019:**

- [Provide feedback via survey for draft Consumer Homelessness Action Plan](#)
- [Provide feedback on the draft Action Plan for the Australian Government proposed by those consulted](#)
- [Provide feedback on the draft Provider Homelessness Action Plan](#)

PDFs of the three draft Homelessness Action Plans are available [here](#) so that you can consider your response before opening the surveys. You are able to edit your survey responses from the same computer until you submit. **The surveys will close on 22 May 2019.**



One of the aims of PGNA is to promote and facilitate funding/resources for Rural and Remote education. If you fit this and you are thinking of going to a Conference, or maybe doing some research or training.....

Did you know PGNA has scholarships available, **in fact the value of a Scholarship has increased to up to \$800.**

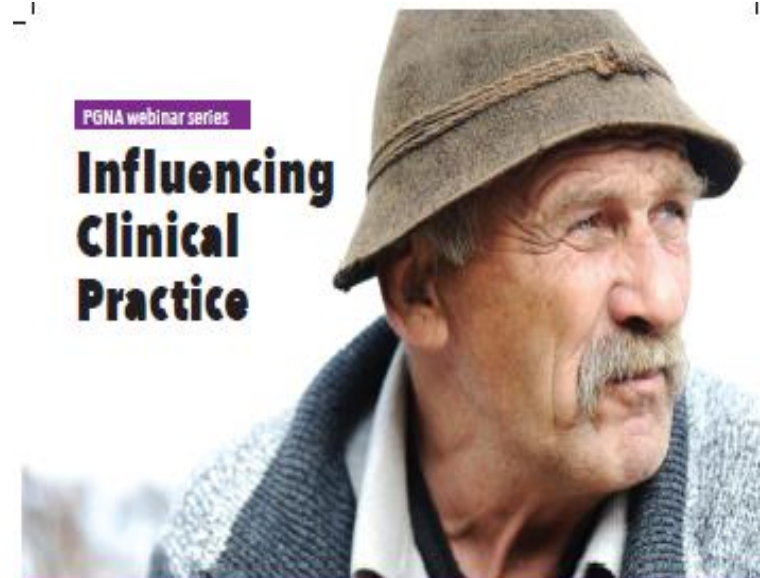
This is to enable members (over 12 month membership, see website for criteria) to attend conferences, seminars, education courses and scholarships are available throughout the year on application.

*If you are interested in applying for a scholarship please [check out the website for details.](#)*

WEBINAR HOSTED BY PGNA  
**THURSDAY 23 MAY 2019**  
 at 7.15pm

Influencing Clinical Practice  
**MODELS OF AGEING**

Presenter: Dr Neil Jeyasingam



PGNA webinar series

**Influencing Clinical Practice**

**MODELS OF AGEING**

Understand how this knowledge can influence (or relate to) clinical practice in the care of older people with mental health difficulties!

This presentation will discuss different models of ageing from a social, psychological and medical basis, as well as look at how personality is expected to change with age, and the development of wisdom.

The presenter of this webinar is  
**DR. NEIL JEYASINGAM**

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Webinar Details  
**THURSDAY 23 MAY**

Time: 7.15pm  
 6.45pm (SA, NT)  
 5.15pm (WA)

Duration: 60 minutes

Fees: Free  
 PGNA members  
 \$10.00  
 Non PGNA members

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