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“Welcome to our June newsletter! Since our last edition, I am excited to share that Psychiatry’s 60th year celebration has been scheduled on Wednesday 23rd November, as a special Academic Forum edition. We are still preparing the program, but an official invitation will be sent out soon. I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and please do not hesitate to reach out to share your own accomplishments so we can include them in the next one.”

Kimberlie Dean
Head of Discipline

News and Research



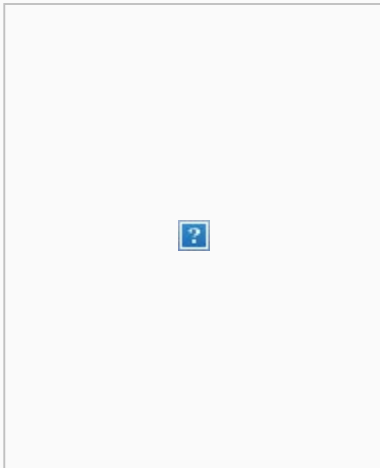
\$3.3 million to understand generational health challenges and dementia

CHeBA Co-Director Professor Henry Brodaty has won an NHMRC grant to understand how generational health challenges influence the prevalence of dementia. The highly competitive National Health & Medical Research Council (NHMRC) grant will allow his expert team of researchers to ascertain what changes have occurred in Sydney’s next generation of 70 to 90-year-olds in terms of physical, psychological, social and brain health. Read more [here](#).



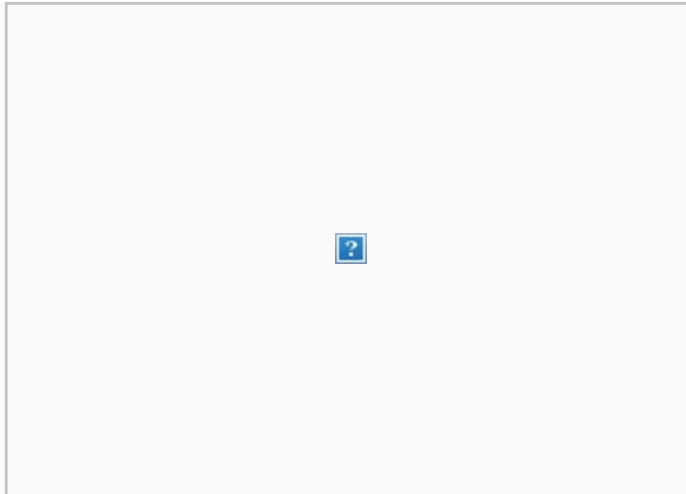
Program enhancing mental healthcare for Aboriginal prisoners receives \$1.18m grant

Professor Kimberlie Dean and her team have received a \$1.18 million grant to improve mental healthcare in prison and support the prison-to-community transition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women. The project is one of 14 successful projects funded with grants totalling \$32 million through the federal government's Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF). The Australian government is investing \$6.8 billion in medical research over the next four years, including \$2.6 billion in the MRFF. Read more [here](#).



\$1.964 million for early identification of child developmental needs

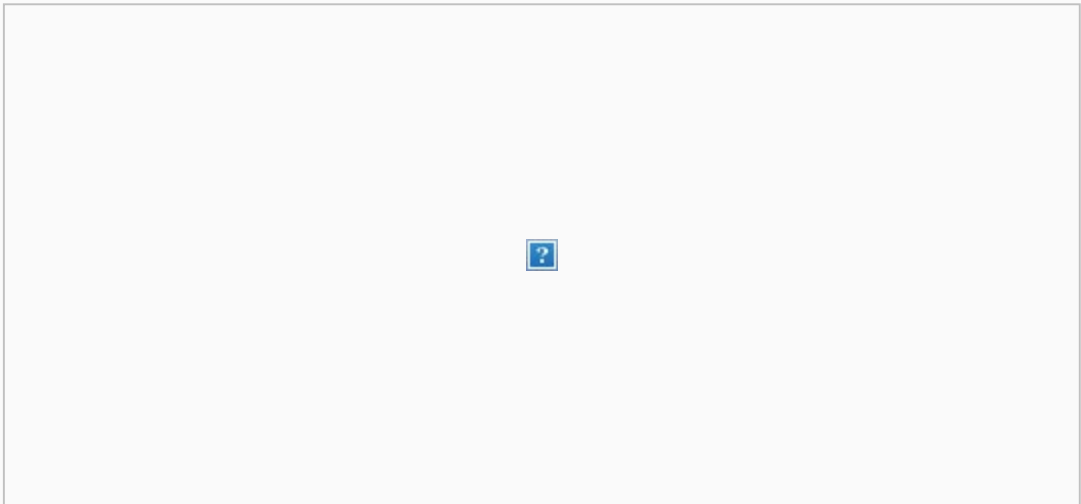
Professor Valsamma Eapen's application for 2021 MRFF Chronic Neurological Conditions, commencing in 2022 has been approved. The funding of \$1.9 million will help create a responsive, equitable, and sustainable health pathway (CRESH-P) for children with developmental needs and their families through technologically innovative tools. This program is also the first ever program in the world to achieve a blended (digital/in-person) strengths-based integrated health and social care service system in the context of the current pandemic. This will address the goal of reducing inequities and improving developmental outcomes; a MRFF priority area, 'healthy start to life'. Read more [here](#).



Property Industry and Mark Occhilupo Make a Splash for Dementia Research

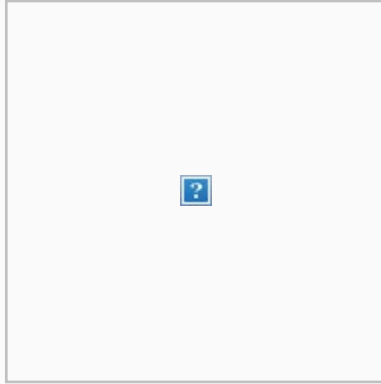
Wipeout Dementia hits \$2 million raised on the back of the property industry's 25 March Bondi Beach event, with 64 heavy hitters raising nearly \$350,000 to support critical research into Alzheimer's disease and other dementias led by the Centre for Healthy Brain Ageing (CHeBA), UNSW Sydney. Read more [here](#).

Awards and Publications



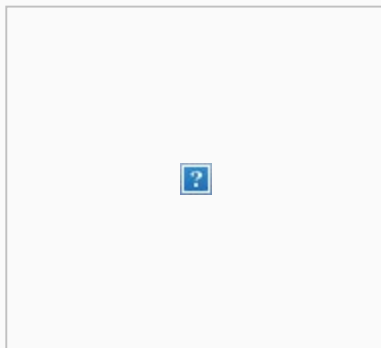
Watch Me Grow is featured in the AHRA' Impact report

The Australian Health Research Alliance's (AHRA) first Impact Report has been released. The report showcases 10 inspiring examples of successfully implemented research which has proven patient and public benefits. Watch Me Grow, an app developed to help change the narrative for children who start primary school with developmental vulnerabilities without any intervention, is featured in this report. Picking up developmental delays early is Professor Valsamma Eapen's key focus for the Watch Me Grow study. Prof Eapen, who leads the academic unit of child psychiatry based at Liverpool Hospital, said the study aimed to engage parents to monitor and promote child development through exploring motor, emotional, social, language and other milestones. Click [here](#) to read the full report.



Hospitals only note a person's intellectual disability 20% of the time – so they don't adjust their care

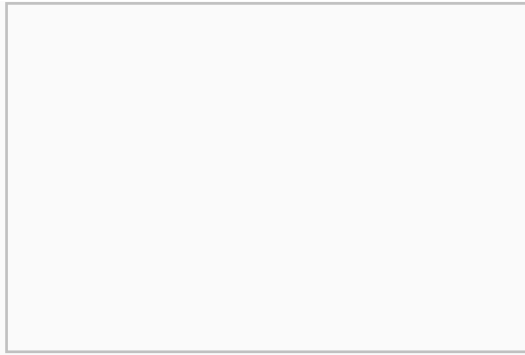
People with intellectual disability only have their disability noted by hospital staff in one in every five hospital admissions, a new study by Professor Julian Trollor and his team in 3DN shows. Recognising when someone has a disability is critical to their care. This finding helps explain why many people with intellectual disability do not get hospital care that best meets their needs. Urgent action is needed to make our hospital system safe, effective and tailored to the needs of around 450,000 Australians living with intellectual disability. Read more [here](#).



Professor Sachdev recognised as Leading Researcher

Congratulations to CHeBA Co-Director Professor Perminder Sachdev, who has placed 5th in Australia and 242nd worldwide, in the Guide2Research ranking of neuroscientists. Check out the list [here](#).

Students



New HDR student seminar series kicking off with a virtual meet and greet in June!

We are kicking off a brand-new initiative for HDR students with the aim to better connect students across the School of Clinical Medicine. In interactive online and face-to-face monthly seminars, you will get the chance to meet one another, meet the Faculty and Centres that comprise Psychiatry and Mental Health, and learn new skills like how to create an impactful presentation, scientific writing, systematic reviews, statistics, just to name a few. Stay tuned for [more info](#).

Congratulations to **Dr Alice Powell**, a PhD candidate supervised by Prof Henry Brodaty, Prof Perminder Sachdev and Prof Jacquie Close, for winning the Jim Lance Young Investigator Award at ANZAN in the poster category for the poster "The Super-ageing Systematic Review".

and

Congratulations to **Andrew Thomas Robinson**, the winner of David Greenberg Award for the Forensic Mental Health Program!

PhD Scholarships: Expressions of Interest - Apply now!

We are inviting expressions of interest towards this fantastic opportunity to work in areas aligned with 3DN's research programs. Click [here](#) for more info.

Conjoints

Congratulations to **Professor Jackie Curtis** for her progression to Conjoint Professor! We would also like to congratulate other conjoint colleagues who have recently been successful in their progression applications to Conjoint Professor in the School of Clinical Medicine. See the full list [here](#).

Conjoint Senior Lecturer: New round opening

Applications for progression to Conjoint Senior Lecturer are now open and will close 11.55pm Monday 13 June 2022. The link to the online application form is available [here](#).

Events



CONTRIBUTION: A Photovoice Gallery Event

Join us on 16th June at the gallery launch of the Photovoice Contribution, a project where people with intellectual disability used photovoice methodology to develop visual “contribution stories.” Register [here](#).



City to Surf | Run for CHeBA

What better way to celebrate the return of The Sun-Herald City2Surf, than to fundraise for CHeBA and help change the future of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias? [Register now](#).



Academic Forum

Click [here](#) to view past Academic Forum presentations and to register for upcoming talks.

CHeBA Visiting Lecture Series

Click [here](#) to register for upcoming presentations.

New Appointments

A warm welcome to **Dr Michelle Smith**, our new Senior Lecturer who is appointed at St John of God Burwood.

Survey

Survey: Views on Digital Tech for Physical Health in Mental Illness

Keeping the Body In Mind(gardens) are conducting a survey to determine healthcare professionals' perspectives on the potential uses of digital technology (and particularly mHealth) to support the physical health management of young adults being treated for mental illness.

We are looking for staff who work with young adults with mental illness (e.g. aged 16 – 30) as part of their job. Participants will be asked to complete a 10-15 minute survey, sharing their opinions and ideas around potential uses of digital technology for health promotion for young adults with mental illness. All those completing the survey will also be invited to take part in a prize draw to win 1 of 5 \$100 shopping vouchers.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact study coordinator [Rachel Morell](#). To participate in the survey (and for more information about the study), please follow this [link](#).

UNSW Security News

UNSW is implementing Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for all staff including Conjoints and Adjunct Titleholders in our Faculty from 31 May to 16 June.

MFA provides an additional layer of security to help protect the University and your zID account from unauthorised access. You have the option to [register](#) and attend a virtual staff briefing session and do the set up with the project team's guidance. Find out more [here](#).