

The Intergenerational Care Project



**WHAT'S INSIDE
IN THIS ISSUE**

WELCOME

Find out what's been happening in this latest edition

RECENT Q&A OPEN FORUM

We are delighted to inform the recent Q&A Open Forum was a resounding success.

LAUNCH OF NEW WEBSITE

We are also very excited to launch version 2 of our website which has the latest information on our project



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OVERVIEW

Welcome to the fifth issue of the Intergenerational Care Project's Newsletter. This would be our final issue for the year, and we have lots of exciting updates for you.

- Our recent Q&A Open Forum was a resounding success with interstate guests joining us to give their support.
- After months of hard work and dedication, we are thrilled to announce the launch of our new website.
- The conclusion of the Intergenerational Care Project

All these and more are covered in this issue.

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LATEST BUZZ

Q&A Public Forum

We recently held our Q&A Public forum at Griffith University's Southbank Campus. The forum was a resounding success with interstate guests joining us to give their support.

Key findings and lessons from the project were shared by our lead researchers. More specifically, the presentations were focused around participant, educational, workforce and economic outcomes of the study. We were also delighted to have guest speakers from the media and industry join us.

Teri Calder, Impact Producer for ABC Sydney shared the trailer for ABC's new TV series 'Old People's Home for 4 Year Olds'. Penny Allen (Program Manager) and Maree Stanley (Research and Evaluation Officer) from Playgroup Queensland gave a short introduction to their new Ageless Play campaign where parents, older people and children under five will be coming together in aged care, retirement living and early learning centres to meet and play.

For more information on the new ABC TV series and Ageless Play, you can visit their respective websites:

ABC Old People's Home for 4 Year Olds:

<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/old-people-s-home-for-4-year-olds>

Ageless Play:

<https://www.agelessplay.com.au/>

Recording of the forum

<https://www.ustream.tv/channel/REpWejMf55B?fbclid=IwAR208JVFw992BhyIzPcK4bzzXnLpUfARC4cCiHy-pIPAmu2OBlOnLs4QXY0>





New Website Launch

After months of hard work and dedication, we are thrilled to announce the launch of our new website www.intergenerationalcare.org.

Our main goal for the new website is to provide a platform to share resources and news on intergenerational care. It is more interactive and gives better access to information. Amongst the many new features on our new website, we have integrated social media buttons to foster improved communication with all our stakeholders. We will be uploading our operational guidelines and toolkit on our new website in the coming weeks so do keep watching the space.



IGC team in Canberra

Our team was invited to attend the ministerial screening of 'Old People's Home for 4 year olds' last week in Canberra.

We were honoured to receive the invitation.

Conclusion of the Intergenerational Care Project

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude and thanks to each one of you for your endless support in helping us achieve our goal of bringing to light the positives of intergenerational care programs.

Through this project, we have fostered good relationships with industry stakeholders, academic practitioners as well as members from the general community both locally and overseas.

The outcomes from our study strongly indicate intergenerational care programs having the capacity to offer an alternative model of care in Australia. The roll out of these programs certainly has the potential to provide families with access to more, higher quality childcare, and help older people including those with cognitive impairments feel more valued in the society. We look forward to expanding on this project and make it sustainable in the long run.



INTRODUCING CASS CARE



CASS Care was one of the participating organisations for our project. They provide a wide range of community services and activities for people residing in Metropolitan Sydney and Wollongong.

Theirs is a shared campus model where aged care and childcare are situated on the same premises. Their clients come from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, particularly from East Asian countries such as China, Korea, Indonesia and Vietnam.

The sessions held at CASS Care during the intergenerational learning program were very interactive. It was interesting to watch the children and older people engage with one another using non-verbal language and still be able to bond strongly.

IN THE MEDIA

Channel 10

Social Research Links Retirees with Kids

Our research project was featured on Channel 10 news. Dr Xanthe Golenko, our Project Manager spoke on behalf of the team. She shared about the benefits of intergenerational care programs especially for children and the long term goal of nationalising intergenerational care programs as alternative model of care in Australia.

The TV news can be accessed here:

[https://www.facebook.com/10NewsFirst/videos/356022111920893/UzpfSTMzMjEyMTgzMzkzNDY0MT02MDAyNzI5NzA0NTI4NTg/?__xts__\[0\]=33.%7B%22logging_data%22%3A%7B%22page_id%22%3A332121833934641%2C%22event_type%22%3A%22clicked_all_page_posts%22%2C%22impression_info%22%3A%22eyJmIjp7InBhZ2VfaWQiOiIzMzIxMjE4MzQ2NDY0MT02MDAyNzI5NzA0NTI4NTg%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22www_pages_home%22%2C%22interacted_story_type%22%3A%22565413710334575%22%2C%22session_id%22%3A%22fddcb4d25e66832f17667249c8c2eae5%22%7D%7D](https://www.facebook.com/10NewsFirst/videos/356022111920893/UzpfSTMzMjEyMTgzMzkzNDY0MT02MDAyNzI5NzA0NTI4NTg/?__xts__[0]=33.%7B%22logging_data%22%3A%7B%22page_id%22%3A332121833934641%2C%22event_type%22%3A%22clicked_all_page_posts%22%2C%22impression_info%22%3A%22eyJmIjp7InBhZ2VfaWQiOiIzMzIxMjE4MzQ2NDY0MT02MDAyNzI5NzA0NTI4NTg%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22www_pages_home%22%2C%22interacted_story_type%22%3A%22565413710334575%22%2C%22session_id%22%3A%22fddcb4d25e66832f17667249c8c2eae5%22%7D%7D)

ABC Perth

The institutions bringing aged care residents together with toddlers in early learning centres

Dr Xanthe Golenko, our Project Manager shared briefly about the purpose and the different components of our research during an interview for ABC News Perth.

The online news story can be accessed here:

https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-03-31/aged-care-residents-brought-together-with-toddlers/10951100?fbclid=IwAR0oif2ftqdTPuExqXEi6tiIfDZfsq6awWXR1dn0gf3zP9v_4_pLniHvtfw

The TV news story can be accessed here:

<https://www.facebook.com/abcperth/videos/2321471221415571/?v=2321471221415571>

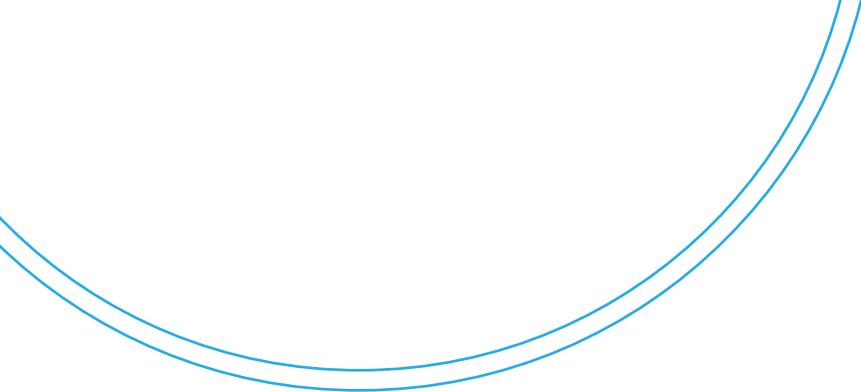
Australian Ageing Agenda

Residents Happier with Kids Around, Study Finds

Our first media release post our Q&A Open forum. This online media article summarises the key findings shared during the forum by the lead research team.

The online media article can be accessed here:

<https://www.australianageingagenda.com.au/2019/08/23/residents-happier-with-kids-around-study-finds/>



ABC News VIC

Interview on Intergenerational Learning Programs in Australia

Our Project Manager, Dr Xanthe Golenko gave a pre-launch interview for ABC's new TV series Old People's Home for 4 Year Olds. During the interview, she shared in general about intergenerational learning programs and how they help foster social connections between the young and the old. She discussed some of the benefits of these programs for the two generations and how our project's overarching goal is to make these programs sustainable and normalised in the society.

The TV news story can be accessed here:
<https://youtu.be/HE7nF04AMsU>



CONFERENCES



AAG Student and Early Career Researcher Webinar

Online – May 2019

Goleko, X., Kirsnan, L., Kosiol, J., Fitzgerald, A., Cartmel, J., & Radford, K. (2019, May). Reducing social isolation by developing high quality connections through an intergenerational learning program. Paper presented at the Australian Association of Gerontology Conference (Student Webinar), Online, Australia.

[PPT](#) View Oral Presentation Slides



Global Intergenerational Conference

Portland, Oregon, USA – June 2019

Fitzgerald, J.A., Radford, K., Vecchio, N., Cartmel, J., Harris, N., & Golenko, X. (2019, June). Intergenerational Care: Unpacking the business case for success. Paper presented at the Generations United Global Intergenerational Conference, Portland, Oregon, USA.

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Ageing and Social Change Conference

Vienna, Austria – September 2019

Fitzgerald, J.A., Golenko, X., Radford, K., Cartmel, J., Vecchio, N., & Harris, N. (2019, September). Developing intergenerational learning programs in Australia: a report on an active aging program bringing together the young and old. Paper presented at the Ageing and Social Change Conference, Vienna, Austria.

[PPT](#) View Oral Presentation Slides



Australian Health Economics Society (AHES)

Melbourne, Australia – September 2019

Moretto, N., Comans, T., Harris, P., Wu., & Vecchio, N. (2019, September). A cost analysis of an intergenerational care program. Paper presented at the Australian Health Economic Society, Melbourne, Australia.

[PDF](#) View Abstract of Oral Presentation

GET TO KNOW OUR RESEARCH TEAM



Dr Nerina Vecchio

Dr Vecchio is interested in how public and private organisations can better serve the needs of frail and disabled individuals residing in the community and their carers.

The purpose of her research is to enhance the possibility of individuals living in their home with dignity and support and delay entering residential care. In her role as the Economic Evaluation Lead for the Intergenerational Care Project, she provided leadership in health economics and social economic indicators.

She was also responsible for compiling the necessary tools for program evaluation.

<https://experts.griffith.edu.au/academic/n.vecchio>



Dr Xanthe Golenko

Dr Golenko's research interests are in health service management and health policy.

She has worked in several roles across multiple areas of health research including primary health care, research capacity building in allied health, and health economics/health technology assessment.

She has skills and expertise in project management, mixed methods research, and organisational behaviour. In her role as the Project Manager, Dr Golenko was involved in planning and overseeing the intergenerational care project from ideation through to completion.

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