

**National Forum on
Social Work in Age Care Settings
Tuesday 20th November 2018
9.00am-4:30pm
RMIT Megaflex 64, Building 10, Level 6, Room 64**

RMIT University Social Work together with the Swinburne University Wellbeing Clinic for Older Adults and Social Work are proud to announce a special one-day forum on Social Work in Age Care Settings. The forum aims to bring together some of the key social workers discussing their work and highlighting some of the exciting and innovative work being done around Australia by social workers in age care settings. This forum is aimed at social workers currently working in the field, to share their knowledge and experience; and those in universities involved in social work education; social workers and students from across other fields, wanting to gain and contribute their understanding of the area.

About the Forum:

There is little social work presence in age care, especially in residential settings. The main areas of employment of social workers have been in hospitals, mental health, community health in allied health teams, community care settings such as case management and in private practice. Why is this so and can it be changed? ...and if so, what has social work to offer; what roles should they take on?

In the current climate of individual funding and consumer directed care both within NDIS & in Age Care (both in community & residential settings) how can social work be significantly involved? How can the AASW support a presence and how can universities foster the development of knowledge and skills in this area and prepare the students for such a new and changing environment? These are some of the questions we hope to explore.

In the morning we will hear from a number of speakers sharing their experiences and raising important issues to be workshopped in the afternoon.

After lunch there will be the opportunity to discuss the important issues raised, culminating in a panel focusing on ideas for furthering social work in aged care into the future.

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Time: 9.00am-4:30pm Registrations at 8.30am

Venue: RMIT 124 La Trobe St, Melbourne VIC
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Guest Speakers:

- **Merle Mitchell:** Chair of the Ministerial Advisory Committee of Senior Citizens. She is a well-known advocate and community worker who was the inaugural and long-term Director of the Springvale Community Aid and Advice Bureau and former head of ACOSS & VCOSS
- **Felicity Chapman:** Social Worker in private practice in Adelaide, mental health clinician for the Adelaide Primary Health Network, sessional lecturer and author of *Counselling and Psychotherapy with Older People in Care: A Support Guide*
- **Dafna Stern & Sue Mulhearn:** Social Workers at Montefiore Homes in Sydney. A respected and well established social work service in residential care in the Jewish Community
- **Shelley Katz:** Social Worker at Emmy Monash Homes Melbourne. She is well recognized for her supportive work with residents and families in the Jewish Community residential facility over many years.
- **Jenny Linossier:** Social Worker in Melbourne now in Private Practice. She has been one of the inaugural social workers in residential care with the Uniting Church and has been working for many years in community carer programs.
- **Mark Silver:** Coordinator of Swinburne University Wellbeing Clinic for Older Adults and Social Worker with Cabrini Community Cognition & Dementia Service.
- **SW students from RMIT** on placement at Swinburne University Wellbeing Clinic for Older Adults

Ticket cost includes catering for morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea.

Registrations: Please register by return email to: mareksilver@gmail.com

This forum has been endorsed for CPD points by the AASW

Fees: (to be paid on day)

\$30 full

\$25 AASW

\$10 students

Name:

Organization

Student **AASW Member** **Full Payment**

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