



# Australian Government

## NHMRC National Institute for Dementia Research

NNIDR Expert Advisory Panel Meeting – 12 November 2018

### COMMUNIQUE

**The Expert Advisory Panel met via videoconference on 12 November 2018. This Communique updates stakeholders on meeting deliberations across key strategic areas.**

#### **Boosting Dementia Research Initiative (BDRI) – Current Status and future priorities**

The Expert Advisory Panel (EAP) welcomed the opening of two BDRI rounds:

- Priority Round 5: Implementing Dementia Risk Reduction and Prevention (up to \$15 million), and
- Priority Round 6: Improving Dementia Data and Methods in Australia (up to \$3 million).

The opening of both rounds was announced by the Minister for Aged Care and Minister for Indigenous Health, the Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP, on Friday 26 October 2018 at the South Australian Health & Medical Research Institute. Grant applications closed on 19 December.

#### **Strategic Roadmap Review**

Since the review of the Strategic Roadmap for Dementia Research and Translation in June 2018, EAP members have individually provided input and advice to the development of a revised Strategic Roadmap.

The EAP meeting provided members with an opportunity to collectively consider the draft revised Roadmap.

When finalised, NNIDR will communicate the Roadmap to all NNIDR members and Strategic Roadmap Review contributors.

#### **NNIDR Membership**

The EAP noted that NNIDR's recently appointed Events and Membership Officer is streamlining processes to on-board new members, and developing an engagement strategy to promote and optimise membership offerings, support and opportunities.

#### **Collaboration and Development Activities**

The EAP discussed and advised on a range of NNIDR collaboration and development activities that are addressing gaps in the reach of dementia research, building research capacity, and progressing the translation of research into practice. These include:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Roadmap for Dementia Research and Translation (the EAP and representatives of the Roadmap Working Group are aiming to meet in early 2019 to discuss the Roadmap and linkages with the broader dementia research community)
- Development of a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Dementia Research Action Plan in partnership with the National Ageing Research Institute and key stakeholders
- Advancing knowledge translation (KT) and development of KT tools for dementia research

- NNIDR's Consumer Involvement Program (supporting involvement of people with dementia and informal carers in dementia research).

### **Cognitive Decline Partnership Centre (CDPC)**

The CDPC was established in 2012 to “develop and communicate research to improve the care of people living with dementia” working with consumers, industry providers, academics and policy makers throughout the research process.

Professor Sue Kurrle, EAP member and Director of CDPC, reported that as the Centre moves into its final year of NHMRC Partnership Centre funding, the priority for the CDPC is the dissemination and translation of CDPC projects, maximising the impact of its projects.

The EAP discussed how the NNIDR and the broader dementia research sector can help build on and carry forward the work of the CDPC to maximise the impact of the CDPC's projects for people living with dementia.

### **Australian Dementia Forum 2019**

EAP Members noted that the Call for Abstracts for the Australian Dementia Forum 2019 (ADF19), *Shining a light on the impact of dementia research* (Hobart, 13-14 June 2019) will open on 19 November, and close on 1 March.

The EAP will next meet on 27 February 2019 at a face-to-face meeting in Canberra.

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