

## **The Research Centre for Gender, Health and Ageing**



**Professor Julie Byles**

The Research Centre for Gender, Health and Ageing (RCGHA) emphasises healthy ageing, the impact of chronic conditions, and the use and effectiveness of health services as people age.

The Centre will focus on the individual, health, and societal factors that affect men and women's health and wellbeing as they age, and the ways in which communities and organisations respond to an ageing population.

The Centre's activities are built around the Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health - the largest of its kind ever conducted in Australia - surveying over 40,000 women in three age groups over a 10 year period. The study is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing and is based at the University of Newcastle (in RCGHA) and at the University of Queensland.

The Centre has 40 academics with expertise in health and clinical sciences, psychology, sociology, health economics, epidemiology, statistics and architecture which all apply to understanding biological, social and environmental factors that affect the health of men and women as they age.

### **Key achievements of researchers in the Research Centre for Gender, Health and Ageing:**

- **Ongoing, major contributions to national health policy through the Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health.**
- **Changes to GP's detection and management of dementia.**

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