



Professor Hal Kendig Healthy Ageing Policy and Practice

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Professor Kendig is Research Professor of Ageing and Health in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Sydney. He leads the Faculty's Ageing, Health, and Services research team and he served as Dean from 1998 to 2005. Since 2005 Professor Kendig has served as National Convenor of the Australian Research Council (ARC/NHMRC) Research Network in Ageing Well. He has directed the Australian Research Council (ARC) Key Centre in Gerontology and he held a Personal Chair in Public Health at La Trobe University. Professor Kendig is a gerontologist and sociologist who has strong interests in longitudinal research on ageing, health behaviours and the life course, and cross national research on ageing.

Professor Kendig serves as co-director of the ongoing Melbourne Longitudinal Surveys of Healthy Ageing (MELSHA). He has recently completed the VicHealth-funded Healthy Retirement Project (with La Trobe colleagues) and the Intergenerational Sustainability of the Australian Housing system project (with colleagues at the Universities of Sydney and Canberra). His current research includes an ARC Discovery grant on spatial opportunity and disadvantage led by National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling (NATSEM) at the University of Canberra. Professor Kendig leads the ARC-funded Ageing Baby Boomers in Australia research project being conducted in collaboration with National Seniors Association, the American Association of Retired Persons (US AARP), and La Trobe and Melbourne Universities.

Professor Kendig is recognised internationally for more than 170 publications on health, social, and policy aspects of ageing. His *Who Should Care for the Elderly?* (Singapore University Press, 2000), edited with William Liu, was awarded the Outstanding Book Award by the *Australasian Journal on Ageing*. With Stephen Duckett he wrote *Australian Directions in Aged Care* (Australian Health Policy Institute, 2001). In 2001 he co-authored *A Review of Healthy Ageing Research* commissioned by the Australian Community Services Ministers Advisory Council.

He is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences of Australia and Honorary Life Fellow of the Australian Council on the Ageing and National Seniors Association. He is a Foundation Fellow of the Australian Epidemiology Association and a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America. He served on the Prime Minister's Committee on Healthy Ageing (2003) and other government and international committees concerning research development, healthy ageing, and aged care. He served on the United Nations Research Agenda on Ageing Project. He serves on the International Advisory Board of *Ageing and Society* and the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Population Ageing*. He serves on NSW Health's Chronic, Aged, and Community Health Task Force. In 2003 he was awarded the Centenary Medal for 'outstanding service to aged care and healthy ageing research through social science.' He is participating in the 'Long-term National Health Strategy' stream at the Australia 2020 Summit.