

Queensland Centre for Public Health



Addressing the dementia epidemic

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Date: Thursday 13 September

Time: 12.30pm – 2.00pm **Light lunch provided 12.30-12.45pm**

The dementia epidemic has arrived. In 2006 the Federal Government provided \$320 million for the *Helping Australians with dementia and their carers – making dementia a National Health Priority* initiative to support further dementia research and service development in order to;

- raise dementia awareness;
- improve treatment and care;
- provide opportunities for early intervention;
- support health care professionals and aged care workers.

Part of this initiative was the formation of 3 National Research Centres and 5 National Training Centres.

QUT was successful in tendering for one of the National Research Centres and is also the Queensland arm of one of the 5 training centres. This paper will outline the work of the National Centres and then particularly the work being undertaken at QUT, with an emphasis on the opportunities for collaboration they provide.

Professor Jenny Abbey is the Director of the Dementia Collaborative Research Centre for Consumers, Carers and Social Research (DCRC) established at QUT. Professor Abbey was Queensland's first Professor of Nursing (Aged Care). The needs of people with dementia have been an interest of hers for at least two decades.

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