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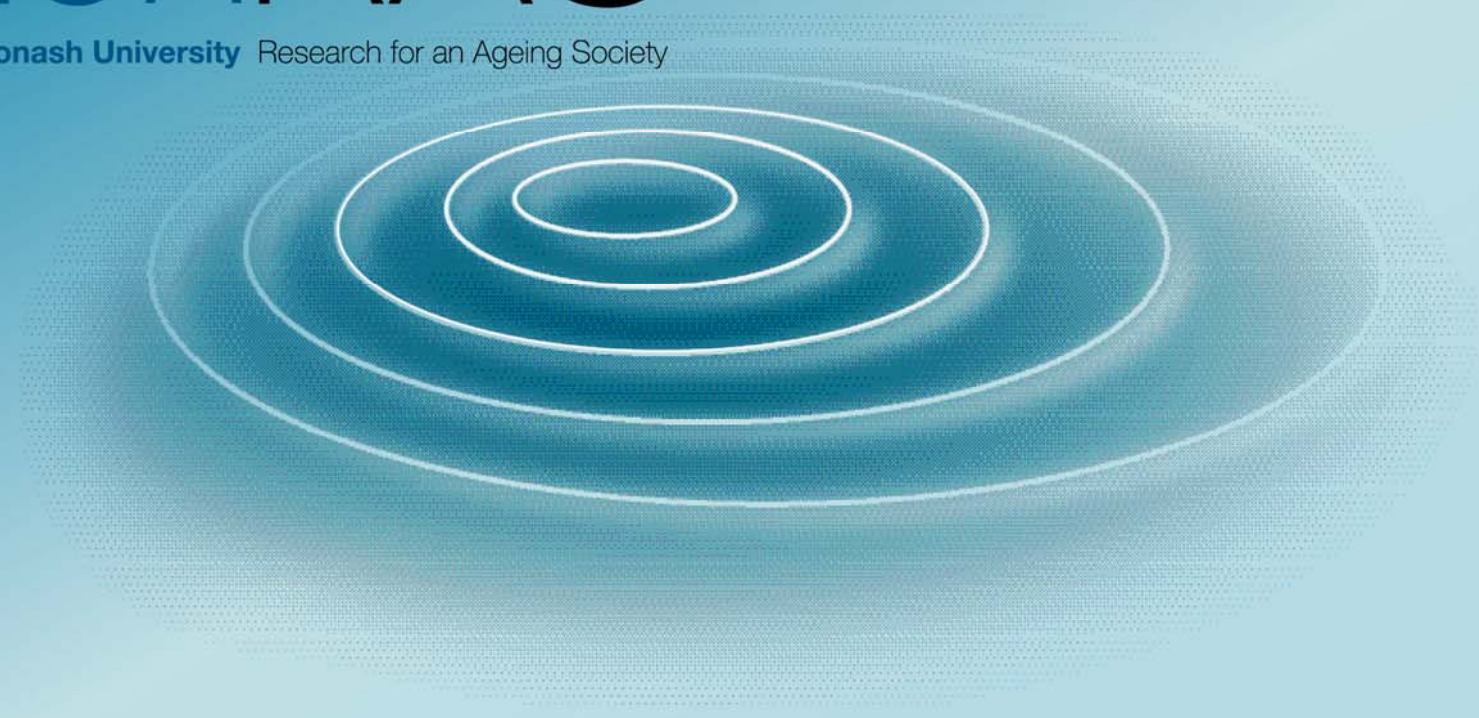


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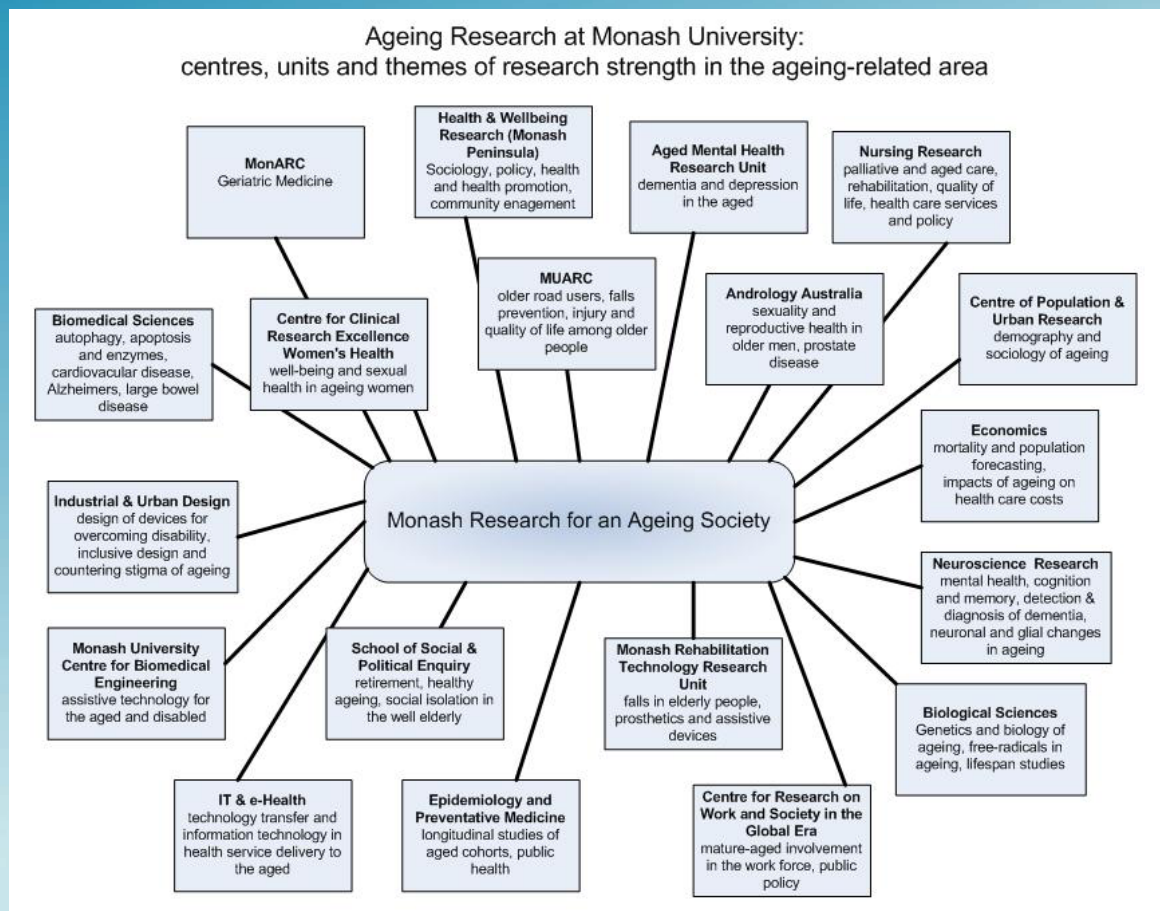


The development of an Ageing Research initiative at Monash University

- proposed as a research theme at MNHS research retreat (May 2004)
- workshopped as a potential university-wide initiative (Dec 2004)
- RPDU project officer assigned (Jan 2005)
- advisory committee formed (Apr 2005)
- financial buy-in from 5 faculties and MUARC (Aug 2005)
- project proposal and 'business case' developed (Sep 2005)
- central university funding (Nov 2005)
- interim director appointed (Feb 2006)

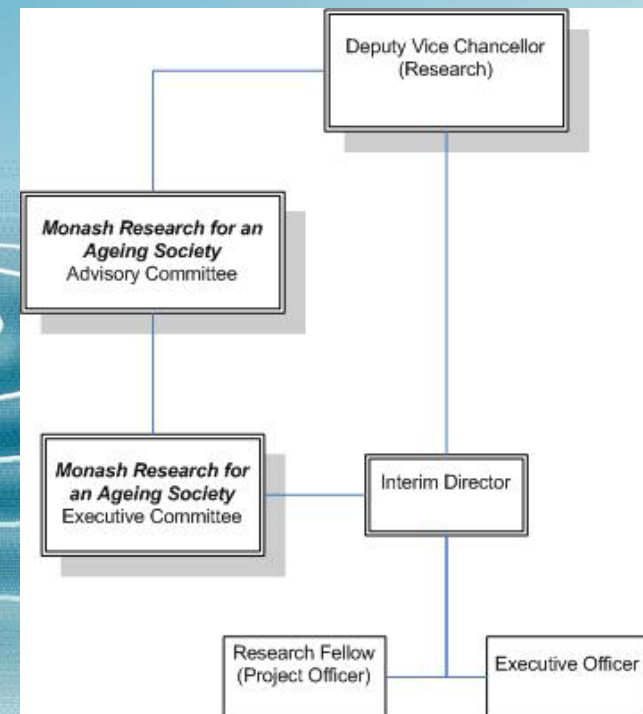
What is Monash Research for an Ageing Society

- a network of (more than 250) participants from all faculties of the university



Monash Research for an Ageing Society – operational characteristics

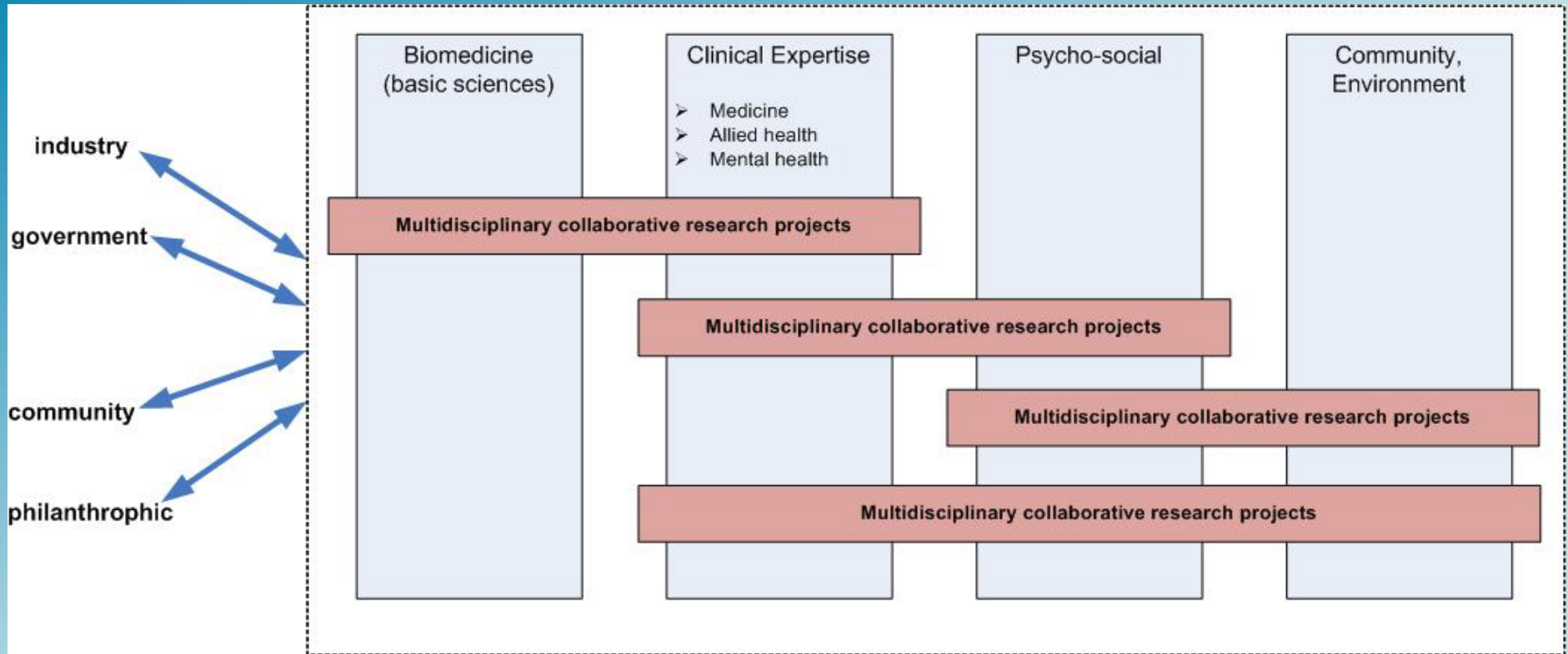
- lead by an interim director, who is supported by a small secretariat (research fellow and executive officer) to form the MonRAS project team
- the Advisory committee, with representatives from all faculties and MUARC, and most campuses (including Peninsula), oversees the initiative
- an Executive sub-committee provides operational direction



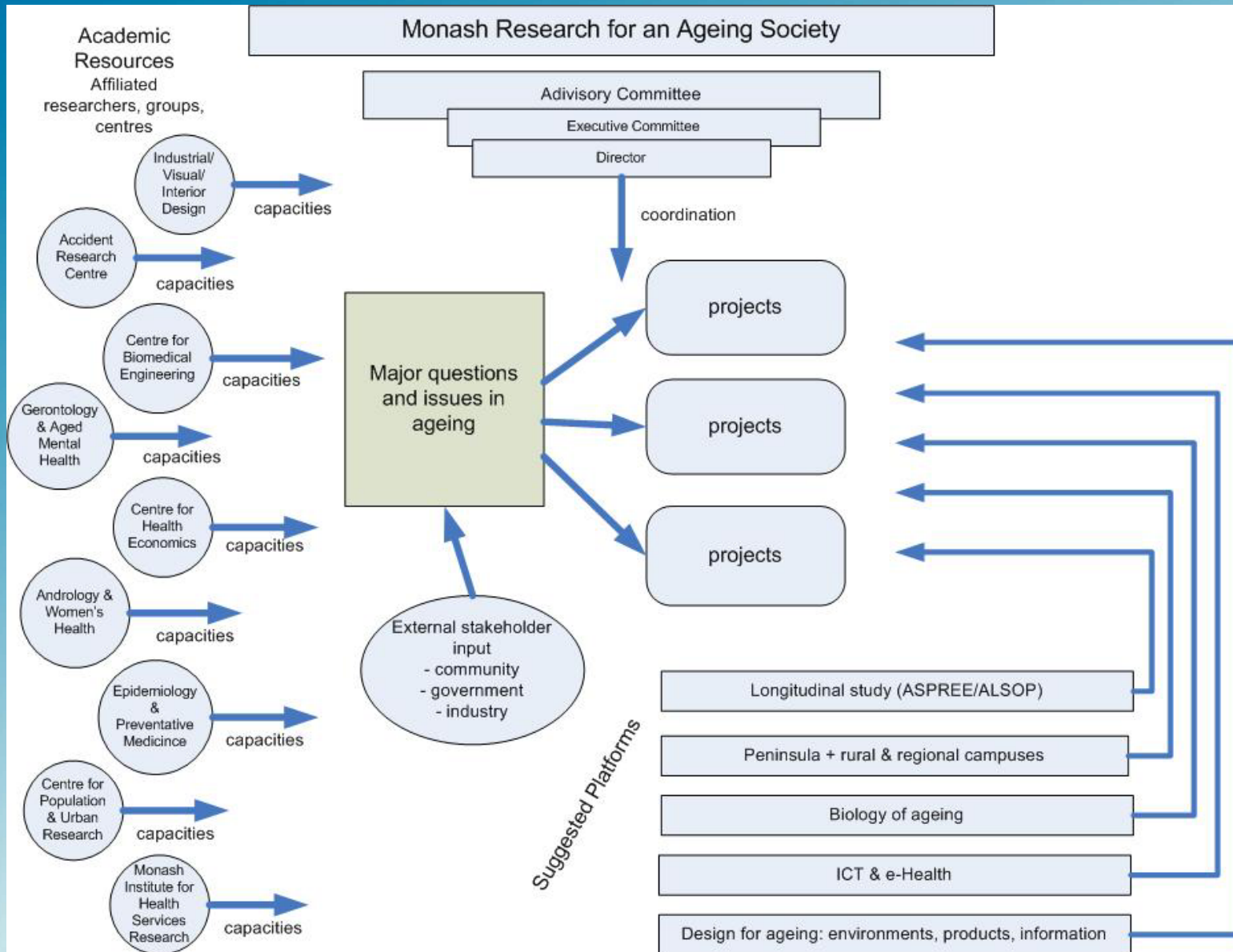
Monash Research for an Ageing Society is providing:

- a mechanism to facilitate single- and multi- disciplinary research collaboration in ageing
- a 'pipeline' for ageing research activity to connect university research to associated age-related issues in government, community and industry
- a 'front-door' to broker research funding from a range of sources to support ageing research at Monash
- a coordinated profile for the promotion of ageing research activities at Monash

Monash Research for an Ageing Society: multidisciplinary collaborations



Building on existing research strengths and engaging latent research capabilities and capacities, Monash Research for an Ageing Society is creating a unique whole of university approach to the health, social, economic and technological issues of ageing.



Monash Research for an Ageing Society - goals for excellence, contribution and investment in ageing research:

Goal 1: Internationally competitive excellence in multidisciplinary research activities in ageing

Goal 2: Leadership and influence in ageing research, policy and services across Australia and in international research and policy in ageing

Goal 3: Strong financial investment in Monash Research for an Ageing Society from internal university funds, government and competitive grant sources, and philanthropic organisations

Snapshot of Monash Research for an Ageing Society support & capacity building activities in 2006:

- faculty-based researcher workshops (April - June 2006)
- inter-faculty thematic research group facilitation (in progress)
- major events
 - 1st Annual Research Conference (July 2006)
 - MonRAS Launch (in late 2006)
- Research Support Scheme (internal seeding grants – September 2006)
- MonRAS monographs series (late 2006)
- developing relationships with a range of external stakeholders, including
 - government (local, state & federal)
 - industry groups
 - community organisations
 - philanthropics
- establishing international relationships (KCL & NCL – UK)

These capacity building activities are addressing the goals of the initiative by:

- Providing new opportunities for internal and external multidisciplinary collaboration
- Improving community engagement with research activities at Monash
- Increasing funding income for ageing related research activities of the university
- Generating momentum through the identification of common research themes and the propagation of novel ideas
- Developing links to external stakeholders – government and industry
- Establishing international collaborative links with renown ageing research institutions

MonRAS thematic framework within which to build Monash research activities and expertise

Theme 1: Planning, Policies and Infrastructure for an ageing society

Theme 2: Health and Support: services for an ageing society

Theme 3: Biomedical aspects of ageing

MonRAS Theme 1. Planning, Policies and Infrastructure for an ageing society

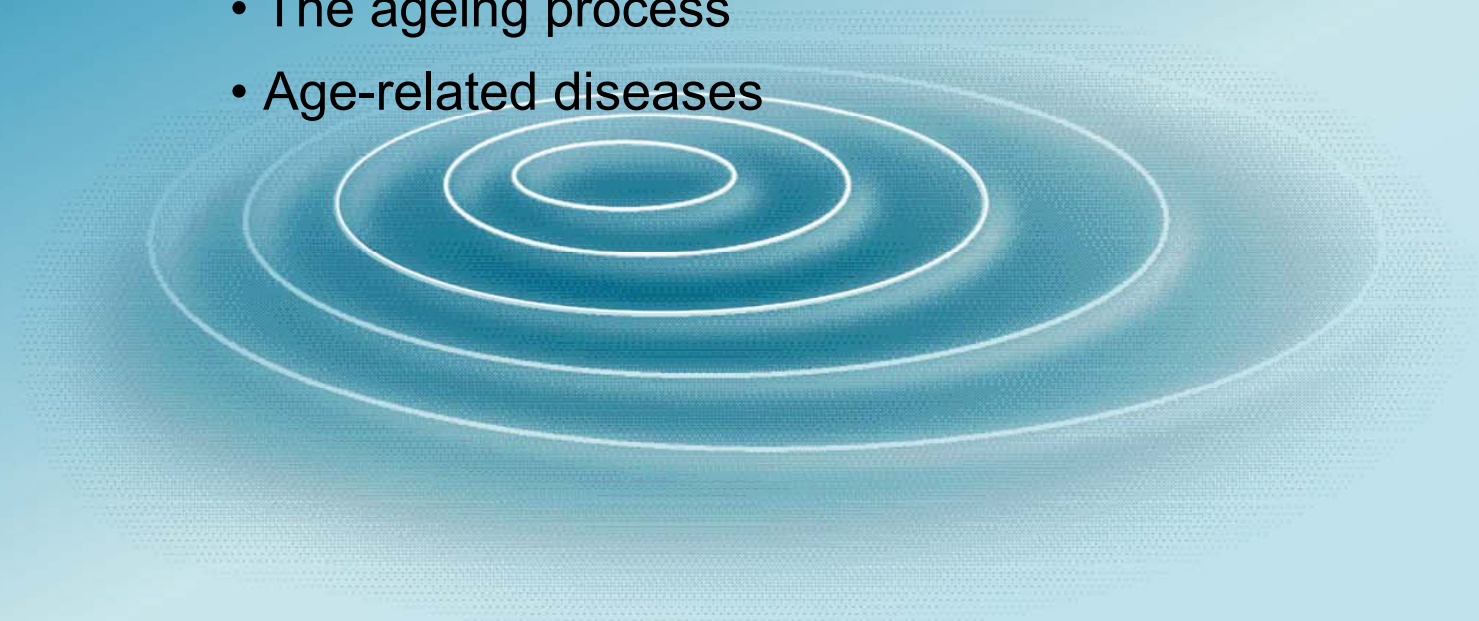
- Economic security, labour market policies and retirement
- Community institutions and social infrastructure for an ageing society
- Inter-generational relationships, families and communities
- The built social and natural environment and social participation and access for multi-generational and multicultural communities
- Health financing, policy and planning
- Residential and community care financing, policy and planning

MonRAS Theme 2. Health and Support: services for an ageing society

- Health and wellbeing in later life
- Care and support for independent and assisted living
- Support for frailty, vulnerability, disability and safety
- Health care and services for illness, disability and chronic disease

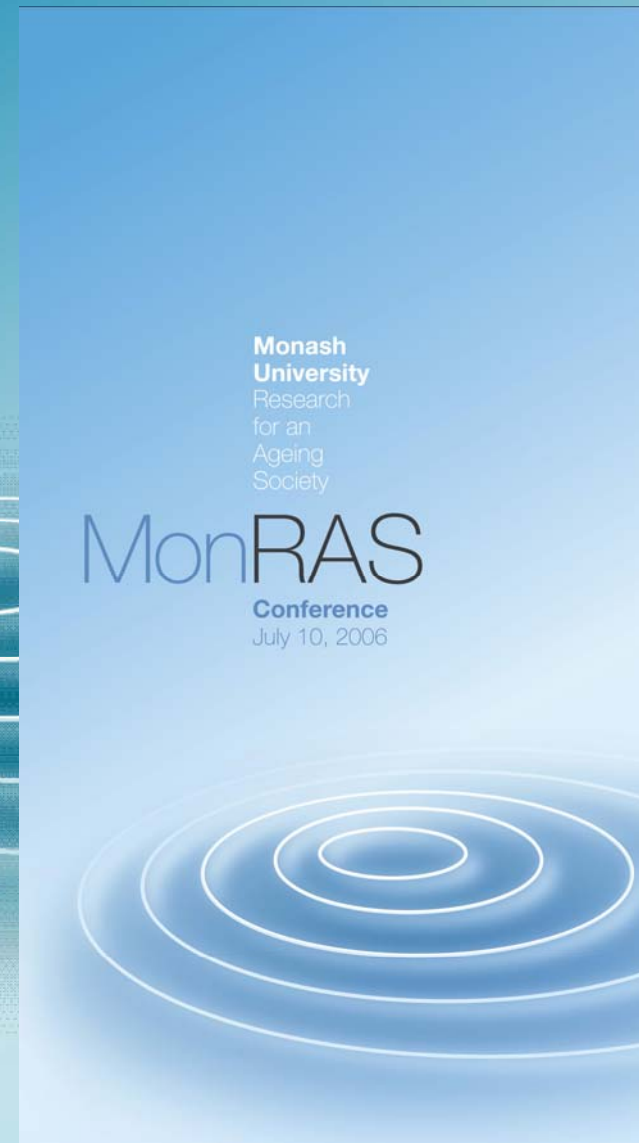
MonRAS Theme 3. Biomedical aspects of ageing

- The ageing process
- Age-related diseases



1st Annual Research Conference

- showcase of diverse Monash ageing-related research with comments from external users and funders ageing research
- researcher workshops to discuss multidisciplinary collaborations within MonRAS thematic framework
- announcement of Research Support Scheme (RSS) seed funding.



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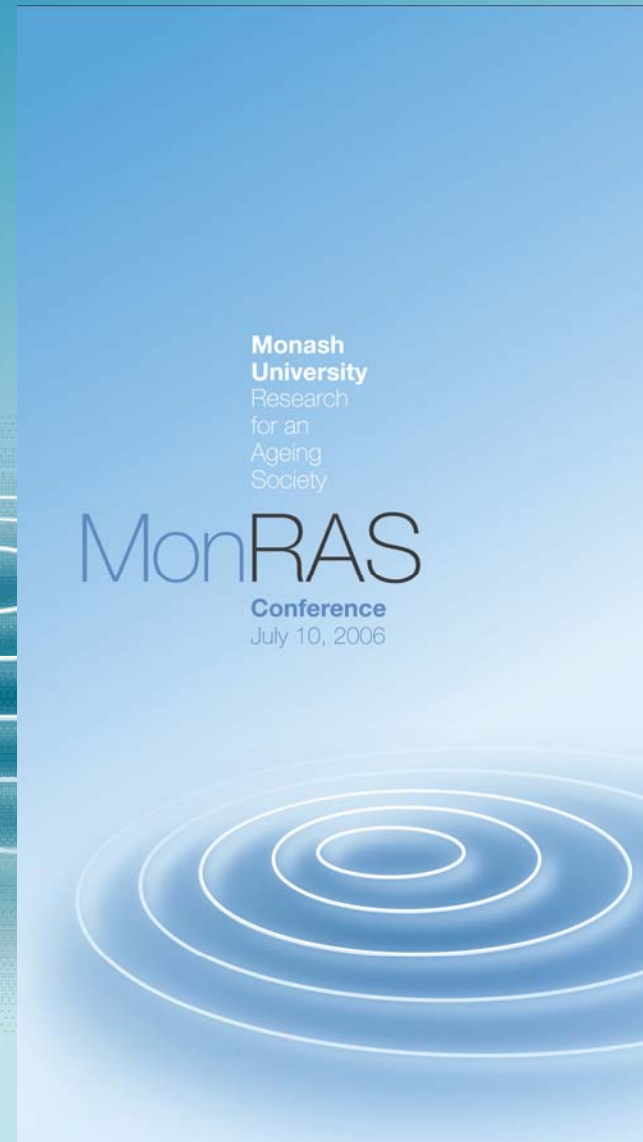
- Outcomes
- Opportunities for Peninsula
 - RSS funding
 - sub-theme research groups



1st Annual Research Conference

Theme 1: Planning, Policies and Infrastructure for an ageing society

- workforce
 - OHS, workplace injury and older workers
- housing
 - community design
 - housing and assistive technologies
 - retirement village living – evaluation
- elder abuse



1st Annual Research Conference

Theme 2: Health and Support: services for an ageing society

- service delivery models - evaluation
- service delivery & CALD
- care-givers
- research informing service provision



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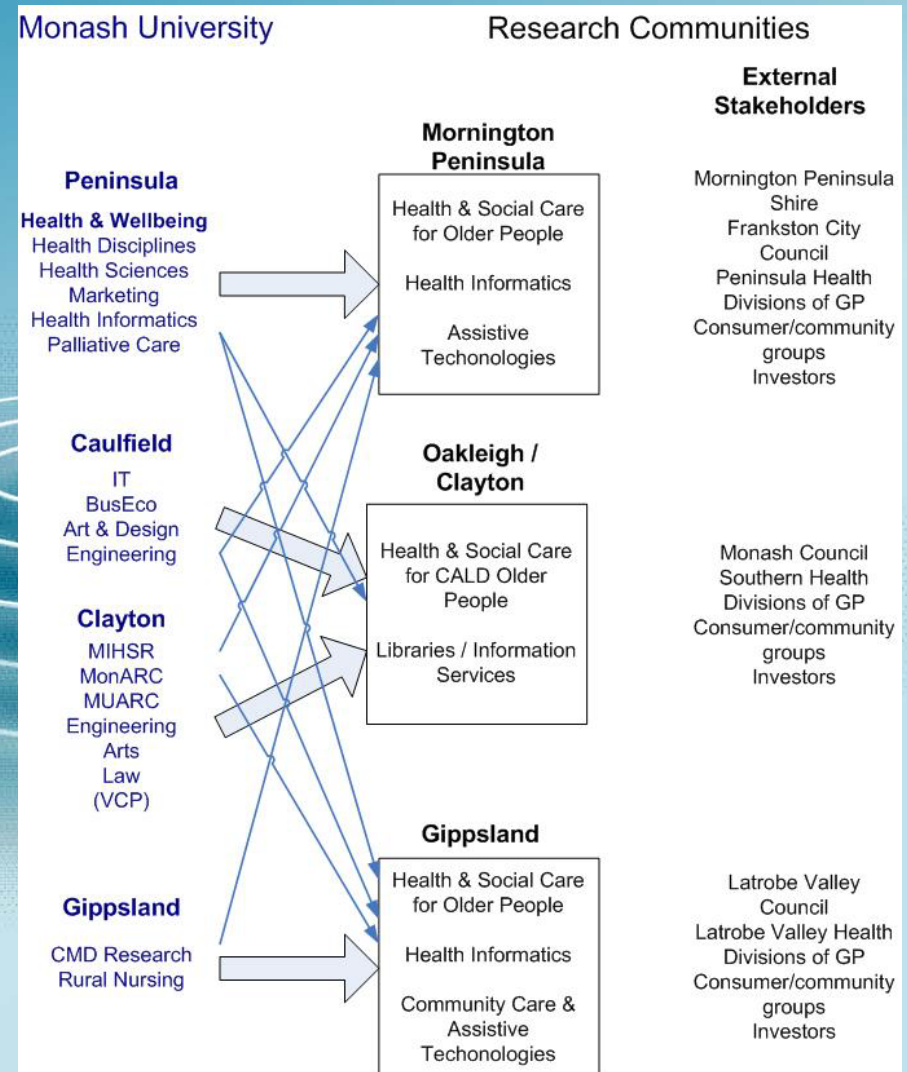
Theme 3: Biomedical aspects of ageing

- aged patients in clinical trials
- ASPREE sub-studies
- surgery in elderly patients
(preparation and recovery)
- aged animal facilities

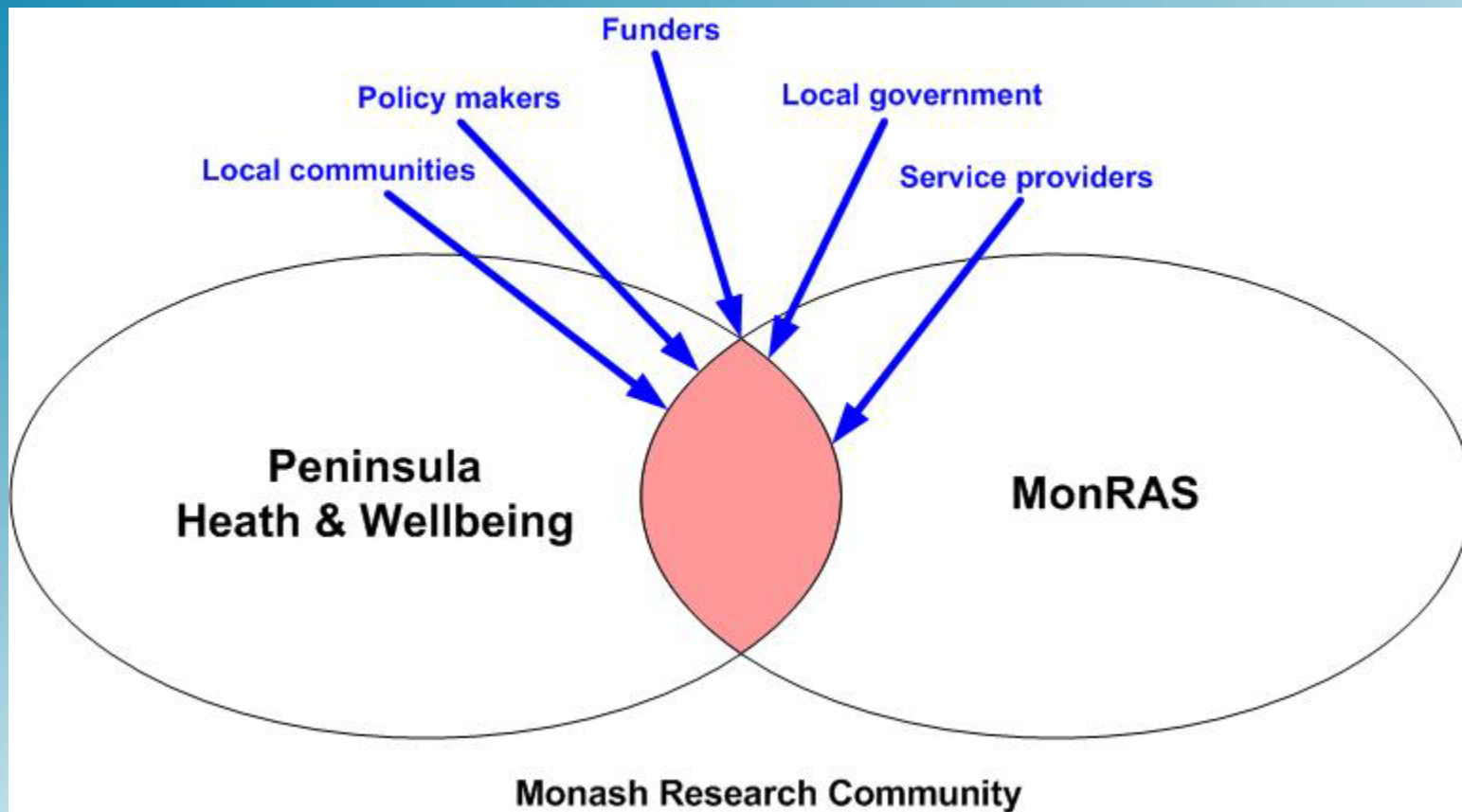


Monash Peninsula – a hub of ageing research activity within MonRAS

- **health and wellbeing** is a campus focus and a platform
- existing expertise and research activity in ageing
- significant latent capability
- *in situ* within an significant ageing local population
- developing relationships and partnering with community, health service providers and local government



Monash Peninsula and MonRAS: developing capacity in Ageing Research



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- developing local research clusters that build on available capacities and capabilities and can be supported by MonRAS
- engaging with emerging local issues through partnerships with local government (eg. Frankston & Mornington Peninsula) and health care providers (eg. Peninsula Health)
- connecting with emerging thematic research groups that will be developed across Monash
 - a number of which have been identified during the recent MonRAS 1st Annual Research Conference and will be actively supported by the MonRAS project team

Monash Peninsula and MonRAS: developing capacity in Ageing Research

- collaborations with local government – Frankston, Mornington Peninsula & Casey
 - urban planning
 - community development
 - older workers and workforce shortages
 - services – evaluation and research informing delivery

Monash Peninsula and MonRAS: developing capacity in Ageing Research

- collaborations with local service providers and industry
 - service delivery
 - quality assurance
 - evaluation
 - review and redesign
 - interventions
 - service mix issues
 - development of multidisciplinary approaches to service delivery
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Monash Peninsula and MonRAS: developing capacity in Ageing Research

THE WAY FORWARD:

- MonRAS RSS funding opportunity
- joint appointments (eg. service provider – Monash)
- collaborative research
- joint funding applications (eg. ARC linkage)
- continuing education opportunities (eg. short courses)
- inter-campus collaborations

MonRAS Research Support Scheme (RSS) 2006

- MonRAS RSS has been established to develop research capacity and encourage collaborative research in ageing-related areas within the ageing research thematic framework
- RSS grants are to support the planning and development of substantial research proposals for submission to external funding bodies in 2007
- up to 3 awards of up to \$20,000
- submission deadline **28 August 2006**
- proposals will be reviewed by a panel including external reviewers
- grants will be announced in September 2006

Monash Research for an Ageing Society

Information on MonRAS and a range of resources to support researchers can be found at:

www.monras.org

Please register your ageing research interested with MonRAS at:

www.monras.org/interest-form.html

MonRAS Research Support Scheme – information, guidelines & applications at:

www.monras.org/rss.html

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We do not stop playing because we grow old;
we grow old because we stop playing. Source: unknown

