



## Planning for an Older Population

The increasing longevity of the human population is a longstanding demographic phenomenon, but one which is now viewed as a threat to national prosperity as the retired sector grows and the proportion of people in the workforce declines. How to provide appropriate living conditions and health care for people well beyond the traditional three-score years and ten is a planning challenge which this seminar takes up.



**When:** Thursday, 31st March 2011

**Time:** 4.00-7.00pm

**Venue:** Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts (Mitchell Theatre), 280 Pitt Street (between Park and Bathurst).

**Chairman:** Dr Bob Solomon, Chairman AIUS

### Speakers

#### **“Older people maintaining mobility – why, where and how?”**

**Chloe Mason, Policy Officer, Council on the Ageing (NSW)**

This talk will discuss the spatial demographics of population ageing in order to focus on older people maintaining mobility. Some urban policy challenges for the ageing will be reviewed, including conditions for pedestrians, safe cycling and mobility scooters. Examples will be presented of how older people are engaging with local Councils to improve environmental conditions and how supporting programs enable them to maintain mobility and make the transition from driving cars to other means of transport and access.

#### **“Demands of a new age of Australian seniors”**

**Stan Manning, Principal, Stan Manning & Associates, Aged Care and Retirement Consultants**

The aspirations and demands of this “new age” are going to be substantially different from those of past generations in regard to the “what, when and where” of older people’s housing, care and support services. People will demand more choice, financial flexibility and control over their future than has been asked or given in the past. Some of the major changes needed in the retirement living and aged care sectors as well as in government planning will be discussed.

#### **“AFL case study – the changing institutional environment for aged care”**

**Keith Bryant, General Manager Social Initiatives, The Benevolent Society**

Keith will use the Society’s Apartments For Life project at Bondi to lead us through the current institutional framework for the care and housing of older Australians, together with its limitations. He will present the AFL model and explain the innovation that the Society expects will play an important role in reducing the present framework’s limitations. The challenges presented by existing urban planning, welfare and financial policies will be reviewed.

***Break for refreshments about 5.30pm***