

member of the Greater Southern Area Health Service. Rev Slockee is also a board member of Campbell Page, a non-profit provider of employment, training and community services. He is a respected and recognised leader and advocate for his own people as well as a bridge-builder between communities.

Ms Nihal Uckan is an active member of the Turkish community, currently serving as the Illawarra Turkish Community Liaison Officer and Secretary of the Illawarra Turkish Association. She is the Illawarra Regional Advisory Council's representative to the Community Relations Commission for a multicultural NSW and a carer for people with dementia with the Illawarra Ethnic Communities Council. Ms Uckan recently completed a Graduate Certificate in Gerontology and Rehabilitation Studies at the University of Wollongong. Her interests include the welfare of older people in the Illawarra area and the history of the Turkish community in NSW.

Dr Peter Westerway has had a long career at senior level in communications policy and has served on many federal boards and tribunals, including the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal. His particular interests include communications, life long learning and mature age employment.

The Executive Director of the Office for Ageing, Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care, is an ex-officio member of the Committee. This position is currently held by **Ms Pamela Rutledge**. Ms Rutledge has a background in social work and social policy, with over 30 years experience in senior management roles in the NSW public sector, particularly in human service agencies.

Role

The NSW Ministerial Advisory Committee on Ageing is appointed to advise the Minister for Ageing on issues affecting older people in NSW and on the impact of the ageing of the population.

It does this by:

- consulting and listening to older people and by fostering debate about issues affecting older people and options for change
- monitoring policies, programs and changes that affect older people
- providing options and recommendations to inform and assist Government policy.

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Principles

The Committee believes that older people have the right to:

- participate in all aspects of community life
- have their views recognised and valued in Government decision making
- respect for the diversity of their experiences, views, living circumstances and cultural backgrounds
- equitable access to services, facilities and programs
- dignity, independence and choice.

Activities

The Committee aims to be a source of high quality independent advice to the Government and to increase understanding of ageing issues. The Committee:

- undertakes regular consultations with older people, including in rural areas and with non-English speaking and indigenous communities
- works collaboratively with Government departments and community agencies
- holds seminars on topics of importance to older people
- publishes discussion papers and reports.

The Committee has published reports on a wide range of topics including mature age unemployment; older men and healthy ageing; transport in rural areas; making decisions for later life; and volunteering. These are available from the Secretariat and the Committee's website – see back page.



Members

Committee members have a diverse range of backgrounds and expertise. They are appointed by the Minister for Ageing for up to four years.

Ms Angela Chan was the first Australian born Chinese woman to be admitted as a barrister. She has been a member of several government committees and was formerly the Chairperson of the Ethnic Communities' Council of NSW. She is a registered migration agent and trained mediator.

Emeritus Professor Sol Encel was previously Professor of Sociology at the University of NSW and is currently Emeritus Professor and Honorary Research Associate at UNSW's Social Policy Research Centre. He has written extensively on ageing issues including on mature age employment, age discrimination, bereavement and volunteerism and is co-editor of *Longevity and Social Change in Australia* (2007).

Ms Sue Field is the Inaugural Public Trustee NSW Fellow in Elder Law at the University of Western Sydney. Her work involves research, education, training and consultancies in the emerging specialty of Elder Law.

Dr Janet George is Honorary Associate Professor and a former Head of the Department of Social Work, Social Policy and Sociology at the University of Sydney. She is a member of the University's Human Research Ethics Committee and Secretary of the Cardiomyopathy Association of Australia. Dr George has extensive professional networks in the Asia Pacific region and has authored a number of publications on health and ageing issues. Her interests include healthy ageing, health care and end-of-life issues.

Mrs Thelma McCarthy AM has been involved in local, regional and national community activities for over 40 years, including as a member of the Australian Bicentennial Authority and Armidale Ex-Service Women's Association. She was Chair of the Armidale and New England Hospital Advisory Board for four years and has long established networks in government, community services and health. Mrs McCarthy remains actively involved in a voluntary capacity in projects in the Armidale area.

Mr Pino Migliorino (Chair) is Managing Director of Cultural Perspectives and Cultural and Indigenous Centre (CIRCA) Research. He has a background in multicultural affairs and is an active member of the Italian community. His particular interest is aged care services for culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Ms Neita Scott is a Wiradjuri woman from Narromine. She has been involved in Aboriginal affairs at local, regional, state, national and international level for many years. She is currently the Chair of the Narromine Aboriginal Lands Council and a member of the NSW Housing Appeals Committee and the Narromine Health Council. Her particular interests include housing, health, legal and women's issues.

Rev Thomas Slockee (Deputy Chair) is an Aboriginal Elder in Walbunja Country (Batemans Bay) on the south coast of NSW. He is an ordained Priest in Charge of the Boomerang Ministries within the Anglican Church and the Chair of NSW Aboriginal Housing Office Board. He was formerly the Chair of Southern Area Health Service and a