



A MESSAGE FROM

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I am pleased to announce new appointments to the positions of Chair and Deputy Chair of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Ageing.

Mr Pino Migliorino has been appointed as Chair until 31 December 2009. Mr Migliorino was born in Bari, Italy in 1959. He migrated with his family to Australia as a young child to reunite with his extended family. Being part of a migrant family, Pino was exposed to a range of linguistic, cultural and settlement issues which have proved seminal in his future academic and political development.

Pino has worked in a range of jurisdictions, at different levels of government and the community sector and in his own private sector consultancy. He is recognised as a leading voice and commentator in a range of areas including access and equity policies, ageing, arts and cultural policies, immigration studies and marketing and communications.

Parallel to his professional roles, Pino has been extensively involved in voluntary work particularly in the Italian community in which he has been a prominent leader for the past 20 years.

Pino is the author of a range of publications, conference papers and articles on cultural diversity and inclusiveness. He is vitally interested in population ageing particularly in relation to cultural diversity and the needs of older people from culturally diverse backgrounds. Pino was appointed to the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Ageing in January 2007.

The Reverend Thomas (Tom) Slockee has been appointed as Deputy Chair until 31 December 2009. Tom is of Aboriginal / Islander heritage. Tom has Noonuccal heritage through his grandmothers' people. He grew up under the teaching and elders of the Minjungbul people of the Bundjalung Nation, and was recently conferred the status of elder and spiritual leader by the Walbunja people of the NSW South Coast. He is an active member of a range of local Aboriginal organisations. He is priest in Charge of the Boomerang Meeting Place, an Anglican Ministry Unit of the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

Reverend Slockee has been involved in number of Aboriginal housing and welfare organisations. He was the Inaugural Chair of the NSW Aboriginal Housing Office Board, a member and Chair of Aboriginal Housing Development Committee which advised the Government on the NSW Aboriginal Housing Act 1998, a Coordinator of Batemans Bay Aboriginal Housing Company and Batemans Bay Aboriginal Lands Council, and a former Board member of Aboriginal Hostels Ltd. Tom has skills in communications, advocacy and negotiation. He is the current Chair of the NSW Aboriginal Housing Office Board.

Tom is a visionary community leader whose interests in ageing policy include community care, housing, transport, and consumer rights and protection. Tom was appointed to the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Ageing in January 2007.

These appointments reflect the importance of diversity and the involvement of both current and future generations of older people in long-term planning for our changing population. These are key principles underpinning the Government's approach to population ageing, which was articulated through the *Ageing 2030 – Creating the Future* Roundtable which I convened in October 2007.

These appointments are timely and coincide with the recent release by the Premier of the NSW strategy on ageing "*Towards 2030: planning for our changing population*", which was extensively informed by the deliberations at *Ageing 2030*.

As a Committee which provides advice to the whole of government, the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Ageing has an important role to play in supporting and informing implementation of the new strategy, particularly through targeted consultations on key strategic issues. The Committee's broad range of skills and backgrounds mean that it is well placed to provide strong advice and support as we work together to shape the future and meet the challenges of our changing population.



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