



AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE FOR  
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for Intergenerational Practice**

# Prospectus

*Connecting Generations, Strengthening Communities*

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# Acknowledgement of Country

AIIP acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognises the continuing connection to lands, waters, and communities.

We pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, to Elders past, present and emerging, and honour the ongoing cultural, spiritual, and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of all ages.

# Welcome

Australia is experiencing profound demographic, social, and community change. At the same time, many people across all generations are experiencing increasing loneliness, disconnection, social isolation, and community fragmentation.

Intergenerational practice offers a powerful response – intentionally bringing generations together in ways that create meaningful relationships, shared learning, mutual benefit, and stronger communities. Evidence increasingly demonstrates that these connections contribute to improved wellbeing, social cohesion, inclusion, and community resilience.

AIIP is Australia's peak body for intergenerational practice, bringing together practitioners, researchers, educators, care providers, community organisations, policymakers, government partners, and industry leaders committed to creating more connected and inclusive communities.

Grounded in research, informed by practice, and driven by collaboration, AIIP exists to advance evidence-informed intergenerational practice across Australia and beyond. We support the development of quality practice, professional capability, research, standards, policy, and cross-sector partnerships that strengthen relationships between generations.

More than an organisation, AIIP is leading a growing national movement that recognises meaningful connection between generations as essential to healthy, inclusive, and resilient communities.

Together, we are working to embed intergenerational practice across services, organisations, communities, and systems – creating an Australia where people of all ages are valued, connected, and able to thrive.

# Who We Are

AIIP exists to build a more connected Australia by strengthening relationships between generations. We work across health, aged care, education, housing, community services, local government, research, and policy to address increasing social isolation, loneliness, ageism, and fragmentation within communities.

We are a national membership-based, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to advancing quality intergenerational practice across sectors and communities.

Established in 2021 by Emeritus Professor Anneke Fitzgerald and a team of academics and industry leaders passionate about improving social connection and wellbeing, AIIP has grown into a recognised leader in intergenerational education, research, standards development, advocacy, and professional practice.

Our work spans:

- Health services
- Aged care (home care providers, retirement and independent living, residential care)
- Early childhood
- Schools
- Higher education and research
- Community development
- Housing and urban design
- First Nations and culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- Social support services
- RSL clubs
- Rotary clubs
- Probus clubs
- Local, state and federal government

We support organisations, practitioners, researchers, educators, governments, and community leaders to embed intergenerational practice into systems, services, communities, and public policy.

We work collaboratively with organisations and individuals who believe that intentional connection between generations strengthens both people and communities.





# Our Vision

AllIP envisions a future where:

- Intergenerational connection is embedded across communities and systems
- All generations are valued, included, and respected
- Policies and environments support meaningful participation across the life course
- Communities are socially connected, resilient, and sustainable

# What is Intergenerational Practice?

Intergenerational practice is the **intentional bringing together of people from different generations** in **mutually beneficial** activities that promote **understanding, connection, learning, participation, and respect**.

True intergenerational practice is *not* accidental contact between generations. It is **thoughtfully planned, facilitated, and evaluated** to create meaningful outcomes for everyone involved.

At its core, intergenerational practice is built upon:

## **Mutual Benefit**

All generations contribute, participate, and gain value.

## **Reciprocity**

Learning and sharing occur in both directions.

## **Respect**

The knowledge, experiences, and contributions of all generations are valued.

## **Inclusion**

Programs and environments are accessible, welcoming, and meaningful for diverse participants.

## **Intentional Design**

Activities, spaces, and relationships are carefully planned for demographic and specific contexts foster authentic connection.



# Why Intergenerational Practice Matters

Intergenerational practice is increasingly recognised globally as an important strategy for addressing some of society's most pressing challenges.

Evidence demonstrates that meaningful intergenerational connection can:

- ✓ Reduce loneliness and social isolation
- ✓ Challenge ageism and stereotypes
- ✓ Improve preventative mental health outcomes
- ✓ Support child development and learning
- ✓ Support healthy ageing and ageing-in-place
- ✓ Foster empathy and understanding
- ✓ Enhance social cohesion and social capital
- ✓ Strengthen community resilience
- ✓ Improve civic participation and community engagement

Intergenerational practice is increasingly recognised as a valuable social prescribing approach, helping improve social connection, mental wellbeing, purpose, belonging, and community participation.

As Australia's population ages and communities become more socially fragmented, intergenerational approaches are becoming essential to creating resilient, inclusive, and connected societies.



# What We Do

## Membership

AIIP welcomes individuals and organisations committed to strengthening intergenerational connection and practice.

Membership benefits include:

- ✓ Connection to a national (and international) network
- ✓ Access to professional development opportunities and discounts
- ✓ Member-exclusive resources and recognition
- ✓ Conference discounts
- ✓ Access to emerging research and standards
- ✓ Opportunities for collaboration and leadership

### Membership Categories

We offer a range of membership options to suit different organisations and individuals, including:

- Organisational Membership
- Individual Membership
- Concession / Student options



#### **Individual Memberships**



Standard



Concession



#### **Organisational Memberships**



**Bronze**



**Silver**



**Gold**



**Platinum**

Each category is designed to support different levels of engagement, access and benefit.

**To explore membership options, pricing and inclusions in detail, visit:**

<https://aiip.net.au/join-now>



# What We Do

## Education & Professional Development

AIP provides nationally-recognised professional development programs designed to strengthen capability and confidence in intergenerational practice. We support educators to integrate intergenerational learning opportunities that align with curriculum priorities, wellbeing frameworks, community engagement objectives and service-learning approaches.



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### **JOY #1**

#### ***Introduction to Intergenerational Practice***

An accessible introduction to the principles, theory, and foundations of quality intergenerational practice.



### **JOY #2**

#### ***The Art of Facilitation***

Developing facilitation skills to support meaningful engagement and relationship-building between generations.



### **JOY #3**

#### ***Evaluating Intergenerational Programs***

Supporting organisations and practitioners to measure impact, outcomes, and quality in intergenerational programs.

#### **Additional offerings include:**

- ◆ Webinars and workshops
- ◆ Conference presentations
- ◆ CPD opportunities
- ◆ Community of practice discussions
- ◆ Organisational training



# What We Do

## Research & Evidence

AIIP is strongly committed to evidence-informed practice, supporting the generation of research and evidence that informs policy, service design, and community development initiatives across Australia.

Our research collaborations explore:

- Health and wellbeing outcomes
- Social inclusion and belonging
- Intergenerational housing and urbanism
- Safeguarding and ethical practice
- Evaluation frameworks and minimum datasets
- Age-friendly and child-friendly communities

AIIP works closely with universities, researchers, industry partners, and government stakeholders to ensure research informs real-world practice and policy development.

AIIP can assist organisations with research design, evaluation, impact measurement, data collection, reporting, and evidence generation to support funding applications, strategic planning, quality improvement, and stakeholder reporting.



# What We Do

## Standards & Certification

AIIP has developed the Australian Intergenerational Minimum Standards to support consistency, quality, safeguarding, and excellence in intergenerational practice.

The Standards provide organisations and practitioners with:

- Clear guidance for quality practice
- A framework for continuous improvement
- Support for evaluation and reflection
- Evidence-informed benchmarks

AIIP is also developing certification pathways to recognise and support organisations committed to embedding quality intergenerational practice. A Certificate of Excellence is currently being developed.



## Advocacy & Leadership

AIIP plays a leading role in national conversations about:

- Government policy development and implementation
- Social connection and inclusion
- Safeguarding in intergenerational settings
- Working With Children Check reform discussions
- Age-friendly and child-friendly communities
- Intergenerational housing and urban design
- Workforce capability development
- Cross-sector collaboration to strengthen social cohesion and community wellbeing



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We advocate for balanced, evidence-informed approaches that both protect participants and enable meaningful participation across generations.



# What We Do

## Intergenerational Design & Built Environments

The future of housing, urban planning, and community development must intentionally consider connection between generations.

AIP works with builders, architects, planners, developers, and local governments to support the creation of intergenerational spaces and communities that promote:

- Social connection
- Accessibility and inclusion
- Shared community participation
- Wellbeing across the life course
- Sustainable and resilient neighbourhoods

Intergenerational approaches support healthy ageing and ageing-in-place by fostering connection, purpose, participation and community engagement.

Intergenerational design is also increasingly recognised as both a social responsibility and a point of innovation and market differentiation.



*Echoes Montessori and Encore Village  
independent retirement living, Modbury SA*

# What We Do

## Conferences & Events

AIIP hosts annual conferences, forums, webinars, and professional learning events that bring together leaders, practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and communities from across Australia and internationally.

These events provide opportunities to:

- Share innovation and best practice
- Explore emerging research
- Build collaborations
- Strengthen professional networks
- Showcase intergenerational initiatives



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# Why Partner with AIIP

Partnering with AIIP provides organisations with access to:

- National expertise in intergenerational practice
- Evidence-informed frameworks and standards
- Professional development opportunities
- Research and evaluation support
- Sector-wide networks and collaborations
- Advocacy leadership
- National visibility and recognition

We believe meaningful collaboration creates stronger outcomes for communities and organisations alike.

## Join the Movement

Australia faces significant demographic, social and community challenges. Intergenerational practice offers a proven pathway to strengthen social cohesion, reduce loneliness, challenge ageism, support wellbeing, and build more connected communities.

Intergenerational practice is more than an activity or program.

It is a movement for social change that strengthens relationships, builds social capital, and creates communities where people of all ages can thrive. It is a way of strengthening communities, relationships, and society itself.

AIIP is leading this national movement — bringing together research, policy, practice and community action to create lasting systems change.

Whether you are a practitioner, organisation, researcher, educator, policymaker, builder, developer, or community leader, join us in building an Australia where every generation belongs, contributes and thrives.

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