

# Symposium

## When

Wednesday  
23 March 2016  
4.30pm for  
5.00pm – 7.45pm

## Where

Queensland State Library  
Auditorium 2  
Stanley Place  
South Brisbane QLD 4101



## Cost

**FREE**

## Registrations

Please register online at  
<http://www.austcolled.com.au/events/event/seniors-as-lifelong-learners-symposium>

## Registrations close:

22 March 2016

For refreshments upon arrival, the Library Café will be open and water will be available in the Auditorium.

For attendees of this event the Library Bookstore offers a 10 per cent discount on purchases prior to the Symposium.

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# Seniors as Lifelong Learners

'Seniors as Lifelong Learners' is a hot topic for educational and cultural institutions, local government, state policy makers and community builders/bodies.

Learning through life and into the post-retirement years is essential to maintain active minds and quality of life. The OECD has found a significant link between continuing to learn for one's own interests with improved wellbeing, health, sociability and empowerment. The converse is that in the absence of learning and poor education, there is an association with loneliness and decreased cognitive function.

Mr Peter Kearns OAM, FACE will introduce panel speakers for this 'Seniors as Lifelong Learners Symposium' and also will facilitate a conversation in response to the stimuli from panelists. Those involved in fostering lifelong learning out of diverse settings will find this conversation about embedding a learning culture for a strong learning society to which we must aspire, a valuable professional learning experience.

## Guest speakers

**Professor Liz Coulson**, Group Leader - Nerve Cell Survival, QLD Brain Institute: *What neuroscience tells us.*

**Ms Nancy-Lee Robinson**, General Manager - Digital Inclusion, Telstra Chief Sustainability Office: *Tech Savvy Seniors.*

**Ms Julie Porteous**, President – U3A Network QLD Inc. & Chair – U3A Australia Alliance: *Learning for pleasure.*

**Mr Graeme Curnow**, Director – QLD Men's Shed Association: *Shoulder to shoulder: There's more to men's sheds than bench work.*

**Ms Laura Landmann**, Coordinator – Information and Learning, Library Services, Brisbane City Council: *Engaging Seniors in Brisbane libraries.*

Please advise on registration if a Certificate of Attendance is required.

This 'Seniors as Lifelong Learners' symposium is part of the QLD State Library's 2016 *Belonging* initiative and sits within the PASCAL International Observatory Learning Cities Networks' *Inclusion* series.