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**NARI WELCOMES STATE GOVERNMENT’S INVESTMENT TO SUPPORT VICTORIANS TO AGE WELL**

Older Victorians across the state will receive the care they need, thanks to the Victorian State Government’s investment into research led by the National Ageing Research Institute.

Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers, the Hon Luke Donnellan joined NARI researchers, clinicians and older Victorians this week to announce $3.6 million over three years to enable NARI to deliver a suite of cutting-edge research.

As Australia’s only independent medical research institute dedicated to ageing, NARI develops world-leading initiatives to improve quality of life and health for older people.

NARI Director, Associate Professor Briony Dow welcomed the funding and said that it will enable the Institute to deliver world-leading research in areas identified as priorities by older Victorians.

“NARI would like to thank the Victorian Government for its long-term support and this new commitment of three years of funding, which will enable us to plan for the longer term and extend our range of research projects which will benefit older Victorians and their families,” Associate Professor Dow said.

The funding will support the development and translation of seven research projects, including an online resource guide for clinical practice and an updated audit tool to improve safety of older people while in hospital.

This investment will also enable NARI to examine the creation of a single registry to increase knowledge on ways older Victorians engage with health and aged care services.

“Each of these programs are designed to help the Victorian government to plan for the future and deliver a vision of what older people should expect, from ageing well through to end of life,” Associate Professor Dow said.

“Our aim is to demonstrate how a preventative and early intervention focus can better meet what older people want and need, particularly if their wish is to stay in their own homes safely for longer,” she said.

Funding will continue to support the Melbourne Ageing Research Collaboration (MARC), an initiative by NARI that partners with health services, aged care services, advocacy groups and older people from across Victoria.

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