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Creative Ageing seminar – catch the action on our website

Those who may have missed the public seminar '*From creative ageing to end-of-life in rural and remote Australia*', which was an integral part of this year's *CouncilFest*, can still catch the action on our website. Simply access www.ruralhealth.org.au and click on the left hand column hotlink 'Public Seminars'.

This will also be a valuable site for those who did attend but are keen to recap the salient points made by an impressive list of keynote speakers.

Among them were three prominent academics from the US and Britain as well as senior Australian figures. The electronic wizardry of YouTube will allow you not only to hear but watch the speakers deliver their addresses as if you were there.

"The NRHA Public Seminar was once again an important component of this year's *CouncilFest*," said Gordon Gregory, Executive Director of the Alliance. "Susan Perlstein, Director of Education and Training at the National Centre on Creative Ageing in Washington DC; Mike White, Senior Fellow in Arts in Health at the Centre for Medical Humanities at the University of Durham; and Alison Clough, Director of the Pioneer Projects and Looking Well Centre at Bentham in the United Kingdom, are all leaders in the field of creative ageing."

"So, too, are Margret Meagher of Arts and Health Australia, Joan Hughes of Carers Australia, Donna Daniell of Palliative Care Australia and Rosemary Young of Frontier Services."

"Also available is a presentation by Chairperson of the Alliance, Jenny May, of some of the key characteristics of older people in rural and remote Australia."

"We thank all of our speakers for their efforts and trust those who may have missed all, or some part of it, will appreciate the opportunity of witnessing it 'live' via the website."

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