

## **Ageing Well National Science Challenge (NSC) SNAP Event Te Papa Wellington 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016**

Ageing Well NSC hosted their second annual event this year on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> of September, at Te Papa, Wellington.

The main purpose of this *Stakeholders Networking for Action-Research Partnerships* event was to provide a forum for stakeholders and researchers to meet, discuss and create opportunities for developing partnerships in stakeholder-led research that is focused on our ageing population.

This participatory day worked across the five strands which have been identified by the Challenge as critical to ageing well:

- Maintain wellness, independence, and autonomy
- Promote social integration and engagement
- Value older people in all settings
- Reduce disability and the impact of disability
- Enhance age-friendly environments

The day started out with a Mihi Whakatau, an address from the Minister Hon Steven Joyce and updates from the Ageing Well NSC staff. This was followed by addresses from a number key note speakers covering important aspects of ageing in New Zealand and overseas. The Ageing Well NSC principal investigators had a poster session and were available to discuss the research projects currently underway. Stakeholders and agency groups also hosted booths providing information on their organisations and services.

Particular emphasis was given to involving SNAP participants in wide ranging discussions about the areas of research that are viewed as important by the stakeholder community. These included:

- The economics of ageing and an ageing population
- The importance of transforming transport options for older people
- The differences between rural and urban health needs for Māori as they age
- What are the social and physical needs of older people in immigrant communities
- What kind of resources are going to be needed for disabled older people in the future
- Developing the built environment for an ageing population

Discussions were led by the stakeholders into what successful stakeholder-led research would look like in the context of the mission of the Ageing Well NSC.

The event was well attended with over 100 researchers, stakeholders, and interested individuals taking part in the discussions. More detailed results from the day will be on our website soon.