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Public forum to explore the cause, prevention and care of dementia

People will have the opportunity to hear from experts in dementia speak at a free public forum tomorrow (**Wednesday, 28 September**), held by the University of Tasmania's [Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre](#).

Part of Dementia Awareness Month 2016, the annual forum is open to people with dementia, their families, carers and anyone concerned with the impact of dementia on our community.

Three of Tasmania's leading dementia researchers - Dr Anna King, Dr David Ward and Dr Juanita Westbury - will lead the forum to discuss the cause, prevention and care of dementia, the three core themes of the Wicking Centre's programs in research and education. The event will also include an open panel Q&A with audience members.

It is estimated that around 400,000 Australians will be living with dementia by 2020, and around 900,000 by 2050.

The Wicking Centre, which sits within the University's Faculty of Health, is an international leader in dementia research and education.

When: Wednesday, 28 September, 5.30pm for 6pm.

Where: MS2 Lecture Theatre 155 (LT2), Medical Science Precinct, entrance corner of Liverpool and Campbell Street (Hobart)

What: Three leading experts on dementia will speak at a public forum, as part of 2016 Dementia Awareness month.

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