

Launch of

OUR HIDDEN AGEING

# TIME TO LISTEN TO THE HEART

A whitepaper revealing an emerging public health issue

**In Australia, cardiovascular disease (CVD) accounts for 30 per cent of all deaths, causing one death every 12 minutes. CVD is Australia's second largest direct health care cost, costing \$10.4 billion annually.**

Heart valve disease – a malfunctioning of one or more heart valves that disrupts blood flow through the heart - is a treatable component of CVD. There are more than half a million Australians with heart valve disease.

**And an estimated 254,000 cases of heart valve disease in Australia are undetected.**

Increases in the burden of heart valve disease are strongly driven by our ageing population, with Australians aged 65 years and older most affected.

That's why we are issuing a plea to help curb our nation's rising rates of undiagnosed heart valve disease.

Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute and the Parliamentary Friends of Heart and Stroke Foundations are pleased to invite you to a virtual launch that will examine critical evidence into the burden of heart valve disease, and approaches to help address this.

You will hear from lead researchers, clinical experts and Australians living with heart valve disease. We look forward to you joining us for this important new conversation.

**DATE**

Wednesday  
18 August 2021

**TIME**

12.30pm – 1.30pm

**LOCATION**

online via Zoom  
(details to follow)

**RSVP**

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