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Photograph attached: Left to right; Graeme Postlethwaite of NSA NSW State Policy Committee representing National Seniors Foundation; Professor David Le Couteur, Director of Centre for Education and Research on Ageing; Noel Lilienthal, President NSA Sydney Inner West Branch.

At its regular monthly meeting today Wednesday 9th July David Postlethwaite of National Seniors Policy Committee NSW, presented David Le Couteur, Professor of Geriatric Medicine and Director of the Centre for Education on Ageing CERA with a cheque for \$2,000 to assist with ongoing research into Alzheimer's Disease and to improve the quality of life for seniors. The donation represented \$750 from Sydney Inner West Branch funds and a generous supplement of \$1,250 from National Seniors Foundation.

In accepting the donation David Le Couteur described his invaluable work. Besides the professors involved, there are several PhD university students working on relevant research projects regarding health issues

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affecting the elderly such as dementia. The subject of Pain Management is also a research involvement and methods of obtaining actual pain levels experienced by Alzheimer's patients are studied. As patients are unable to describe their pain various behavioural data is used to arrive at the required information. David Le Couteur proceeded to expand on the use of pain killers and anti inflammatory medicines and their various advantages and disadvantages. Professor Stephen Gibson of the University of Melbourne, a world expert in medical care for the aged, shares his observations of the past twenty years with Dr Le Couteur and CERA all of which enables new truths and methods to be adopted.

National Seniors Australia for all persons of 50 plus, confers many benefits for its 280,000 members with 150 branches across the country. Sydney Inner West Branch has an active programme of meetings and outings. Enquiries: Tony Smith 9763 5373