Older Australians are diverse with different backgrounds, values and preferences. The Aged Care Quality Standards and the Aged Care Diversity Framework highlight the importance of person centred care, which respects this diversity.

palliAGED has evidence based palliative care information that supports aged care to provide person centred care for all older people at the end of their life including those with specific needs.

Of Australians aged 65 years and older:

- 31,000 identify as Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- 30% were born outside of Australia
- Almost 8,000 identified as homeless in 2016
- 1 in 10 live with cognitive impairment and dementia
- 1 in 12 experience significant financial or social disadvantage
- 1 in 3 live outside of major cities
- 1 in 5 were born in a non-English speaking country
- 50% have some type of disability
- 1 in 10 are aged 65 years or older

Other facts:

- Half a million care leavers in Australia are aged 40 years and older
- An estimated 10% of Australians identify as LGBTI

References:

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