

The Diversity of Australia's Older Population

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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 Islander¹



30%
were born outside
of Australia¹

Almost
8,000
identified as homeless
in 2016¹



1 in 10
live with cognitive
impairment and
dementia²



1 in 12
experience significant
financial or social
disadvantage²



1 in 3
live outside of
major cities¹



1 in 5 were born in a non-English
speaking country¹



50% have some type
of disability¹

Other facts:



Of Australians receiving
a veteran's pension
7 in 10
are aged 65 years or older¹

Half a million care
leavers in Australia are
aged 40 years and older²

40+



An estimated
10%
of Australians
identify as
LGBTI³

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