

Advanced Dementia Specialist Service (ADSS)

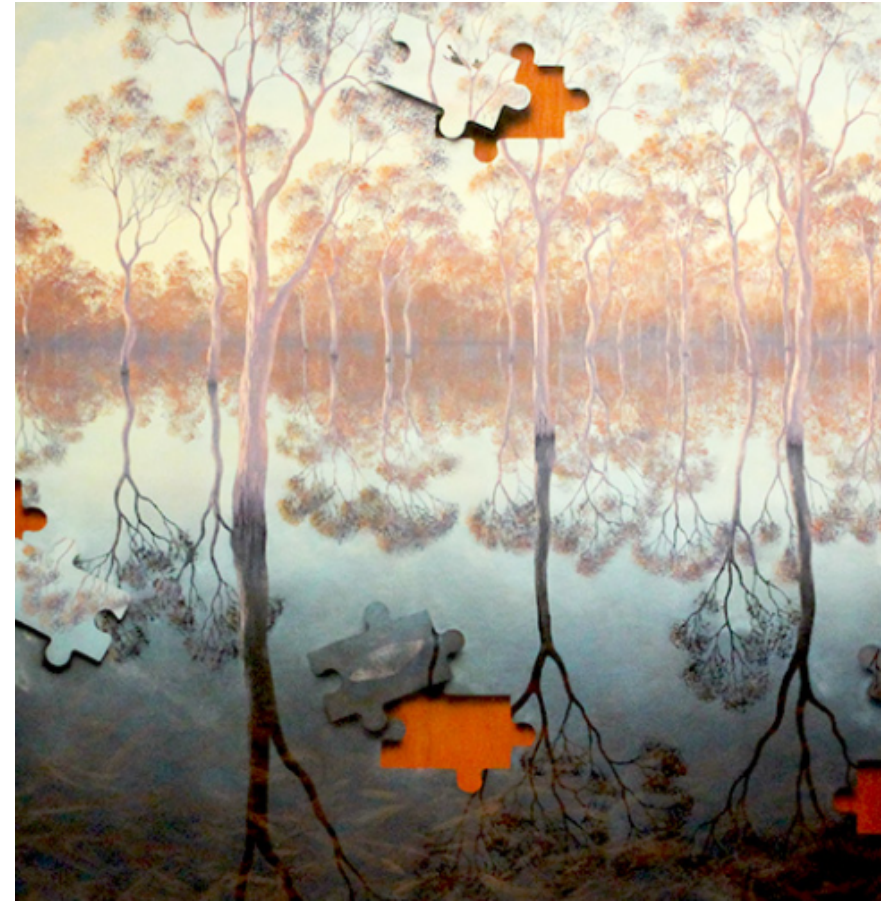
**A new initiative from Silver Chain-
Responding to a Community's Needs.**

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Dementia has a physical, psychological, social, and economic impact, not only on people with dementia, but also on their carers, families and society at large.

World Health Organisation, 2017. Global action plan on the public health response to dementia 2017-2025

<https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/dementia>



University of Canberra working with the National Gallery of Australia's Art and Dementia Program to determine if social interaction, facilitated by an art program, is effective at improving quality of life of people living with dementia. 27/6/18.

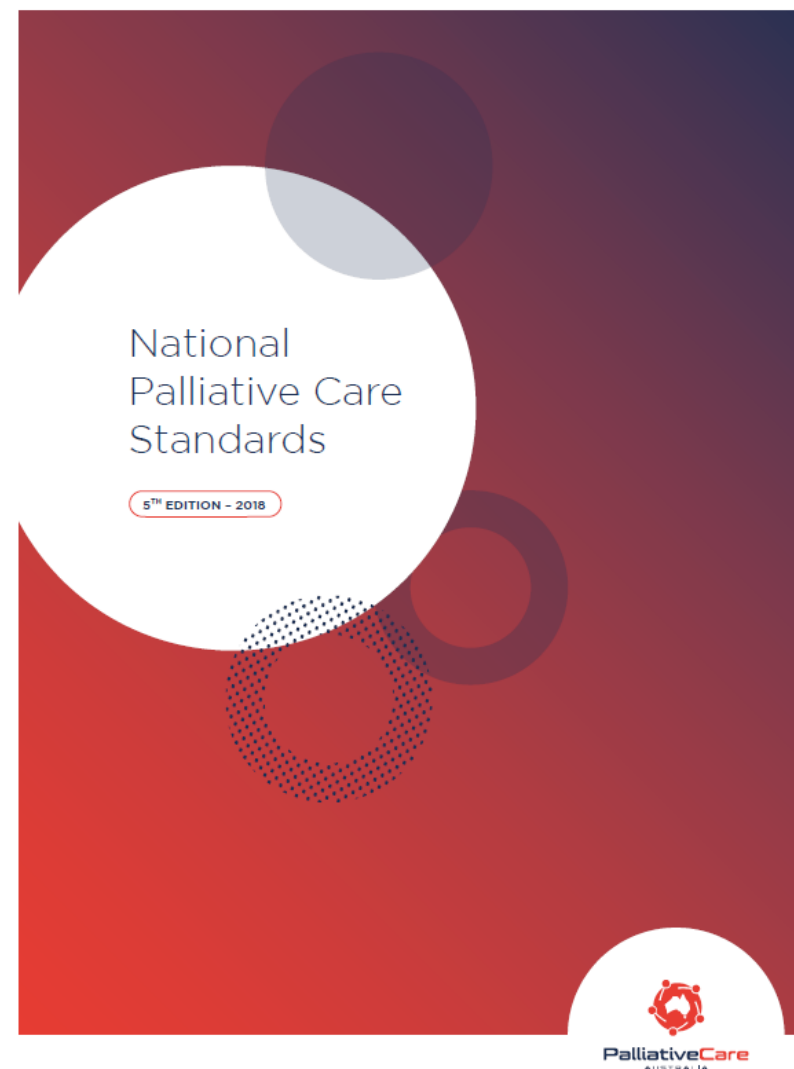
Dementia in Australia

- Dementia is the second leading cause of death of Australians (<https://www.dementia.org.au/statistics>)
- Estimated 459,00 Australians living with Dementia, without a medical breakthrough, estimates are likely to increase-
- 590,000 by 2028
- and 1,076,000 by 2058
(Dementia Australia 2020)
- new cases are currently estimated at 250 daily increasing to 650 daily by 2058
(Dementia Australia 2020)



Recognising vulnerable populations

National Palliative Care Standards, 5th Edition



Care is accessible to those living with cognitive impairment-Dementia, who are currently under-served.

- Care is person-centred;
- Carers are valued receiving support and information;
- Everyone has a role to play in palliative care;
- Care is high quality and evidence based



KEY PRIORITIES

- Care is accessible
 - Improve access to care for all
- Care is person-centred
 - Seamless transitions/ communication & coordination/ access to information
- Care is coordinated
 - Right care/time/place/from the right people
- Families and Carers supported
 - Part of the treating team/ the outcome of the caring experience is positive.
- Staff are prepared to care
- Community is aware and able to care

WA End-of-Life and
Palliative Care Strategy
2018–2028



The beginning

‘Our service aims to partner with you to provide the best care’

- Winter Link Appeal success- local recognition of a need
- The Pilot- aims to support clients with Advanced Dementia and their carers to remain in their own homes.
- Based in the Perth Metropolitan area.
- Service provision is during week days, business hours with out of hours nursing telephone support.
- Facilitated by two Palliative Care Nurse Practitioners

Referrals

- The Referral Form



Referral Criteria

- Client/ Substitute decision maker agree to referral to the Service
- A diagnosis of at least moderately severe dementia
- Living at home
- Functional Assessment Scale (FAST) from 6d level of disability (on reverse of referral form)

Service Provision

- The service holistically addresses symptom management issues utilising a person centred approach
- Advance Care Planning
- Provision of education
- Building therapeutic and collaborative relationships- GP, Geriatrician
- Recognition and alleviation of carer distress, promotes and supports carer confidence and capability
- Identification of deteriorating condition, referral to SCHCS
- Recognise increased care requirements, optimising package use
- Bereavement follow-up

A Focus on the Person Form

Burton E, Slatyer S, Bronson M, et al. Development and pilot testing of the "focus on the person" form: Supporting care transitions for people with dementia. *Dementia (London)*. 2019;18(6):2018-2035.
doi:10.1177/1471301217736594



Focus on the Person

Information about: (FULL NAME)

A form to help the hospital staff understand usual needs and wishes of a person who is living with dementia

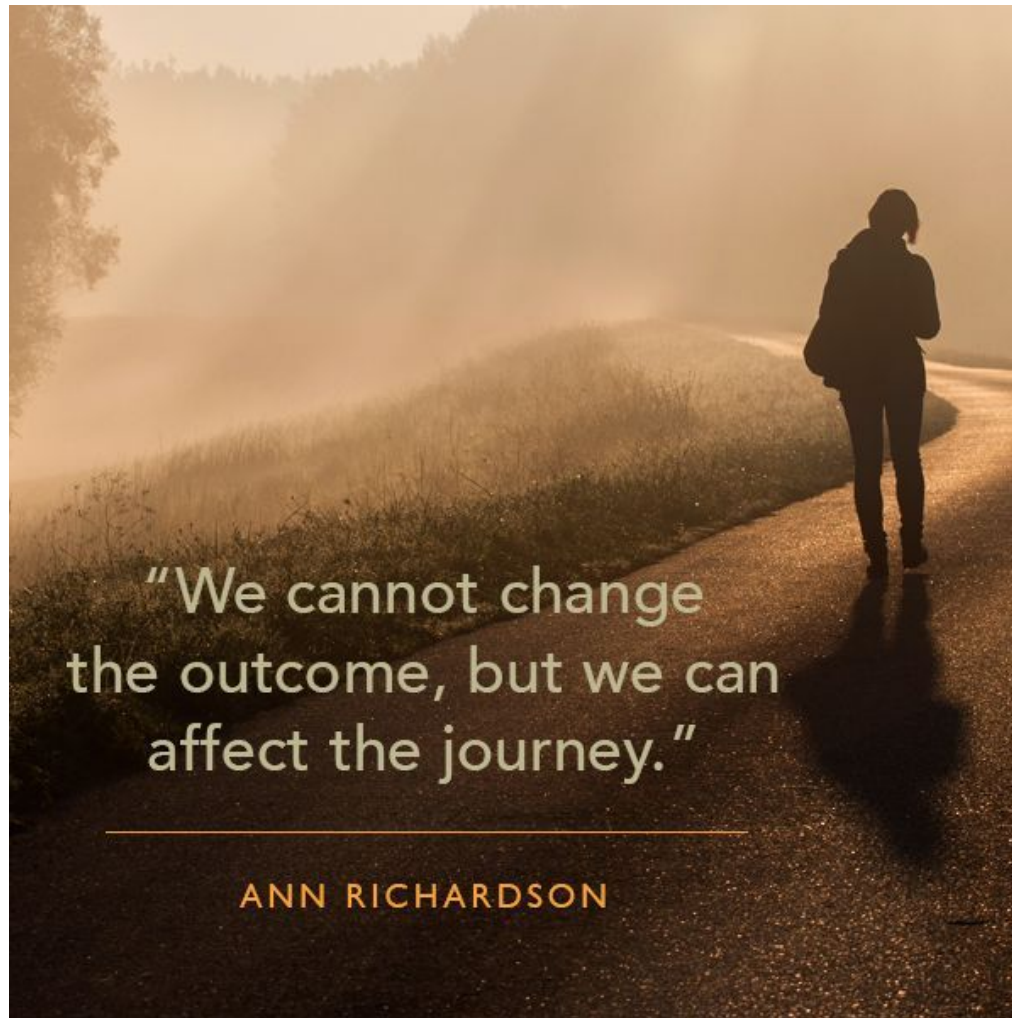
Who should complete this form?

This form is for completion by the person living with dementia and/or their support partner.

What have we learnt so far



- Building relationships through collaboration
- Increasing awareness of palliative care and dementia
- Enormous holistic complexity
- Health literacy- what are you seeing, what do you understand
- evolution of a name: feedback driving change- from the Palliative Dementia Service to the Advanced Dementia Specialist Service- ADSS,
- Acute setting issues- no dementia diagnosis; acutely unwell, family overwhelmed, terminal phase- some stabilise at home
- Transitions to community Palliative Care services
- unique palliative care needs of this vulnerable group
- High carer stress
- The challenges of new service development & change



Questions





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