

FECCA's 2020 Vision for Older CALD Australians

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) has been working to promote better outcomes and improve access to services for older CALD Australians as they age and enter the aged care system in Australia. This includes either services in the home or residential aged care.

According to the 2011 Australian Census, over 1.3 million Australians aged over 50 were born overseas in a non-English speaking country. This represents almost 20 percent of all Australians in that age group.

FECCA Chair Joe Caputo said, "At FECCA, we needed to know more about the needs and aspirations of this group. Earlier this year I launched the review on Australian research on Older People from CALD backgrounds. As a result of this research we know more about where the gaps are in policy, practice, and research, and have a broader sense of the issues, and where we would like to go."

FECCA Healthy Ageing Reference Network Chair Mary Patetsos has been instrumental in the development of FECCA's 2020 Vision for Older CALD Australians. At the FECCA National Biennial Conference in Sydney today, Mary said, "It gives me great pleasure to formally launch the 2020 Vision for Older CALD Australians. We look forward to working closely with our colleagues in the area, many of whom are here today, to achieve better outcomes for older people from CALD backgrounds."

FECCA established the Network to support its work in helping CALD older people living full and healthy lives.

"The strategies in the 2020 Vision aim to use available resources better, optimising what is available and proposing options that require further resource commitments", Mary said. "All the work of FECCA is the result of collaboration and effort of many individuals. This Vision coalesces the ideas, experience and solutions from many people who collaborated and partnered with FECCA."

To view FECCA's 2020 Vision for Older CALD Australians [click here](#).

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