

# An Investigation of the use of Aged Care Services by the Italian Community in Northern Sydney

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**Key Words:**

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**Research aim:**

This research project and report was developed to identify the barriers that may be limiting the older Italian communities access to aged care services, with the hope that in future these obstacles may be addressed.

**Results/Conclusion:**

There are various community/aged care services available in these areas, however many aged Italians are not accessing or using these services. This report identifies the barriers that are preventing the aged Italian community from accessing community/aged care services. The findings from the questionnaire and focus groups clearly indicate that language remains a barrier for the aged Italian community of Northern Sydney. This report has also identified the educational levels of the Italian aged community, the stigmatization of community/aged care services by this community, and the limited amount of bi-lingual workers in the area as barriers.

**Implications:**

**Cultural Group(s):**

Italians in Northern Sydney

**Location of study:**

New South Wales (Sydney)

**Age group:**

Not specified

**Number included in study:**

80 older Italians

**Type of participants:**

Older Italians in Northern Sydney

**Research approach:**

Mixed methods

**Type of data:**

Primary

**Secondary data sources used:**

**Specific scales or analytical techniques used:**

**Implications/ Recommendations:**

**Notes:**