

Emerging Needs Scoping Study: Regional Report

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Research aim:

This project aims to: • assist OFTA gain a comprehensive understanding of the current and future community-based aged care needs of the main emerging CALD communities in South Australia • develop OFTA's knowledge base so that it will be sufficient to inform the development of culturally appropriate service models and equitable allocation of HACC funding to these communities • provide communities new to South Australia with information on Home and Community Care (HACC) services.

Results/Conclusion:

The report provides a series of recommendations in meeting the needs of older people from CALD backgrounds outside of metropolitan areas.

Implications:

The regional areas varied quite considerably and whilst the numbers were relatively low the level of need particularly in Coober Pedy was high with multiple barriers to service access. There have been a number of project benefits to date including the following: • briefing members of all four steering committees on the regional consultation findings has helped to build awareness amongst metropolitan workers of the needs of regional communities and has identified a need for outreach work • Croatian Care for the Aged Inc. have applied for HACC funding to commence an outreach program • the consultative process found discrepancies between Census data and community and stakeholder views of their population particularly in Coober Pedy.

Cultural Group(s):

CALD

Location of study:

South Australia

Age group:

50+ (older people), carers and stakeholders any age

Number included in study:

88 community member questionnaire respondents (including 29 carers), 56 organisation consultations, 144 people attended community meetings

Type of participants:

stakeholders and community members, including carers of CALD aged

Research approach:

Mixed methods

Type of data:

Primary and secondary

Secondary data sources used:

Specific scales or analytical techniques used:

Implications/ Recommendations:

Notes:

Profile of CALD older populations in regional South Australia based with demographic data and information from community surveys and consultations with stakeholders and community members. Links to resources for the community and a set of recommendations for meeting future needs. One in a series of five ENSS reports that describe different key community groups.