

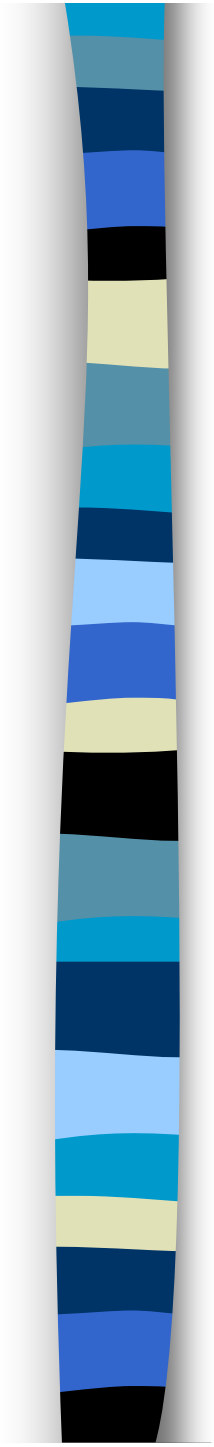
Australian Directions in Aged Care: The Generation of Policies for Generations of Older People

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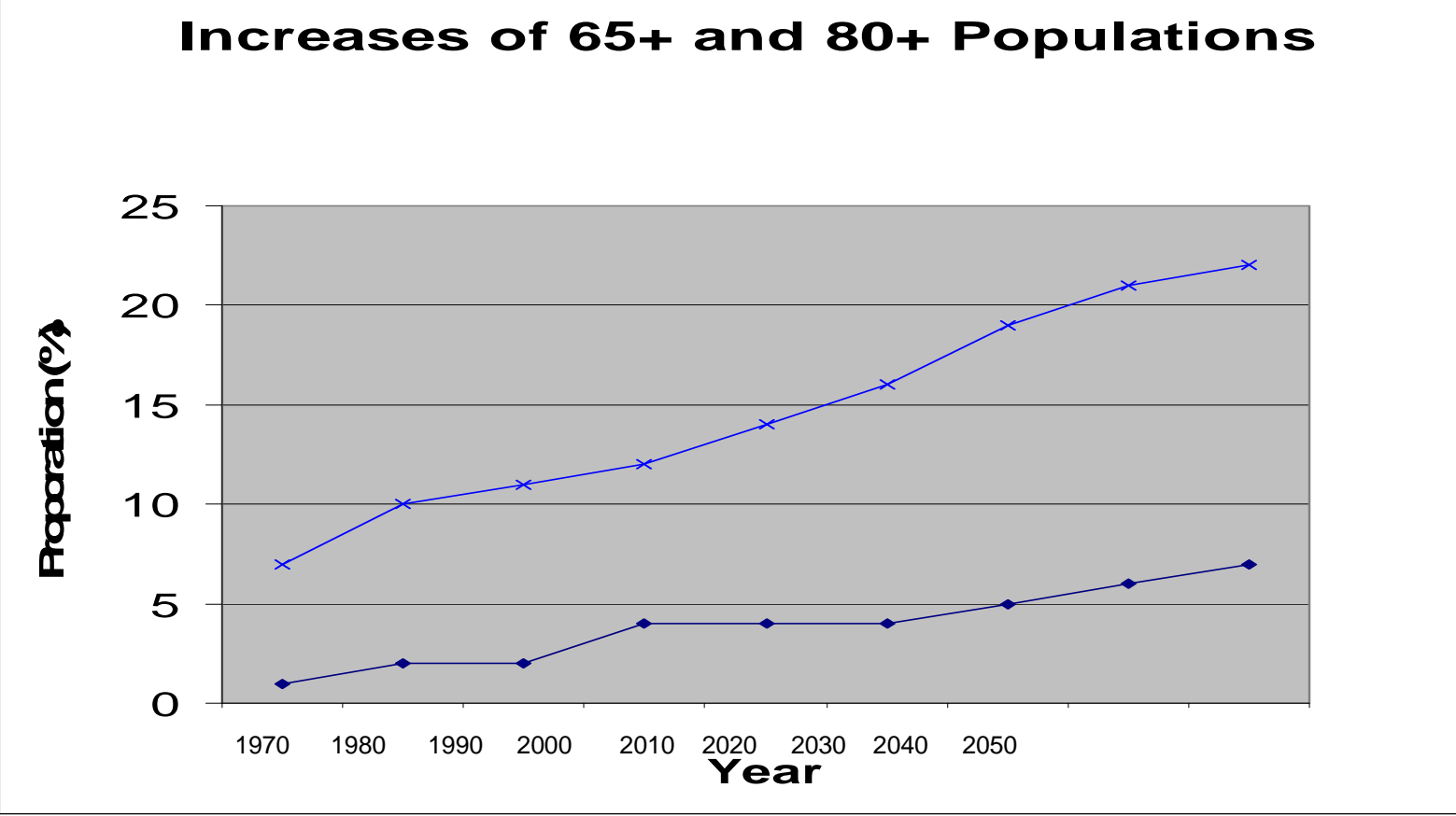


Overview

- Australia in Context
- Older Australians
- Historical Legacies
- Current Policies
- Ageing Futures
- Policy Directions



Increases of 65+ and 80+ Populations





Older Australians Profile

Life Expectancy (60 yrs)	Male	17 yrs
	Female	25 yrs

Living alone Arrangements (65 yrs plus)		30%
	couple	50%
	with family	16%
	unrelated	4%

Accommodation (60 yrs plus)	private h/holds	91%
	cared accomm.	7%
	Other	2%

Disability Free Life Expectancy (60 yrs)	Male	13 yrs
	Female	21 yrs



Older Australians with Disabilities

(20% of the 65%)

- 40% in cared accommodation
- 60% in the community
 - more than half married
 - 75% home owners; 10% public housing
 - Approximately \$10,000 per year (singles)
 - major needs areas
 - property maintenance (60%)
 - housework (46%)
 - health care (44%)
 - transport (42%)
 - self care (29%)
 - meals (18%)



Older Australians with Disabilities

– Sources of Assistance

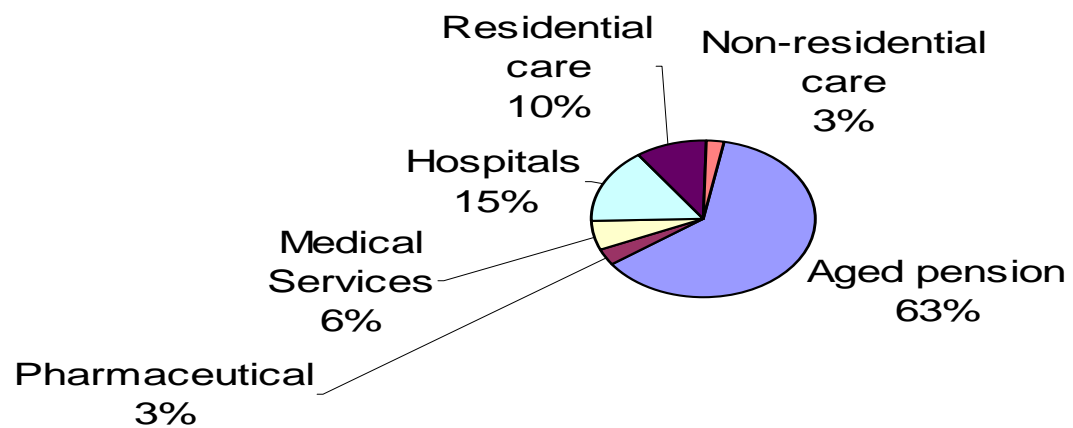
- Informal and formal (44%)
- Informal only (33%)
- Formal only (9%)
- Not needed (12%)
- Not available (2%)



Historical Legacies

- 1950s: The Voluntary Tradition
- 1960s: Community Services and Nursing Homes
- 1970s: Nursing home expansion
- 1980s: Aged Care Reform Strategy
Home and Community Care Program
Residential Care Program
- 1990s: Aged Care Act 1997

Government health and welfare expenditure on older Australians, 1995-96

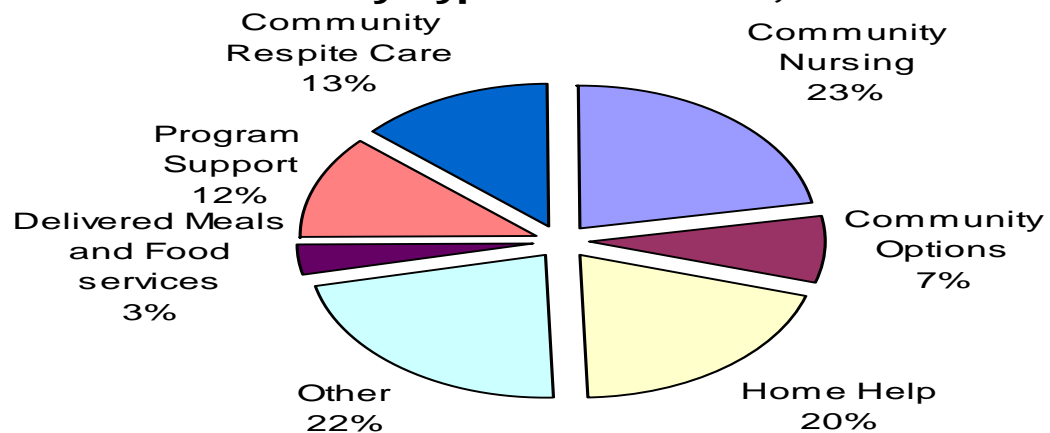




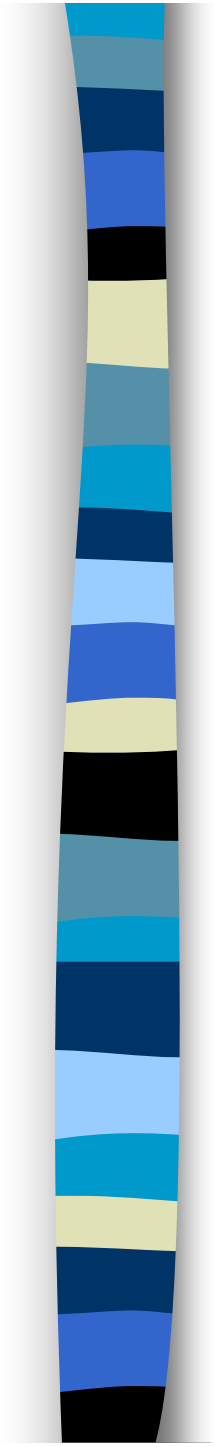
Home and Community Care

- Commonwealth and State Joint Program
- Objectives: Prevent Inappropriate and Premature Entry to Residential Care and Maintain Quality of Life
- Target Groups: Younger as well as Older People and their Carers
- Primary Providers:
 - Voluntary Agencies
 - Local and State Governments
- Needs Planning and Funding Allocations

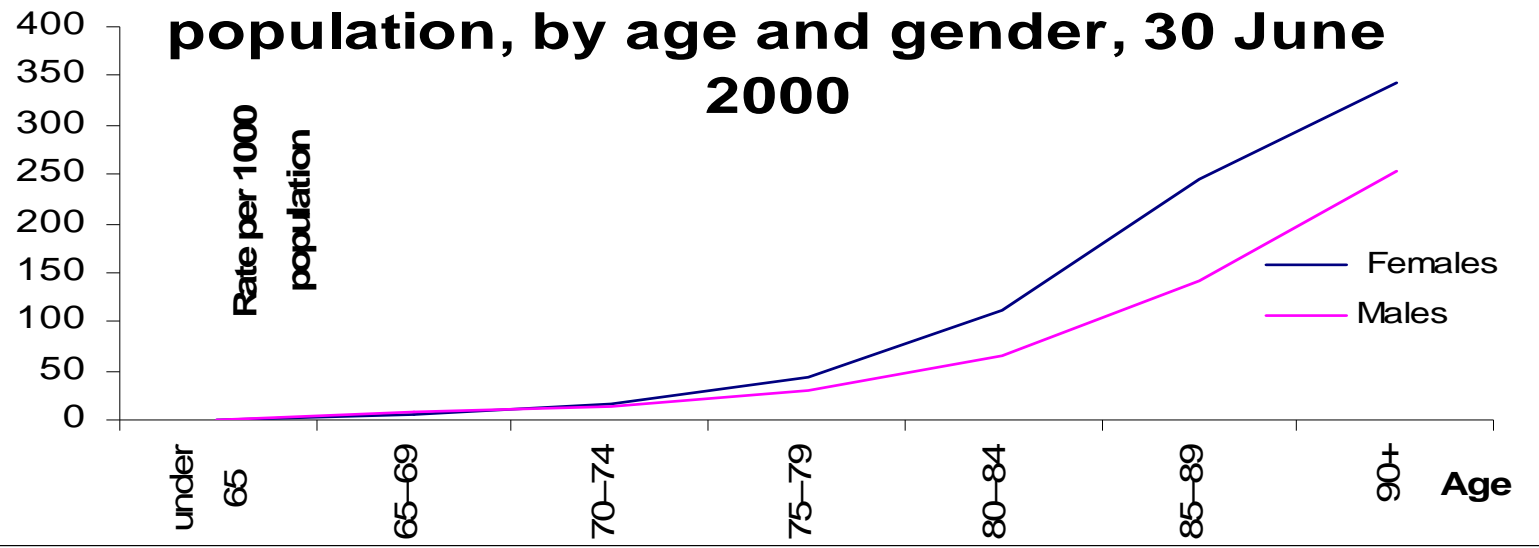
**Australia Home and Community Care expenditure,
by type of service, 1997/98**



Source: Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care at <http://www.health.gov.au/acc/stat/c98/contents.htm>



Australia: Number of persons in residential aged care facilities per 1000 population, by age and gender, 30 June 2000





Residential Care Programs

- Resident Classification System
- Residents Payments
- Assessment
- Planning Guidelines
- Quality Management
- Community Aged Care Packages



Aged Care Reform Strategy

(and 10 year re-assessment)

- Expenditure Change
 - Growth (plus 1.3 billion dollars real)
 - Community Service (10 to 20+ pct)

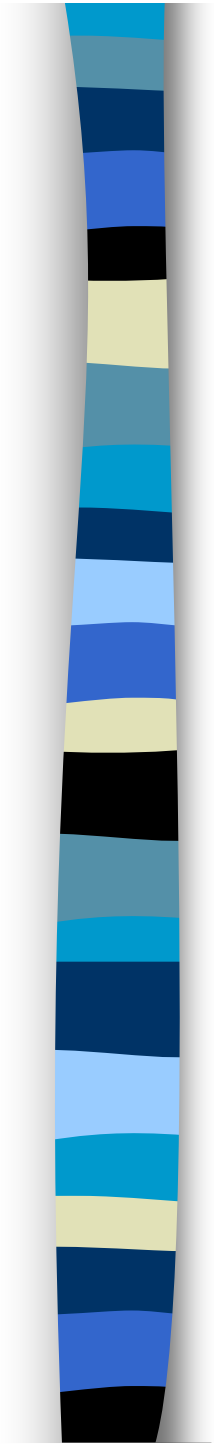
- Major Service Developments
 - Intensive Community Services
 - Community Options
 - Community Aged Care Packages
 - Carers and Respite Packages
 - Dementia Specific Services
 - Domiciliary Nursing Care Benefits



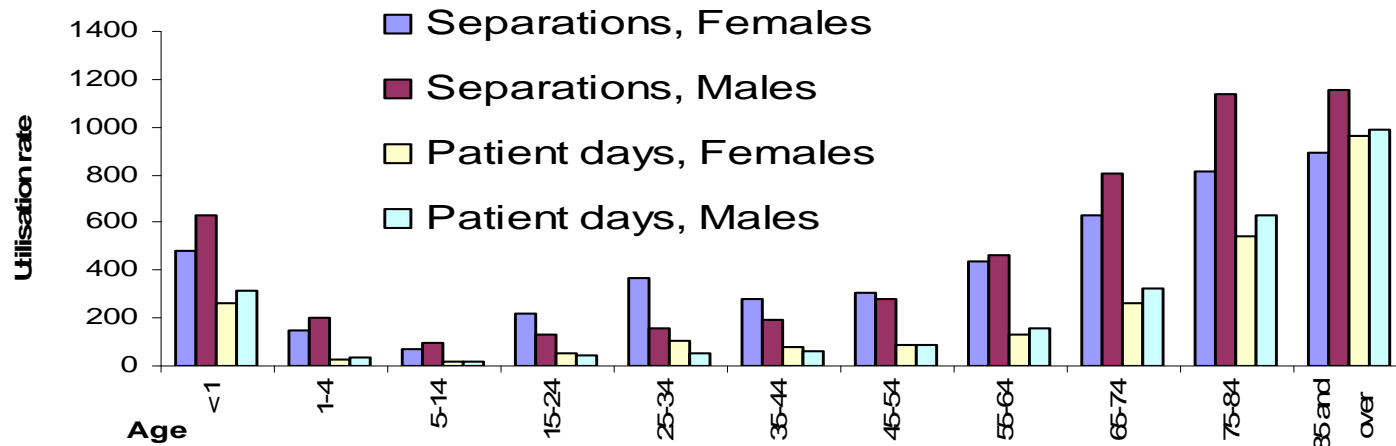
Aged Care Reform Strategy

(and 10 year re-assessment)

- Planning Systems
 - Planning Ratios Change (reduced nursing home)
 - HACCC Quality Changes (User Outcomes)
 - Aged Care Assessment Teams



Australia: Hospital utilisation rate (separations per 1000 population; patient days per 100 population) by age group and gender 1999/2000





Service Interfaces

- Hospitals
- Rehabilitation
- Mental Health
- Housing



Ageing Futures

- The 2001 Election
- The Fiscal Outlook
- Consumer Expectations
 - Cohort Change
 - Staying at Home
 - Improving Health
 - More Income but Variable
- Economic Conditions and Social Attitudes



Policy Directions (Recommendations)

- A Constructive Approach
 - Attitudinal Change
 - Adequate Income
 - Health Promotion
 - Supportive Environments
 - Fostering Independence
 - Whole of Government Approach



Policy Directions (Recommendations)

- Social Insurance
 - Fiscally Responsible
 - Baby Boomer Expectations
 - Allows/ promotes Choice
 - Protects Solidarity
 - Equity Effects (women, not in labour force)
 - Unlikely Short/middle Term



Policy Directions (Recommendations)

- Federal Re-organisation
 - Interface Issues and Blame Shifting
 - Commonwealth: Residential Care
 - Commonwealth/States: Community Care
 - States: Acute Care
 - Unlikely to change short/middle term



Policy Directions (Recommendations)

- Regional Funds Pooling
 - Regional Management of Jointly Provided Funding
 - Jointly Managed (Comm., State, Local)
 - Regional Priority Setting
 - Regional Advisory Process (provider/ consumer)
 - Scope: Broad (better priority setting)
 - Regional Diversity (local responsiveness and varied needs)



Policy Directions (Recommendations)

- Unbundling Housing and Care
 - Consumer choice and Flexibility
 - New Private and Public Provision
 - Needs-based Care Provision
 - Means-tested Accommodation Provision
 - Increase Equity and Top-up options



Policy Directions (Recommendations)

■ Evidence-based Policy

- Policies and Critical Debate
- Consumer Information including Population-based
- Program Information including Monitoring and Evaluation
- Education for Practise
- Social Obligations
 - to vulnerable people
 - between generations