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Aboriginal voices in aged care

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Kaya noonook
Nidja Noongar Whadjuk Boodja noonook nyininy
Ngalak djerapin Djinang noonook
Ngalak ana boordiya koora yey mila

Hello everyone, this is Noongar Whadjuk Country you are sitting on.
We are happy to see you and we acknowledge Elders past, present, and future.

Disclaimer: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people should be aware that this presentation contains images of deceased persons.

Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety

In its final report, the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety identified that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have specific needs when accessing aged care.

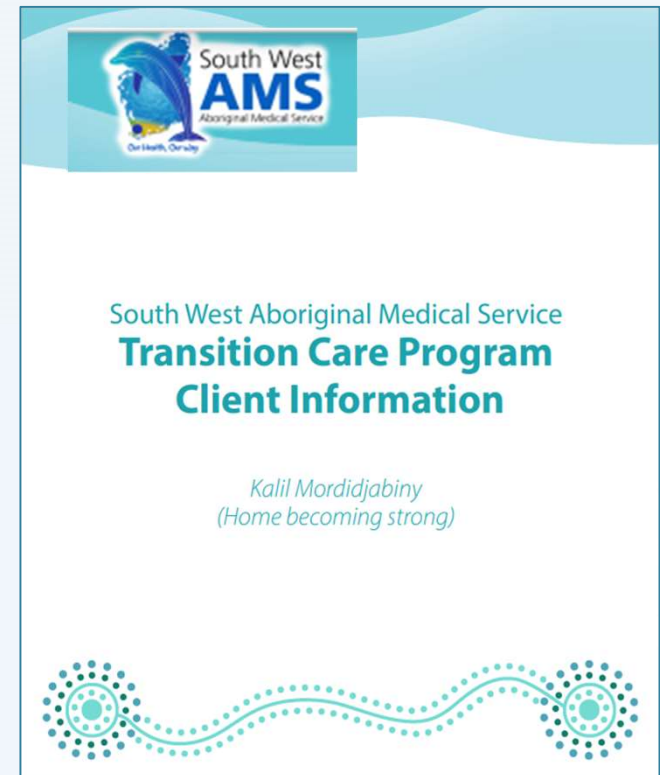
The report makes several recommendations, covering topics such as:

- ☐ the importance of culturally appropriate and safe care
- ☐ the requirement for trauma-informed approaches to providing care, particularly with members of the Stolen Generations
- ☐ provision of care on Country
- ☐ the potential to integrate aged care with existing First Nations organisations such as healthcare providers, disability services and social service providers (RCACQS 2021).

Transition Care Program

What is it?

- ❑ **Transition Care Program**
Partnership with ACCHS
Identifying gaps - ALOs
What will work for our mob



WHAT WAS HAPPENING

- ❑ Best efforts by ACAT Team – waiting was too long for our mob
- ❑ The word “go home today”
- ❑ Educating our staff



ABORIGINAL ACAT ASSESSOR

Why/how/when?

- ❑ How do we get an Aboriginal ACAT Assessor?





Warumpi Elders who led



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Nyaa tjanuna waarka alatji aged care palyani

Why I work in aged care

Figure 3: Rate of aged care use (per 1,000 population) among persons aged 65 and over in selected programs, by age group and Indigenous status

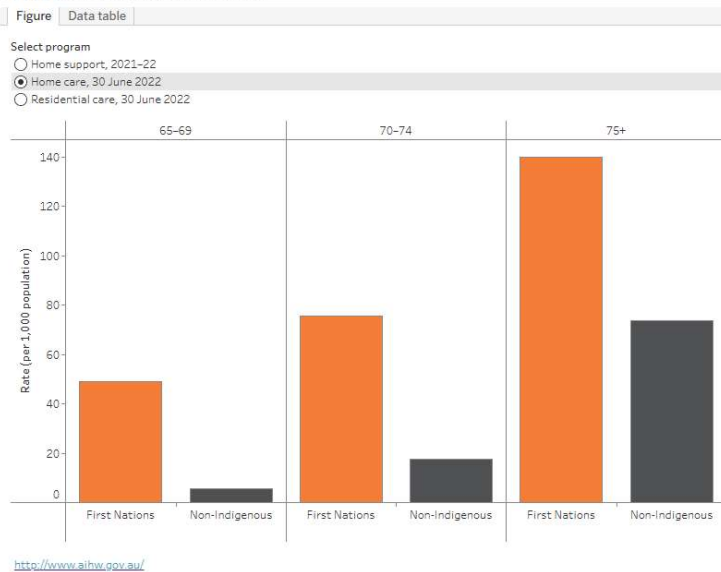
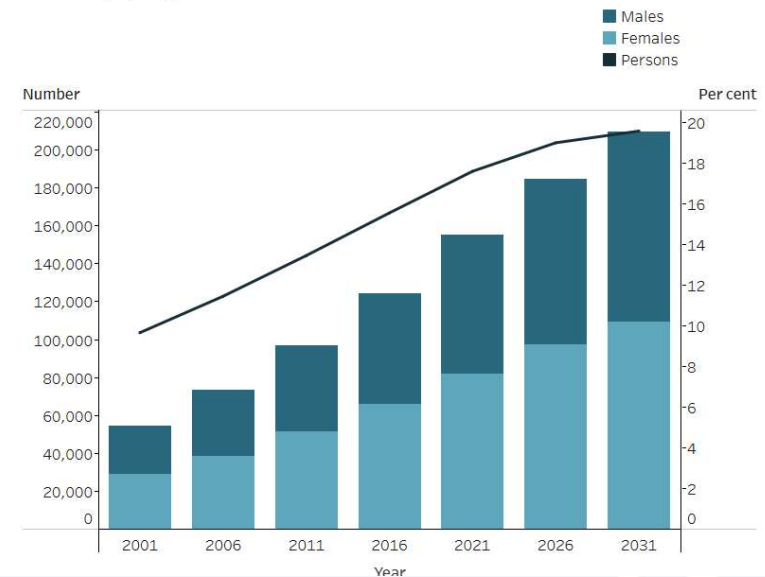


Figure 2A.2: Estimated resident and projected older Indigenous population (50 and over) by sex, 2001 to 2031



Services delivered by Aboriginal people to Aboriginal people



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Career pathways



- Non-clinical
- Clinical
- Allied health
- Complex Care team
- Administration
- Aboriginal Health Workers and Practitioners
- **Community Connectors**



Thank you

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