

Worried about memory loss, confusion or changes in personality? Could it be Dementia?




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Dementia creates many life changes. Ask your local professionals to help you.

For detailed information about Dementia and supports available, order a copy of the "The Dementia Guide" from Alzheimer's Australia on 03 9815 7800.

The Australian Government's My Aged Care can give you information and help you access aged care services. Phone: 1800 200 422. www.myagedcare.gov.au

Carer Gateway is a national service for support carers. Phone: 1800 422 737. www.carergateway.gov.au

Getting a Diagnosis



Go to your local GP Clinic or find a GP at www.nhsd.com.au

Cognitive Dementia Assessment & Memory Service (The Memory Clinic – Bendigo)

Provides an early assessment and diagnosis of Dementia. Referral from the GP preferred, however families can self-refer.

Phone 5454 8500.

Royal Melbourne Hospital - Department of Neuropsychiatry

Provides assessment & diagnosis of Younger Onset Dementia. GP referral required.

Phone 9342 8750.

Understanding Dementia



Alzheimer's Australia Victoria

Home visits are available from a Dementia consultant/counsellor. Provides ongoing support, referral and education including Younger Onset Dementia. Support for Carers. Self referral.

Phone 1800 100 500; www.fightdementia.org.au

Driving



VicRoads

Provide driving assessments with a trained occupational therapist.

Phone 131 171; www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

Financial Rights & Legal Issues



Seniors Rights Victoria

Provides information, support and advice to safeguard the rights of older people.

Phone 1300 368 821; www.seniorsrights.org.au

Office of Public Advocate

Provides guardianship and advocacy services for people living with Dementia.

Phone 1300 309 337; www.publicadvocate.vic.gov.au

Centrelink

Carers Support Payment.

Phone 132 717.

Taking a Break, Social Time & Support Groups



Carers Support Services

Helping carers to maintain their caring role by assisting with respite, referrals and information about aged care and support groups for carers.

Phone 5482 0808.

Social Support & Activities for People with Dementia

Campaspe Shire Council - Phone 5480 6701.

Vision Australia Rushworth - Phone 5445 5700.

Kyabram District Health Service - Phone 5857 0200.

Rochester & Elmore District Health Service - Phone 5484 4465.

Carer Support Groups

Kyabram Community & Learning Centre - Phone 5852 0000.

Carers Support Services, Echuca - Phone 5482 0808.

Cunningham Downs Village Echuca - Phone 5480 5000.

Rushworth Community House - Phone 5856 1295.

Criteria applies for membership of these groups - please contact for further information.

Support at Home



Commonwealth Home Support Program

Services include domestic assistance, personal care, property maintenance, in-house respite, food services and activity groups. Assessment required through the Regional Assessment Service (RAS).

My Aged Care 1800 200 422; www.myagedcare.gov.au

Aged Care Assessment Service (ACAS)

Assisting older people and their carers to identify care that will best meet their needs.

My Aged Care 1800 200 422; www.myagedcare.gov.au

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) for those under 65 years (or under 50 years for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders)

Support at home to live well with Younger Onset Dementia.

Phone 1800 800 110; www.ndis.gov.au

Changes in Behaviour



Dementia Behaviour Management Advisory Service

Support with managing changing behaviour and communication.

Phone 1800 699 799; www.dbmas.org.au

Older Person's Community Mental Health Team

Psychiatric assessment and treatment, may also provide services for changes in behaviour linked to Dementia.

Phone 1300 363 788 (24hrs).



If you require an interpreter, please ask the service when you call.