### Australia

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<th>Total population</th>
<th>24,450,559</th>
<th>Estimated dementia prevalence in GBD region</th>
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<td>% population over the age of 60</td>
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<td>Disability-adjusted life years due to dementia</td>
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<td>WHO region</td>
<td>WPR</td>
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<td>World Bank income group</td>
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**Neurologists (per 100K population)** 2.10 | Long-term care facilities (per 100K population) 10.9 |

**Psycho-/Geriatricians (per 100K population)** 2.25 | Adult day centres (per 100K population) Data not available |

**Availability of dementia NGO** Yes | Outpatient social care centres (per 100K population) Data not available |

#### Implementing dementia actions: current status

**Action Area: Dementia as a public health priority**
- Existence of a dementia representative within the ministry: Yes
- Existence of stand-alone or integrated dementia plan*: Yes
- Dedicated financial resources to implement the dementia plan: Yes
- Existence of legislation pertaining to the rights of people with dementia: Yes
- Existence of government approved guidelines and standards for dementia care/support: Yes

**Action Area: Dementia awareness & friendliness**
- Existence of a public awareness-raising campaign for dementia (stigma and risk reduction)*: Yes
- Existence of dementia-friendly social and physical environments*: Yes
- Existence of dementia education/training for non-health care population groups*: Yes

**Action Area: Dementia risk reduction**
- Dementia risk reduction specifically mentioned in policies (either dementia-specific or NCD): Yes
- Available guidance for health and social care staff to manage dementia risk: No |
- Voluntary targets outlined in the NCD action plan **/** have been reached * available in 2018

**Action Area: Dementia diagnosis, treatment, care and support**
- Diagnostic rate for dementia *: Data not available
- Availability of community-based services for dementia: Capital, main cities and rural areas
- Overall access to community-based services: Yes
- Available mechanisms for dementia care coordination across sectors: Yes
- Basic dementia competencies included in curricula for health/social workforce **/**: Some

**Action Area: Support for carers of people with dementia**
- Existence of dementia carer support services*: Yes
- Available guidance for health/social care staff to identify and reduce carer stress: Yes
- Existence of financial benefits/social protection for dementia carers: Yes

**Action Area: Health information systems for dementia**
- Number of people with dementia is routinely monitored: No
- Availability and scope of dementia reporting: Dementia data compiled for general health statistics only

**Action Area: Dementia research and innovation**
- Existence of stand-alone or integrated research agenda for dementia: Yes
- Government research investment per year (in local currency): 53.1 million
- Dementia research output (measured in publications in Medline) in 2016*: 70
- Involvement of people with dementia in the research process ^: Frequently
- Availability of investigational pharmacological trials for dementia: Yes

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*: Indicator used to measure country's contribution towards reaching global targets of the Global Action Plan on the Public Health Response to Dementia 2017-2025.

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