

## **Small-scale Residential Dementia Care Settings in Australia – Where are they and what are the characteristics of care?**

Project aim - This project seeks to explore where small-scale residential dementia care is located in Australia and investigate the characteristics and features of each care setting.

Project overview – Small-scale residential dementia care is an innovative, person-centred alternative to large-scale institutional residential care where less than 15 residents live in a home-like environment with a focus on enabling residents to continue their activities of daily life, hobbies and community connections. Small-scale care is associated with less prominent symptoms of functional decline, less negative stress and lower levels of depressive symptoms. The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety highlighted the issues associated with traditional institutional care and recommended the alternative of small household models of care through policy and funding measures, which has contributed to increased interest in small-scale residential care in Australia.

This project addresses a research gap by investigating the location of small-scale residential dementia care settings in Australia and exploring the characteristics of care through a desk-top environmental scan of public databases, websites and documents. A staff member with knowledge of the operational and strategic aspects of the care setting will be contacted to complete the data collection if required.

The information gained from the research will be used to improve the understanding of where small-scale residential dementia care is located in Australia, the philosophy of each care setting and how the physical, care and social environments are described.

Ethics - The project is Exempt from Review by the Human Research Ethics Committee of the University of Canberra.

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