Homeless people face great challenges in accessing appropriate dementia services and support. Alzheimer’s Australia (Qld) is running a series of state wide workshops to develop awareness of dementia issues to those who work with homeless community.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP:

- Understanding about dementia
- Issues relating to the experience of being aged and homelessness while living with a dementia
- Managing multiple and complex behaviours of unmet need
- Appropriate measures to identify and support people living with dementia

INTERACTIVE GROUP DISCUSSIONS INCLUDE:

Small group discussions on how to deal with the complexities on presented cases.
Participants are asked to consider a client who they know/suspect has dementia and work with their group around how they identified and managed issues and what they learned from it.

VENUE:
59 Cambridge St, Vincent QLD 4814

WHEN:
Thursday, 9th June

TIMINGS:
09.30am - 04.30pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

To book your place please call our Program Booking Line on 1800 588 699 or email qld.services@alzheimers.org.au

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

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Alice Rota-Bartelink has worked across a wide range of service sectors as an allied health practitioner. She held a 4-year lecturing position at La Trobe University, Melbourne where she attained her PhD. In 2001 she partnered the UK and USA in an international study examining the antecedents of homelessness among the elderly and in 2004 became principal researcher responsible for The Wicking I & II Projects which investigated specialised, intensive models of residential care to support older adults experiencing homelessness while living with a brain injury. Alice is an Honorary Research Fellow at NARI - the National Aging Research Institute. She has authored several peer-reviewed journal articles, presented at national and international conferences and has conducted master class workshops across Australia and New Zealand on supporting people experiencing high-risk neuro-behavioural concerns. In April this year Alice was awarded a scholarship to present her work at the North American Brain Injury Society's Conference in the USA.

WORKSHOP TIMETABLE

9.30 – 10.00  Introductions
10.00 – 10.20  Brief overview of dementia and other neurocognitive disorders
10.20 – 10.45  Introduction to issues relating to the experience of being aged and homeless
10.45 – 11.05  Morning Tea
11.05 – 11.30  Issues relating to the experience of being aged and homelessness while living with a dementia
11.30 – 12.30  Managing multiple and complex behaviours of unmet need
12.30 – 1.10  Lunch
1.10 – 1.40  An introductory case - Looking at behaviour management
1.40 – 2.30  Case Studies (Alice leads by presenting cases and getting small groups to consider how to deal with their complexities)
2.30 – 2.50  Afternoon break
2.50 – 3.45  Small group work
3.45 – 4.15  How does your organisation identify and support people living with dementia? How can this be improved (Improving assessment processes/ building service networks)?
4.15 – 4.30  Conclusions and farewells