**New resource for remote Aboriginal communities**

A new culturally appropriate resource is now available for professionals and health workers supporting people with dementia in Aboriginal communities in remote areas of Australia. The set of 11 posters is designed to aid communication around dementia and behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia (BPSD).

The posters include information and strategies to assist with reducing the problems associated with aggression, agitation, anxiety, apathy, calling out, delusions and hallucinations, depression, resistance to care, sleep problems, socially inappropriate behaviours and wandering.

They have been developed by the Dementia Collaborative Research Centre: Assessment and Better Care (DCRC: ABC), in collaboration with the Dementia Behaviour Management Advisory Service, Northern Territory (DBMAS NT) as well as other clinicians from Alzheimer’s Australia, Aged Care Assessment Teams and the acute sector working in the Northern Territory and the Kimberley.

The posters are based on the principles outlined in the document Behaviour Management – A Guide To Good Practice: Managing Behavioural And Psychological Symptoms Of Dementia (BPSD), which was produced in 2012 by the DCRC: ABC to support those caring for people living with dementia with BPSD. The Guide includes additional considerations for managing BPSD when working with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people with dementia.

The poster project was prompted by clinicians visiting Aboriginal communities in remote areas who wanted a resource that supported their use of the DBMAS BPSD videos (available at http://dbmas.org.au/resources/videos/), and which could be left in the community after the visit. The video project included an Indigenous consultancy group to ensure the content was culturally appropriate and acceptable.

The BPSD posters are available in hard copy, A3 colour format by request (email k.burns@unsw.edu.au), or as PDFs which can be downloaded from the resource page on the DCRCs’ new DementiaKT Hub website at http://dementiakt.com.au/resource/bpsdposters-aboriginal/.

The posters were specifically developed to support Aboriginal communities living in remote areas of Australia. Health professionals are advised to use their clinical judgment in determining whether the resource is appropriate for use with people from Aboriginal communities living outside remote areas.

**Events**

**5-6 October – VIC**

Strengthening Dementia Services Conference
Supported by COTA and Alzheimer’s Australia, in Melbourne. Details: https://www.criterionconferences.com/event/sds/.

**7-8 October – NSW**

Navigating an Inspired Future

**9-12 October – QLD**

LASA National Congress 2016
Presented by LASA, on the Gold Coast. Details: www.lasacongress.asn.au/.

**13 October-11 November – National**

Better Practice 2016: The Quality Experience – Beyond the Expected

**25-27 October – NSW**

2nd Annual Dementia Strategy Summit

**26 October – SA**

Forward Thinking: innovatively working with people with dementia

**23-24 February 2017 – SA**

8th Annual National Dementia Conference

**26-29 April 2017 – Japan**

32nd International Conference of Alzheimer’s Disease International
In Kyoto. Online registration and abstract submission now open. Details: http://www.adi2017.org/.

**17-20 October 2017 – VIC**

Alzheimer’s Australia National Conference 2017