

AGED CARE IN AUSTRALIA

SUCSESSES AND CHALLENGES

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ACHIEVEMENTS

- . REDUCED USE OF RESIDENTIAL CARE
- . TARGET RATIO REDUCED FROM
100/1000 70+ TO 88/1000 70+

ACHIEVEMENTS

- . NATIONWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM
- . REDUCED RESIDENTIAL APPROVALS
- . GREATER CHOICE FOR CONSUMERS
- . CASE MANAGEMENT

ACHIEVEMENTS

- . EXPANDED COMMUNITY CARE
- . DIVERSITY
- . GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE
- . NATIONAL SYSTEM

ACHIEVEMENTS

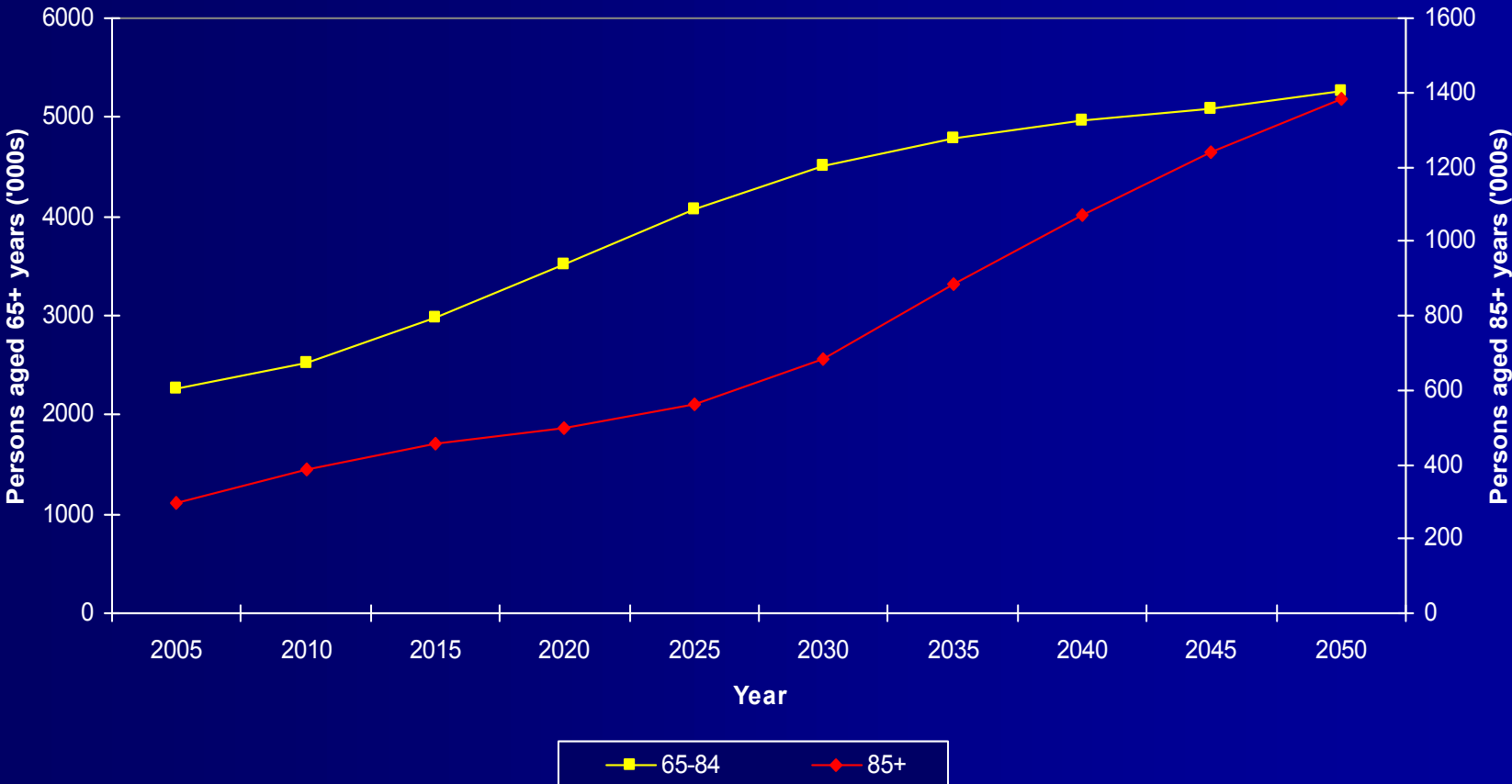
- . INCREASED CARER SUPPORT
- . CARERS ASSOCIATIONS IN EACH STATE
- . FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CARERS
- . RESPITE CARE

ACHIEVEMENTS

- . IMPROVED DEMENTIA CARE
- . INCREASED COMMUNITY AWARENESS
- . EARLY INTERVENTION
- . FAMILY SUPPORT

GROWTH IN AGED POPULATION

Growth in Aged Population in Australia, 2005 to 2050



COSTS OF AGED CARE

	Cost in \$billions	
	02-03	22-23
Res Care	6.7	26.0
CACPs/EACH	0.3	0.7
HACC	0.9	3.1
Other	0.4	0.7
Total	8.3	30.5

Source – Hogan Report

Sharing of Costs

■ Australian Government	68.4%
■ State/Territories	5.4%
■ Consumers	26.2%

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CHALLENGES

- . WHO WILL PAY?
 - TAXPAYERS?
 - USERS?
 - PROVIDERS?

OPTIONS FOR TAXPAYERS

- ❑ CONSOLIDATED REVENUE
- ❑ LEVY
- ❑ TAX ON SUPERANNUATION

OPTIONS FOR USERS

- HIGHER FEES
- TOUGHER MEANS TESTING
- BONDS FOR HIGH CARE
- LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE
- SPECIAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

OPTIONS FOR PROVIDERS

- IMPROVED EFFICIENCY
- ECONOMIES OF SCALE
- RESTRUCTURED WORKFORCE
- IMPROVED OH & S

CHALLENGES

- . HOW CAN CONSUMERS BE GIVEN CHOICE?
 - VOUCHERS?
 - INTEGRATED LOW CARE?

CHALLENGES

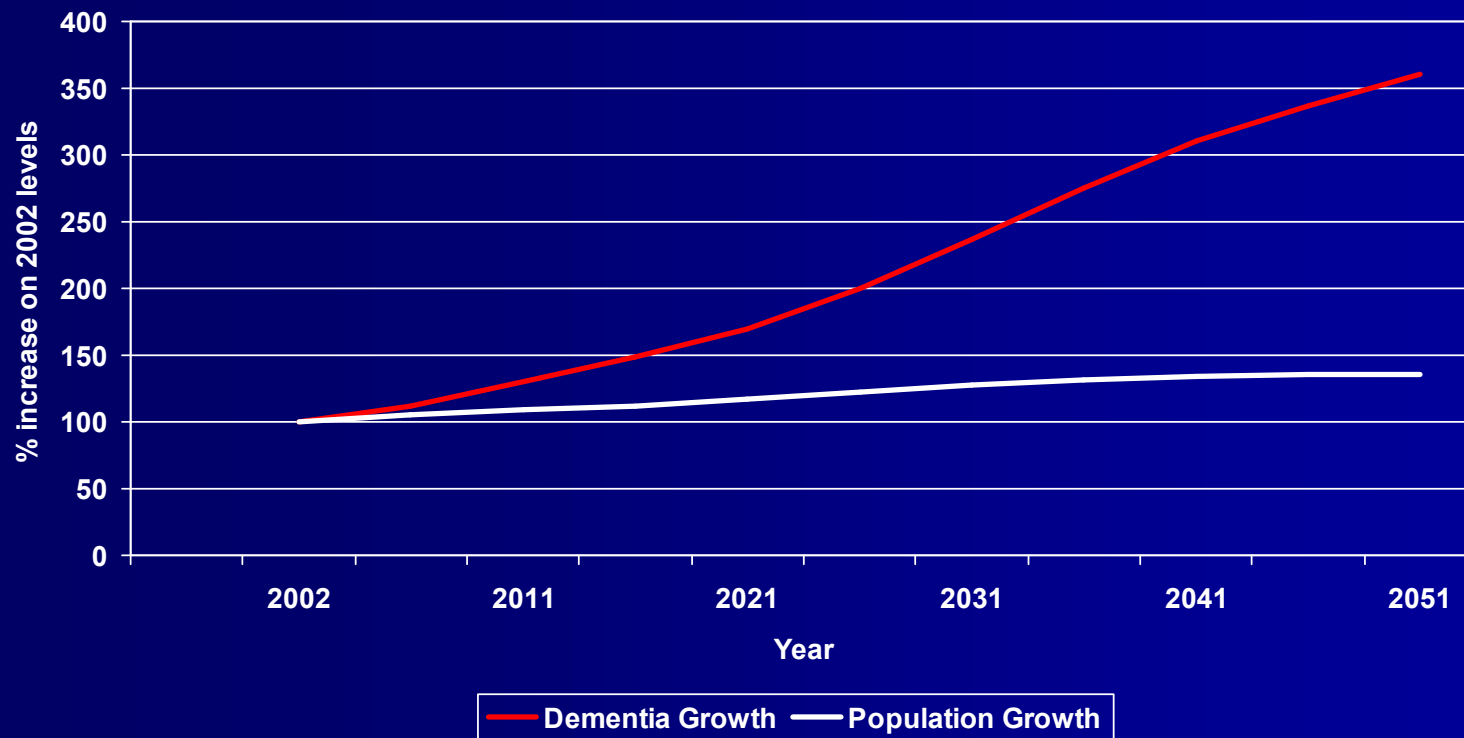
- . COMMONWEALTH/STATE ISSUES
 - HACC
 - HOSPITAL INTERFACE
 - ACATS

CHALLENGES

- . HOW DO WE MAINTAIN QUALITY?
 - RESIDENTIAL CARE
 - COMMUNITY CARE

PROJECTED DEMENTIA PREVALENCE

Dementia prevalence and population growth, Australia 2002-2051



CHALLENGES

- . HOW DO WE DEAL WITH DEMENTIA?
- . DOES EARLY DIAGNOSIS HELP?
- . SPECIFIC CARE VERSUS GENERAL CARE

CARER SUPPORT

- FINANCIAL
- RESPITE SERVICES
- SOCIAL SUPPORT
- FRIENDLY EMPLOYERS

CHALLENGES

- . HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT WORKS?
 - DATA COLLECTION
 - EVALUATION
 - RESEARCH

CHALLENGES

- COMPLEXITY OF COMMUNITY CARE

- "THE WAY FORWARD"

THE FUTURE

- POSITIVE OUTLOOK
- COMMITMENT OF STAFF
- COMMITMENT OF CARERS
- COMMUNITY CONCERN