

RSL NSW

Ageing policy

On 2/6/20 I attended, representing RSL NSW, a Zoom meeting conducted by the NSW Department of Communities and Justice to consider a future ageing strategy for NSW. The meeting was conducted by addressing 7 questions of an extremely broad nature, relating to the community as a whole. It revealed that the perceived needs for the State were very similar to those that are seen as necessary for ageing veterans in our Draft Strategic Plan. The provision of services for the aged is becoming complex, and this is even more so for ageing veterans, especially, for example, as in transitioning from Home Care to Residential Care. One aspect of healthcare that was heavily criticized for lack of quality services was dementia. A clear lesson for the RSL is that we must become facilitators, knowledgeable in the field of welfare and healthcare and skilled in facilitating the provision of the best and most appropriate services for our veterans.