

Social trends highlight this complexity

We are living longer, not necessarily living “better”

- Number of deaths per year is increasing as the population grows and ages
- Changing nature of disease types and treatments is making caregiving more complex
- Increasingly high levels of acuity and frailty as people enter Residential Aged Care
- Social determinants of health for older people

The relevant workforce faces increasing pressures

- Number of people requiring aged care will double by 2050
- Aged Care workforce will need to grow from 350k to 980k by 2050
- 50% of the current Aged Care workforce will reach retirement age in the next 15 years

The profile and capacity of informal caregivers is becoming more complex

- Sandwich generation caring for their own children & ageing parents
- Baby Boomers caring for increasingly elderly parents

The policy framework is contentious

- Voluntary assisted dying
- Royal Commission into Aged Care
- COVID-19 Pandemic
- United Nation Decade of Healthy Ageing

Mental models for success?

- Not enough attractive alternatives
- Mental health services have chartered the path