

National Aged & Community Care Roundtable for Forgotten Australians



The **National Aged and Community Care Roundtable for Forgotten Australians (National Roundtable)** was established to continue the collaboration from a National Forum held in Sydney on 6 June 2019. The group aims to spotlight the needs of Forgotten Australians/Care Leavers in aged and community care. The National Roundtable is comprised of Forgotten Australians and other Care Leavers, along with a range of individuals and organisations from and with expertise in the aged and community care sector, research, and specialist support services. This group advocates for change, greater access, service model redesign, the need for trauma informed training, and the need for significant policy reform to ensure individuals receive the services that are right for them. The group is dedicated to directly supporting the interests of Forgotten Australians/Care Leavers through collaboration, awareness raising and sharing of networks, resources, knowledge, and stories.

The National Roundtable focuses on bringing the knowledge and experience of individual members together to collaborate on research projects, data analysis and sharing, advocacy for policy change, creation of new service and organisational models, support for trauma informed training for all workers, and individual assistance on services and support.

Recent examples of the National Roundtable work

Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality & Safety Submissions

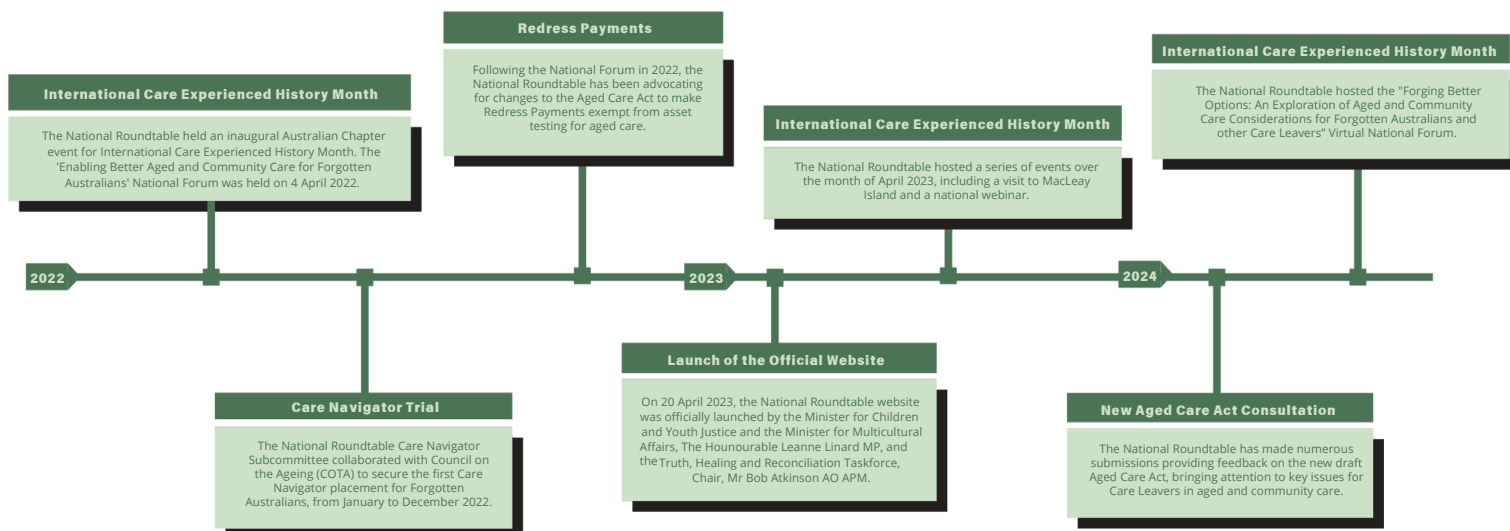
The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety was established in April of 2019 as a response to public concerns about widespread reports of violence against, and the neglect, abuse, and exploitation of people with disability. The National Roundtable assisted with submissions to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, which included multiple case studies on 'care' received by Forgotten Australians/Care Leavers and the issues surrounding this, as well as multiple recommendations for the aged care system to have a special focus on Forgotten Australians/Care Leavers. The suggestions ranged from the promotion of an innovative approach to the delivery of services and support for Forgotten Australians/Care Leavers as their need for assistance increases.

National Curriculum

The National Roundtable is currently advocating to State and Territory Governments to ensure Forgotten Australians/Care Leaver history is taught in secondary and relevant tertiary education. This initiative aims to preserve important historical lessons and improve the lives of Forgotten Australians/Care Leavers. By educating future generations, we can ensure that the traumatic experiences faced by Forgotten Australians/Care Leavers are recognised and considered by those working within service systems, improving the overall experiences had when accessing and interacting with these service systems supports they are entitled to.

Redress Payments

The National Roundtable has been approached by many concerned Forgotten Australians/Care Leavers, their specialist services, and key support personnel, about the further injustices being experienced when entering the aged care system by survivors of child sexual abuse who have received Redress Payment under the National Redress Scheme. The National Roundtable has been working with the Department of Health and Aged Care for the exclusion of Redress Payments from the Aged Care Asset testing process.



Recent recognition and awards

In 2022, the National Roundtable **won** the **Future of Ageing Award** in the category of **Community Engagement**. The Future of Ageing Award recognises collaboration, leadership, and innovation across Australia's aged care industry. Furthermore, the National Roundtable was nominated as a **finalist** for the **2024 12th Asia Pacific Eldercare Innovation Awards** in the **Innovation Of The Year - Community Social Engagement** category. The National Roundtable was also **nominated** for the **Queensland Volunteers Impact Award** in 2024.

To learn more about the National Roundtable, head to our website www.forgottenaustraliansroundtable.com.au

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