BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, INTERSEX & DEMENTIA: WHAT ABOUT US?
Why focus on LGBTI?

Hockey stands by gay “waste” comments
National Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Intersex Ageing and Aged Care Strategy
Alzheimer’s Australia SA

• Develop training and education
• Develop promotional materials
• Develop awareness campaign
• Create pathways for support
• Focus on Transgender and Intersex (and bisexual) dementia needs
Why?

What did we know about:

• Bisexuality
• Transgender
• Intersex
BISEXUALITY

“hardly any research on bisexual ageing specifically”

Stonewall (2011)
Lesbian, Gay and bisexual people in later life
London: Stonewall
Transgender

6,450 transgender adults (all ages) surveyed in US
1/5 reported being refused care outright by medical providers

Reports of nurses refusing to bathe or even touch them

“Transgender people who are aging worry about privacy issues, especially about their bodies – whether or not they’ve had surgery – and what’s that going to mean when they’re in a nursing home: what am I going to do when I’ve been more or less private all these years and then my body is exposed? what’s going to happen me as a result of other people’s ignorance”

Jude Patton, age 71
Trans Aging: We’re still here
Lambada Legal: Making the case for equality
INTERSEX

Intersex people are people who have;

• Congenital, hormonal and physical features that may be thought to be typical of being both male and female at once
Where to from here:

Conversations

Research

Training
Carmen Rupe

New Zealand/Australia drag performer; brothel keeper; activist; would be politician; HIV/AIDS activist.

10 October 1936 – 15 December 2011

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