Is it Dementia Training Resource
The ‘Is it Dementia’ national training resource was produced by Alzheimer’s Australia South Australia and was launched nationally in May 2013. The resource comprises a suite of 12 short films created by award winning filmmakers highlighting how dementia can impact the everyday work lives of Australians. The resource contains films, factsheets and facilitator guide questions for a range of industries including banking, transport, emergency services and retail. The resource aims to raise awareness of dementia and educate employees working in industries on the signs of dementia and considerations in effectively communicating with a person with dementia.

Further information about the resource can be obtained from: http://isitdementia.com.au/

Talk to Me Brochure
The Talk to me brochure was developed by the Alzheimer’s Australia Dementia Advisory Committee to set out good communication tips for talking to people with dementia.

The committee hopes it will be used to help family, friends, carers, service providers, health professionals and the general community alike.

The Dementia Advisory Committee is made up entirely of people living with dementia. The committee’s role is to advise and determine the priorities of people with dementia in regards to consumer advocacy, new policy, service delivery and program development. The committee is supported by Alzheimer’s Australia.

A copy of the brochure can be obtained from: http://www.fightdementia.org.au/common/files/NAT/TalkToMe_Brochure_FoldedDL HR.pdf

Dementia Enabling Environment Project (DEEP)
Alzheimer’s Australia is working to address the gap between existing research about dementia-friendly environments and current design practices via a project which is funded through the Alzheimer’s Australia National Quality Dementia Care Initiative (NQDCI). This national project aims to translate research into practice in the area of enable environments for people with dementia. The project website serves as a clearinghouse for information on:

- Resources
- Environmental audit tools
- E-newsletters
- Workshops for professionals and families
- A national library lending resource

Further information about the resource can be obtained from: http://www.enablingenvironments.com.au/

Dementia Language Guide
Alzheimer’s Australia has developed a ‘Dementia Language Guide’ alongside people living with dementia. The aim of the guide is to promote the consistent use of appropriate inclusive and non-stigmatising language when talking about dementia.

The words used to talk about dementia can have a significant impact on how people view or treat people with dementia in our community.

Respectful language is important and recognises that dementia is not the defining aspect of someone’s life and does not prejudge their capacity or level of understanding.

Further information about the guide can be obtained from: www.dementiafriendly.org.au
**Building Dementia and Age-Friendly Neighbourhoods Report**

This paper identifies features that can help create optimum dementia and age-friendly outdoor environments. Those features have been compiled into the Alzheimer’s Australia NSW Dementia-Friendly Outdoor Design Checklist, which is intended to help guide planners and policy makers when developing Community Strategic Plans, Development Control Plans (DCPs) and other planning instruments.

The paper also examines the literature, discusses the issues and makes recommendations for policy change to help ensure people with dementia and their carers can remain living in and connected to their neighbourhoods for as long as possible.

A copy of the report can be obtained from: http://www.fightdementia.org.au/common/files/NSW/20110803-NSW-PUB-DementiaFriendlyNeighbourhoods.pdf

**Dementia Training Study Centres (DTSC)**

The DTSC aims to improve the quality of care and support provided to people living with dementia and their families through providing development opportunities for existing and future dementia care health professionals.

The DTSC provides a dedicated range of courses, workshops, seminars, scholarships, support, and curriculum development that translates contemporary knowledge into practical, effective approaches to helping people living with dementia and their families.

Further information about DTSC can be obtained at: http://www.dtsc.com.au/

**University of Tasmania- Understanding Dementia MOOC**

The University of Tasmania’s Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), Understanding Dementia, is a 9-week online course that builds upon the latest in international research on dementia. It’s free and anyone can register. The curriculum draws upon the expertise of neuroscientists, clinicians and dementia care professionals in the Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre.

**Alzheimer’s Australia Education and Training**

Alzheimer’s Australia offers a range of education and training services for people with dementia, family and friends of people with dementia, health professionals and care workers, community volunteers, members of the community and carer support group leaders.

To obtain further information regarding training and education available through your local Alzheimer’s Australia office, please contact the Dementia Helpline on 1800 100 500.