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**Thank you to many of our supporters who have written, called, and emailed us regarding the successful launch of the State of the Older Nation 2025 national survey.**

The report reinforces the need for government, employers, and service providers to recognise and value the individual circumstances, needs, and interests of all older Australians.

We would also like to direct our supporters to the button below to access the report, which is a highly informative and easy to read summary of the survey's findings. An eBook is also available on the page together with five short videos of older Australian's lived experience on ageing and ageism.

If you missed the National Press Club address of the SOTON report, by the Hon. Christopher Pyne, Independent Chair of COTA Australia, that is also available for viewing on the page.

After the National Press Club, Canberra address, COTA hosted a well attended evening at the launch of the Parliamentary Friends Group at Parliament House. Co-Chairs of the Parliamentary Friends of Seniors and Ageing, Rebekha Sharkie MP, Dr Mike Freelander MP and Senator the Hon. Richard Colbeck, introduced the SOTON25 report to the audience of stakeholders and parliamentary members.

Minister Sam Rae, Minister for Aged Care and Seniors and the Hon. Christopher Pyne both spoke at the event and Patricia Sparrow, CEO of COTA Australia was the emcee for the event. You can read more [HERE](#).

### [SOTON25](#)

The survey data exposes a sharp intragenerational divide - particularly in financial security, housing, health, and connection - that directly challenges the popular

narrative of older Australians as uniformly wealthy, secure, and comfortable. While some older Australians are doing well, many are not, and a significant minority are struggling with poverty, insecurity, and declining wellbeing.

## Dental Survey

One such key finding is dental health and services - dental was the most difficult service to access as reported by survey participants. 36% said they were unable to access a healthcare service.



**We would like to offer our supporters an opportunity to participate in a survey created by the Consumers Health Forum of Australia (CHF). The survey is a 10-minute oral and dental health survey.**

The survey is open to anyone who wants to share their perspective. Your participation will help inform CHF's advocacy for better dental and oral care funding and improved access for all.

The survey seeks to collect information on people's current/recent experiences with oral and dental health services and is open from 13 February until 27 February 2026.

Towards the end of the survey, you will find some general or demographic questions. These ask you to name the state you live in, your gender and a few other general characteristics. The CHF has included these questions to gauge which groups of people are taking part in the survey and ensure their experiences are conveyed accurately.

*Your responses are anonymous. They cannot identify you personally.*

[CLICK HERE FOR SURVEY](#)

Thank you

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