



Multicultural  
Aged Care

# Dementia and Culture

When Dementia and Culture Collide  
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# Kurna Acknowledgement



Adelaide and its surrounds are nestled within the lands traditionally owned and protected by the Kurna people and their forebears

for many thousands of years.

Throughout the Adelaide Plains, the Kurna people

have performed age-old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal.

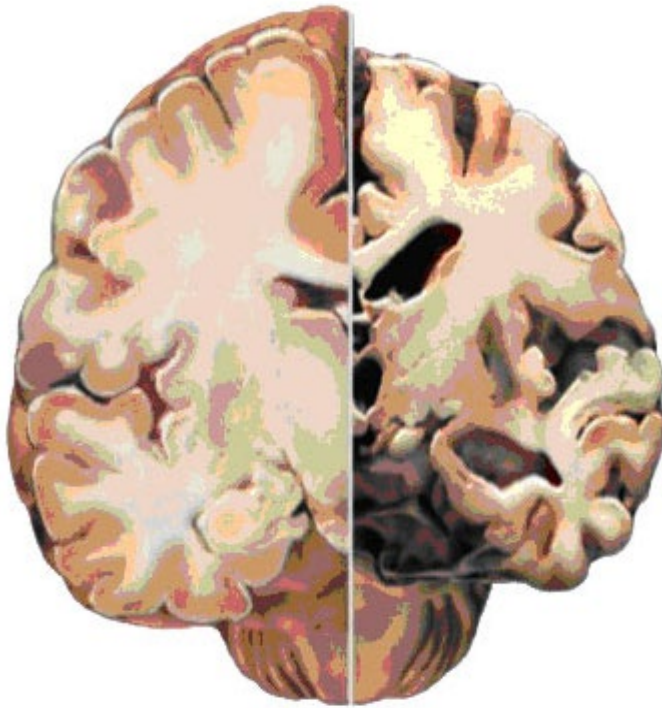
In convening this meeting, we take the opportunity

to acknowledge and honour

the Kurna people's traditional ownership of this land, their living culture

and the unique role they have played in the life of this region.

A healthy  
brain

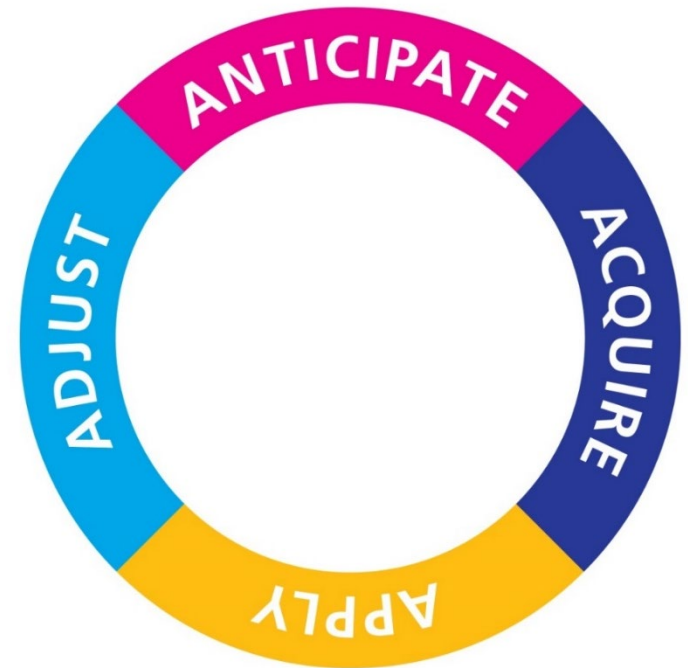


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# From the neurological to the social-psychological perspective



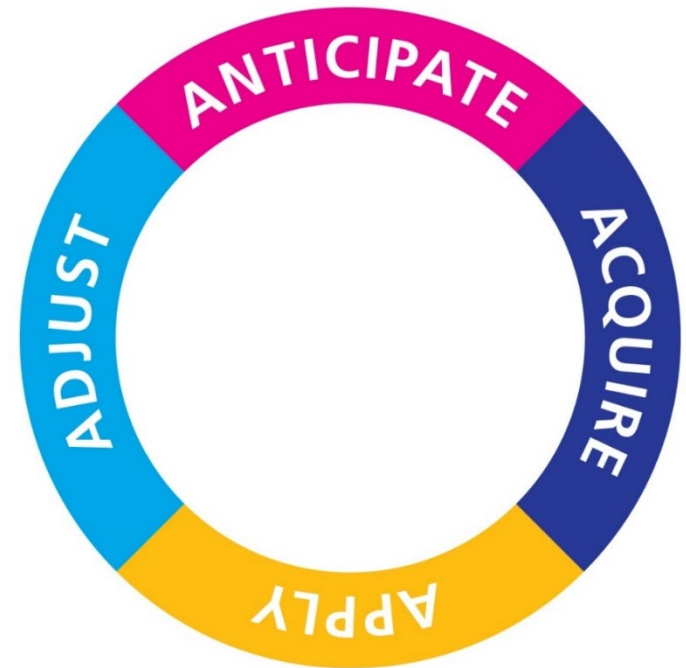
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of every person perceived  
as a cultural being

and the environment playing  
a significant role  
that support and enable, or not

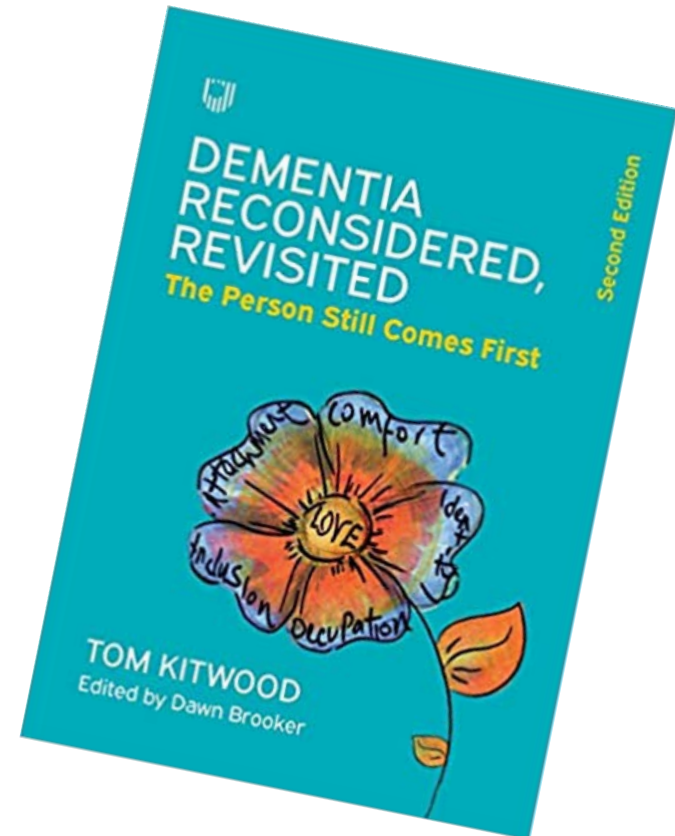


# Personhood

and **person-centred care**

emphasise  
the uniqueness of each person

and become  
a foundation concept across  
continuum of aged care



# Relationships

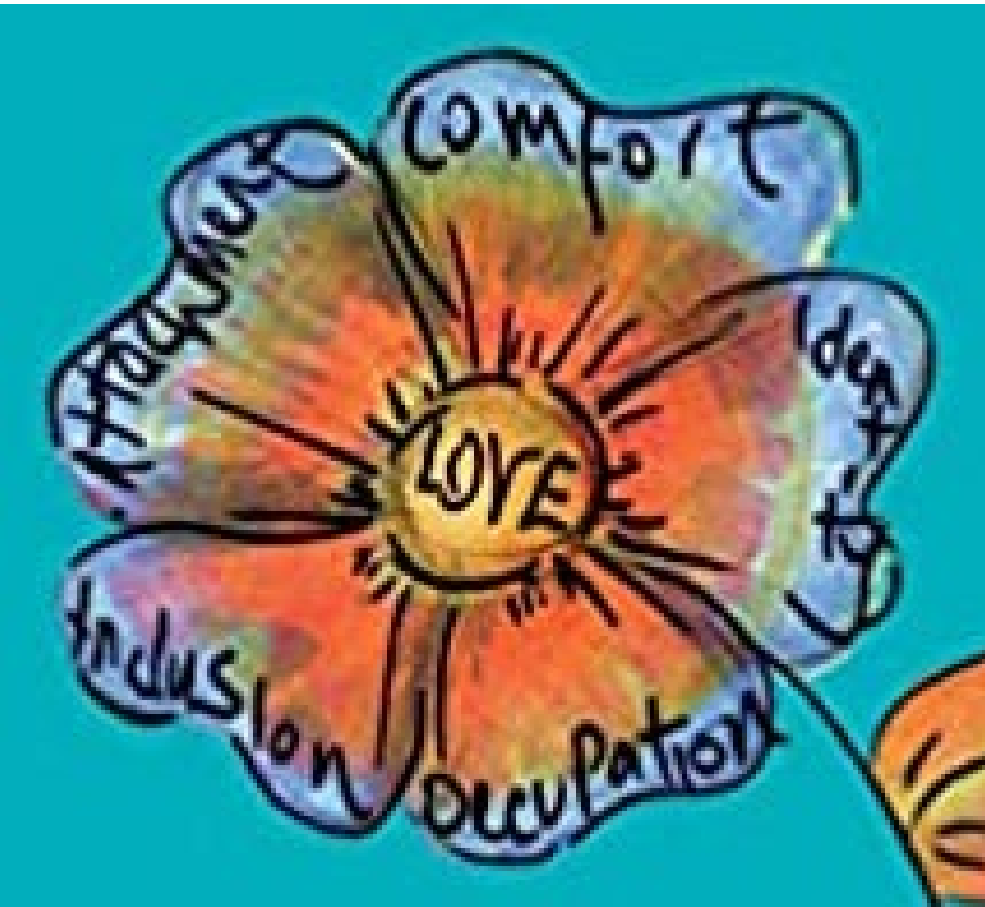
People are social beings.

Each of us lives our life as a part of various communities and groups, and play a range of social roles



# Relationships

## I - Thou



# Organisational culture change

Relationship-based  
culture of care

- Education  
Role planning  
and mutual support
- Space and time
- Empathy  
and observational skills



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