



## Alzheimers News – June 2025

Matariki is a time for remembrance, celebrating the present and looking to the future. The 2025 theme of **Matariki mā Puanga** is all about inclusion, embracing diversity and celebrating Matariki together. We acknowledge the importance of Matariki and look forward to celebrating. [Mānawatia a Matariki!](#)



### Government misses chance to relieve pressure in the health sector

Deeply disappointing, a missed opportunity and a short-sighted approach, is how Chief Executive Catherine Hall responded to the Budget 2025 investment in the health sector. You may have spotted her recently on Breakfast, [1News](#) or in this [blog – which includes some lessons learned in Australia from the recent educational tour delegation](#) alongside friends and partners. You can support our call for a better future using the [talking points we've put together](#) for the conversations you're having in your communities with decision makers.

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### New dates and details announced

We're excited new dates and details have been confirmed for our upcoming Summit as part of World Alzheimers Month. Check out what we've locked in – like our exceptional session leads – to inspire, inform and connect the sector! Update your dairies to join us on the new dates of **Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 September** in Auckland and online.

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### Global report shows we still fall behind

Alzheimer's Disease International's annual [Plan to Impact report](#) on the progress in implementing the Global Action Plan on the Public Health Response to Dementia has been released recently. It highlights the size and scale of the challenge globally and that time is fast running out for countries to avoid the worst impacts of the rapidly growing numbers of people – and we continue to fall behind! It was also announced the [Global Action Plan has been extended for another six years](#).

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### Joint commitment to dementia design

We're delighted to share that our [Dementia Learning Centre \(DLC\)](#) and the [Centre for Co-created Ageing Research](#) at the University of Auckland are working together! This partnership will develop the first dementia design training and toolkits for Aotearoa New Zealand in an inclusive and practical way – specialising in supporting organisations to meet emerging design principles. Together we'll promote excellence in ageing and dementia research and service delivery. Watch this space...

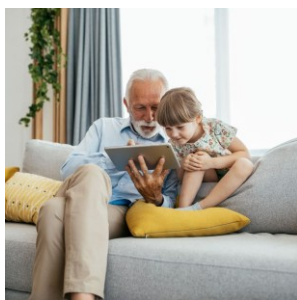
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### A big thank you... this and every week!

Our Board – like many other Boards around the country – and our Lived Experience Advisory Group give countless hours to support our vision of a future where people are heard, valued and supported. There is a huge amount of hidden work in many of these roles so we want to say thank you this National Volunteers Week.

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### **Lived experience the foundation of new support technologies**

Including people with lived experience is the single most important factor in designing any new technology in dementia care, according to experts in this space. And yet, too many projects are quietly failing. Not because the technology is broken but because it was built in isolation.

[Learn more](#)

### **Stop press**

- Alzheimer's Disease International has [opened abstracts](#) for the next conference in France in 2026.
- Congratulations to Office for Seniors Director Diane Turner and others for their well-deserved [King's Birthday Honours](#)! Thanks to Diane for everything she has done during her time in this role.



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