VIRTUAL DEMENTIA EXPERIENCE
Alzheimer’s Australia Vic
MORE THAN TECHNOLOGY
A NEW LEARNING EXPERIENCE
PARTICIPANTS

Number of participants:

- 2014:
  - January: 40
  - February: 13
  - March: 139
  - April: 80
  - May: 55
  - June: 71
  - July: 72
  - August: 110
  - September: 111
  - October: 100
- 2015:
  - January: 0
  - February: 20
  - March: 40
  - April: 60
  - May: 80
  - June: 100
  - July: 111
  - August: 45
  - September: 117

Timeline:

- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- August
- September
- October
- November
- December

(Chart shows an upward trend from 2014 to 2015.)
PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

“I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to take part in the virtual experience. I had an 8 hour shift in the facility the next day (up at 4:30am!) and I was able to use the experience several times, in different ways, throughout the day. It was such an incredible feeling!”

Course Participant
Brotherhood of St Laurence

• ‘BSL…will be adding the VDE to this compulsory list of dementia training for all new staff and updates for existing staff…’

• ‘Staff have reported being able to apply their learning in a practical sense when working with consumers and carers’
DECISION MAKERS
Recommendation and endorsement from Australian Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

"Recommendation 3
3.40 The committee recommends that each State and Territory develop dementia training facilities similar to the Perc Walkley Dementia Learning Centre in Victoria."

March 2014
“It was an experience I will quite simply never forget. I thought, having firsthand experience with my brother-in-law and my father-in-law, that I had some knowledge about the impact that it (had). Thanks to the incredible work undertaken by those at the centre, anyone can experience what it feels like to live every day with dementia.”
MEDIA INTEREST
OCULUS RIFT
INDEPENDENT EVALUATION
The qualitative analysis indicates that VDE group appears to have learned more about environments and become more empathetic towards person living with dementia.
AWARD WINNING
FURTHER INFORMATION

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