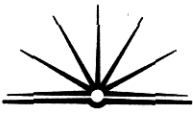


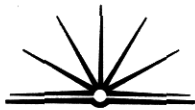
a) The socioeconomically disadvantaged are a group in society that experience financial difficulties, thus many survive on government funding. The socioeconomically disadvantaged may have their access to services affected by their level of education. Due to their lack of funding, many socioeconomically disadvantaged people are not ~~the~~ adequately educated, and so are not aware of services available to them like Wayside Chapel. Lack of education could affect their writing and reading ability, so they are not as able to contact services they may need.

Ethnicity/Culture would also affect a socioeconomically disadvantaged person to access services as they may not be able to speak English sufficiently. Therefore making it difficult or even impossible to access services as they are not able to read a telephone book or understand any helpful advertisements that are being said on TV or the radio.



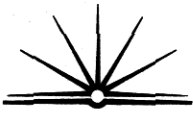
b) ~~the~~ primary need for the homeless is ~~housing~~ security and safety, which can be met by housing. The homeless are defined as people without residence. They may live a nomadic lifestyle and may have difficulty providing^{for} their basic needs (food, clothing). Their security and safety however can be greatly enhanced by the provision of a house. Their self esteem would rise as they felt secure in having a warm, dry place to sleep at night. The homeless would feel safer living in a home than on the streets as they will not be subjected to unlawful people who walk the streets during the night.

In contrast however sole parents would have their security and safety needs met by housing, but by different means. Sole parents are parents caring for children without a partner. Many sole parents have financial difficulties and so the provision of a house would immediately increase their feelings of security and safety.



83% of sole parents are female and so through the provision of housing, women would feel extra security ~~the~~ and safety from the outside world. Housing provides an environment for the sole parent and their children to bond, ~~where the~~ which creates a feeling of safety and security amongst those living in the house.

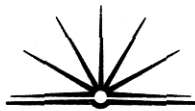
Hence by the homeless having their security and safety needs met by housing, means a new way of life as a house provided a safe haven from life on the streets. For sole parents, ~~the~~ a house provides for their security and safety needs through ~~the~~ creating an environment where parent and children are able to grow in their relationships.



c) The aged are a group within the community who are advanced in years with a possible mental or physical impairment. Their main needs are adequate healthcare, financial support and access to services. Government policies & community have met these needs through the provision of the old-age pension, Medicare health care subsidised transport fees and community ^{structures} ~~services~~ such as Meals-on-Wheels and home help. These ~~government policies and community structures~~ ^{government policies and community structures} have

The old-age pension helps to provide for the financial needs of the aged. Many are too old or are not physically able to work anymore so some are reliant on government assistance to meet all the requirements of satisfying their physical wellbeing.

Medicare health care provides ~~of~~ quality, affordable health care. Including subsidies on hospital visits, (public hospitals), general practitioner

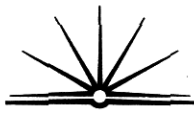


and specialist fees.

Subsidised transport allows many of the elderly who do not drive anymore the chance to go about routine activities like grocery shopping. Transport ~~also~~ therefore allows them to access services within their community whilst still being affordable.

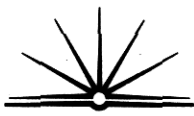
Community structures like 'Meals-on-wheels' and 'Home help' assist the aged who are not able to leave their place of residence due to a severe physical impairment. Meals can therefore be taken to their homes and nurses visit daily to ensure they are fed, take their medication properly, and retain a high level of hygiene (washing³/bathing)

These government policies and community structures have influenced societal attitudes towards the aged, as many members of the community see the elderly as a group that ~~need~~ ~~do~~ is valuable to the community and so should



be looked after. Taxpayers pay money to provide for services ~~for~~ like the old-age pension and Medicare and so like to feel assured that their money is going to a good cause. Some community members feel that too much money is handed out to the elderly through the government policies and community structures provided for them. Thus showing the differing societal attitudes towards the aged within the community.

Another group within the community is the disabled. They are described as a group with a mild to severe, physical and/or mental impairment which affects their ability to maintain their wellbeing. The disabled need access to services, education, employment and self esteem. Government policies and community structures provide for these needs



through subsidised transport services, special schools for the disabled, special training programs for disabled and community support/counselling groups.

Transport services ~~enable~~ are provided by the local government to the disabled so that they may access services within their community like shopping centres, libraries and community centres.

Special schools for the disabled, also government funded, teach disabled children how to live within their local community, acting as responsible human beings.

Special training programs are provided for the disabled who are able to enter the workforce. People with disabilities should not be discriminated against in the workforce (Anti-Discrimination Act 1977) and so the government provides training schemes to support the disabled who wish to



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Community structures like the local community centre would provide support groups for the disabled. Raising their self esteem through positive-learning activities, companionship and friendship.

Government policies & community structures therefore strongly aid the disabled living within the community. Thus affecting societal attitudes through the amount of time and money given to the disabled. Some community members feel this is a necessary service ~~for~~ whilst others again feel the government & community structures should be spending their resources elsewhere.