



Southern Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Positive Ageing Taskforce

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PROJECT OFFICER REPORT – April 2019

And here we are in April already! We have had a very busy start to the year, continuing to progress our local priorities in addition to the day-to-day operation of the Taskforce.

To access Positive Ageing Taskforce information, visit our Taskforce webpage www.victor.sa.gov.au/flourishing

2019 Taskforce Membership

We now have 100 active members of the Southern Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Positive Ageing Taskforce. We are currently updating the Taskforce member contact list which will be distributed to all members in April.

If you know of any service providers, agencies or other key stakeholders who would like to participate in the Taskforce, please feel free to forward my contact details. The Taskforce Membership Form is available online at www.victor.sa.gov.au/flourishing. Also, if you no longer wish to be member of the Taskforce, please advise and we can remove your contact details from the network.

Flourishing on the Fleurieu

1. **Flourishing on the Fleurieu Festival** – The infographic and collated evaluation summary (including photos) from the 2018 Festival are available at www.victor.sa.gov.au/flourishing. We were thrilled with the success of the new format, collated outcomes demonstrated that key objectives of the Festival were achieved and potential for sustainability was very encouraging. The Flourishing on the Fleurieu Festival 2018 was nominated for a Local Government Professional Leadership Award in the category of Community Partnerships and Collaboration, and we have received notification that it has been shortlisted.

Planning for the 2020 Festival will commence this year, if you would like to contribute to the planning and preparation for the 2020 Festival please email Michelle at mfuller@victor.sa.gov.au

Dementia Friendly Communities

2. **Dementia Friendly Communities project:**

Trial CADDY Project: This project, supported by funding from Office for Ageing Well via the Age Friendly SA grants, is now complete. The final evaluation report has been finalised, and grant acquittal documentation submitted. A resource kit will be compiled and it is anticipated that we will host an open forum to share learnings about the project before June.

Workforce Development & Training

3. **Better Practice Project (BPP) Training Workshops:** For further training and professional development opportunities please visit:

<https://www.acsa.asn.au/Education/Education-Programs.aspx?topic=Better%20Practice%20Project>

Most training workshops accrue CPD, relevant CPD for each workshop is listed on website.





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4. **Silver Rainbow – LGBTI Aged Care Awareness Training**

The Silver Rainbow *LGBTI Aged Care Awareness Training Project* is managed by the National LGBTI Health Alliance and is being delivered collaboratively with project partners across Australia. It is funded by the Department of Health until June 2020. COTA SA has been selected as the SA partner for this project. The Southern Fleurieu and KI Positive Ageing Taskforce are partnering with the Hills Positive Ageing Taskforce to offer this training in Strathalbyn on 17 July 2019 – further details will be distributed once available.

Kangaroo Island

5. Update to be provided at our network meeting.

Ageing and Aged Care Communication from/to Department of Health

6. **Information about ageing and aged care** is available via:

- Department of Health website: <https://agedcare.health.gov.au/>
- Subscribe to newsletter: <https://agedcare.health.gov.au/ageing-and-aged-care-news-and-updates/advice-to-the-aged-care-industry>
- Announcements: <https://agedcare.health.gov.au/ageing-and-aged-care-news-and-updates-advice-to-the-aged-care-industry/announcements>
- Webinars: <https://agedcare.health.gov.au/ageing-and-aged-care-news-and-updates/webinars>
- Publications: <https://agedcare.health.gov.au/publications-and-articles>
- Consultations: <https://agedcare.govcms.gov.au/ageing-and-aged-care-news-and-updates/consultations>
- Speaking Requests: <https://agedcare.govcms.gov.au/news-and-updates/aged-care-speaking-requests>
- Aus Tender: <https://www.tenders.gov.au/>
- Multi-Purpose Services (MPS) Subscription: <https://agedcare.health.gov.au/programs-services/flexible-care/multi-purpose-services-program>

These links are also now available on the flourishing website www.victor.sa.gov.au/flourishing

7. **Aged Care Roadmap:** future reform directions for aged care

https://agedcare.health.gov.au/sites/g/files/net1426/f/documents/04_2016/strategic_roadmap_for_aged_care_web.pdf

8. **DoH updates:**

- **Royal Commission into Aged Care Safety and Quality:** An interim report is to be provided by 31 October 2019, and a final report by 30 April 2020. The [Royal Commission website](#) provides information about the work of the Royal Commission and how you can engage with the Commission, including how [submissions](#) can be made, and when and where [hearings](#) will be held. View [live webcasts](#) of hearings, or video recordings of previous hearings or read the [transcripts](#). An [audio version](#) of the live webcast is also available.

- **Recent changes to home care**

In February 2019, the Government announced the release of an additional 10,000 home care packages across all levels. Packages are being released from 12 February 2019 until 30 June 2020. These are in addition to the 5,000 level 3 and



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5,000 level 4 packages announced in December 2018, which are being released through to 30 June 2019.

From 1 July 2019, the maximum basic daily fees for home care will reduce by:

- \$400 for level 1
- \$200 for level 2
- \$100 for level 3.

The Government will increase the value of a package by the same amount to maintain the total value of each package level.

From 20 March 2019, the dementia and cognition supplement, and veterans' supplement in home care will increase from 10 per cent to 11.5 per cent. More information about the supplements, including eligibility, is available on the [department's website](#).

- **Webinar - My Aged Care operational update**

Topic: An update on My Aged Care operations and system functionality, including key areas of interest for service providers and the assessment workforce.

This webinar was streamed on 19 March and included an overview of aged care measures, including:

- enhanced service finder functionality and My Aged Care website
- the introduction of a client journey dashboard
- new Home Care Pricing legislative requirements

The link to the webinar can be accessed via the [department's webinars page](#).

- **Update – publishing home care pricing information on My Aged Care**

A recent letter from the Minister for Senior Australians and Aged Care, the Hon Ken Wyatt AM, MP, provided an update to all home care providers on further improvements to home care pricing. From April 2019, home care providers should start publishing their pricing information using the new pricing Schedule. This will be mandatory from 1 July 2019. There will also be changes to the way administration costs can be charged.

This is in addition to the existing legislated requirement under the User Rights Principles 2014 that since 30 November 2018 all home care providers must have published their current pricing information on My Aged Care. The department has commenced action to ensure compliance.

A [fact sheet](#) outlining the components of the Schedule and implementation arrangements, was also sent to all home care providers. More information, including an indicative copy of the [Schedule](#), is now available on the [department's website](#).

- **Requirements for entering home care information in the service finder**

The department is aware some providers are entering information incorrectly in the My Aged Care service finder.

The issues of concern include:

- outlet names containing marketing slogans or phone numbers
- selecting a national or state service delivery area – this is only acceptable if the outlet can provide services to that entire area



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- having multiple outlets servicing the same postcode(s).

The department has issued guidance materials outlining the requirements for entering information in the My Aged Care service finder. Audits have been done to identify providers not complying with the requirements.

It is recommended you review your information in the [My Aged Care service finder](#) to see if you need to make any changes to comply with the requirements. The department will take further action as appropriate to ensure this requirement is met. More information is available in the [Managing your home care service information factsheet](#).

- **New tool to monitor medication use**

Dementia Training Australia (DTA) has developed a new tool to help residential aged care providers monitor antipsychotic medication use. This comes as the Department of Health updates the new [Aged Care Quality Standards](#) to address concerns about use of antipsychotic medications as a form of chemical restraint. The Antipsychotic Tracking Tool generates audit reports and graphs to show the use of antipsychotics in residential care facilities. The tool can be downloaded from the [DTA website](#).

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My Aged Care Support Program: COTA SA facilitates this service which provides practical one-to-one peer support for older people to help understand and navigate the My Aged Care gateway. Free assistance is available over the phone or face to face with a local volunteer Peer Champion. Local Peer Champions are:

- Marilyn Henderson, contact 0456 390 059, or pop into Victor Harbor Library on Mondays between 10.00am – 12.30pm for a chat with Marilyn
- Maureen Franklin, contact 0499 036 790, or pop into the Goolwa Library on Wednesdays from 10am -12 noon to talk with Maureen.

For further information about the project, please contact COTA SA Country free call 1800 182 324 or Helen Morley, Project Officer, on hmorley@cotasa.org.au or 82320422 or visit <https://www.cotasa.org.au/programs/my-aged-care-support.aspx>

Emergency Preparedness presentation by Jess Law, Red Cross Community Resilience Project Officer – 9 April 2019: Jess will be our guest presenter at our next Taskforce network meeting on 9 April, and will be discussing emergency preparedness and relevant resources which are available.

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