

Uniting Caroona Kalina Goonellabah

RACS ID: 2083

Approved provider: The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW)

Home address: 95 Rous Road GOONELLABAH NSW 2480

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| Following an audit we decided that this home met 44 of the 44 expected outcomes of the Accreditation Standards and would be accredited for three years until 23 December 2020.  We made our decision on 25 October 2017.  The audit was conducted on 26 September 2017 to 27 September 2017. The assessment team’s report is attached. |
| We will continue to monitor the performance of the home including through unannounced visits. |

# Most recent decision concerning performance against the Accreditation Standards

## Standard 1: Management systems, staffing and organisational development

### Principle:

Within the philosophy and level of care offered in the residential care service, management systems are responsive to the needs of care recipients, their representatives, staff and stakeholders, and the changing environment in which the service operates.

1.1 Continuous improvement Met

1.2 Regulatory compliance Met

1.3 Education and staff development Met

1.4 Comments and complaints Met

1.5 Planning and leadership Met

1.6 Human resource management Met

1.7 Inventory and equipment Met

1.8 Information systems Met

1.9 External services Met

## Standard 2: Health and personal care

### Principle:

Care recipients’ physical and mental health will be promoted and achieved at the optimum level in partnership between each care recipient (or his or her representative) and the health care team.

2.1 Continuous improvement Met

2.2 Regulatory compliance Met

2.3 Education and staff development Met

2.4 Clinical care Met

2.5 Specialised nursing care needs Met

2.6 Other health and related services Met

2.7 Medication management Met

2.8 Pain management Met

2.9 Palliative care Met

2.10 Nutrition and hydration Met

2.11 Skin care Met

2.12 Continence management Met

2.13 Behavioural management Met

2.14 Mobility, dexterity and rehabilitation Met

2.15 Oral and dental care Met

2.16 Sensory loss Met

2.17 Sleep Met

## Standard 3: Care recipient lifestyle

### Principle:

Care recipients retain their personal, civic, legal and consumer rights, and are assisted to achieve active control of their own lives within the residential care services and in the community.

3.1 Continuous improvement Met

3.2 Regulatory compliance Met

3.3 Education and staff development Met

3.4 Emotional Support Met

3.5 Independence Met

3.6 Privacy and dignity Met

3.7 Leisure interests and activities Met

3.8 Cultural and spiritual life Met

3.9 Choice and decision-making Met

3.10 Care recipient security of tenure and responsibilities Met

## Standard 4: Physical environment and safe systems

### Principle:

Care recipients live in a safe and comfortable environment that ensures the quality of life and welfare of care recipients, staff and visitors

4.1 Continuous improvement Met

4.2 Regulatory compliance Met

4.3 Education and staff development Met

4.4 Living environment Met

4.5 Occupational health and safety Met

4.6 Fire, security and other emergencies Met

4.7 Infection control Met

4.8 Catering, cleaning and laundry services Met



Audit Report

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# Introduction

This is the report of a Re-accreditation Audit from 26 September 2017 to 27 September 2017 submitted to the Quality Agency.

Accredited residential aged care homes receive Australian Government subsidies to provide quality care and services to care recipients in accordance with the Accreditation Standards.

To remain accredited and continue to receive the subsidy, each home must demonstrate that it meets the Standards.

There are four Standards covering management systems, health and personal care, care recipient lifestyle, and the physical environment and there are 44 expected outcomes such as human resource management, clinical care, medication management, privacy and dignity, leisure interests, cultural and spiritual life, choice and decision-making and the living environment.

Each home applies for re-accreditation before its accreditation period expires and an assessment team visits the home to conduct an audit. The team assesses the quality of care and services at the home and reports its findings about whether the home meets or does not meet the Standards. The Quality Agency then decides whether the home has met the Standards and whether to re-accredit or not to re-accredit the home.

During a home’s period of accreditation there may be a review audit where an assessment team visits the home to reassess the quality of care and services and reports its findings about whether the home meets or does not meet the Standards.

# Assessment team’s findings regarding performance against the Accreditation Standards

The information obtained through the audit of the home indicates the home meets:

* 44 expected outcomes

# Scope of this document

An assessment team appointed by the Quality Agency conducted the Re-accreditation Audit from 26 September 2017 to 27 September 2017.

The audit was conducted in accordance with the Quality Agency Principles 2013 and the Accountability Principles 2014. The assessment team consisted of three registered aged care quality assessors.

The audit was against the Accreditation Standards as set out in the Quality of Care Principles 2014.

# Details of home

Total number of allocated places: 70

Number of care recipients during audit: 68

Number of care recipients receiving high care during audit: 66

Special needs catered for: Not applicable

# Audit trail

The assessment team spent two days on site and gathered information from the following:

## Interviews

| Position title | Number |
| --- | --- |
| Care recipients/representatives | 25 |
| Service manager | 1 |
| Deputy service manager/registered nurse | 1 |
| Head of residential operations north | 1 |
| Property manager | 1 |
| Quality specialist | 1 |
| Maintenance supervisor | 1 |
| Maintenance coordinator | 1 |
| Leisure and lifestyle staff | 3 |
| Quality lead north | 1 |
| Area coordinator pastoral practitioner | 1 |
| Learning facilitator | 1 |
| Clinical nurse educator | 1 |
| Registered nurse | 1 |
| Physiotherapy aides | 2 |
| Aroma therapist | 1 |
| Care staff | 6 |
| Catering coordinator | 1 |
| Catering, cleaning and laundry staff | 10 |
| Admissions officer | 1 |

## Sampled documents

| Document type | Number |
| --- | --- |
| Care recipients' clinical files | 7 |
| Care recipients’ specialised nursing care documentation | 9 |
| Medication charts | 10 |
| Care recipient agreements | 3 |

## Other documents reviewed

The team also reviewed:

* Activities calendar
* Annual assessment schedule
* Aromatherapy charting
* As required medication tracking report
* Audits
* Bedside care plans
* Care recipient admission pack and information booklet
* Care recipient dietary requirements
* Clinical incident data and reports
* Clinical observation charts
* Communication book
* Compliments and complaints register
* Consent forms
* Criminal record checks report
* Dietician communications
* End of life care pathway
* Fire safety statement
* Food diary
* Handover documentation
* Hazard log and hazard identification reports
* Leisure and lifestyle therapy attendance/evaluation records
* Leisure and lifestyle welcome packs
* Maintenance log and register
* Mandatory reporting register and training records
* Manual handling charts
* Medication competencies
* Medication refrigerator temperature charts
* Memorandum
* Menu
* Minutes of meetings
* Newsletters
* NSW Civil and Administration Tribunal correspondence
* NSW Trustee and Guardian statement of account
* Nurse call alarms records
* Nurse initiated medication authorisation register
* Pastoral care folder and spiritual assessment
* Pathology reports
* Performance development plans
* Physiotherapy records
* Plan for continuous quality improvement activity report
* Policies and procedures
* Position descriptions and duty guidelines
* Preventative and corrective maintenance documentation
* Professional staff registration records
* Quality indicators
* Resident of the day charts
* Roster
* Safety operational action plan
* Security of tenure information
* Self-administration of medication assessments
* Self-assessment
* Service learning plan and education calendar
* Site induction forms
* Smoking risk assessment
* Staff handbook
* Staff orientation records and training attendance/evaluation records
* Stock medication register
* Surveys
* Temperature monitoring logs
* Therapy administration sheets
* Ward register of drugs of addiction

## Observations

The team observed the following:

* Activities in progress
* Charter of care recipients rights and responsibilities on display
* Colour coded laundry trolley
* Controlled drug safe
* Cleaning trolleys
* Cytotoxic management kit
* Disaster emergency kit
* Electrical equipment testing tags
* Evacuation signs and diagrams
* Fire evacuation signage and egress routes
* Fire-fighting equipment
* First aid kits
* Hand washing facilities and anti-bacterial gel on display
* Living environment - internal and external
* Meal and beverage service
* Medication administration and storage
* Mobility aids in use
* Notice boards - staff and care recipients
* Noticeboard poster advising of visit
* Nurse call systems
* Outbreak management kit
* Private dining spaces and care recipient laundry
* Rainbow tick certification
* Safe chemical and oxygen storage
* Safety data sheets
* Smoking area
* Specialised nursing equipment
* Spill kits and sharps containers
* Staff interactions with care recipients and visitors
* Staff practices
* Secure suggestions box
* Visitor sign in/out registers

# Assessment information

This section covers information about the home’s performance against each of the expected outcomes of the Accreditation Standards.

## Standard 1 - Management systems, staffing and organisational development

### Principle:

Within the philosophy and level of care offered in the residential care services, management systems are responsive to the needs of care recipients, their representatives, staff and stakeholders, and the changing environment in which the service operates.

### 1.1 Continuous improvement

This expected outcome requires that “the organisation actively pursues continuous improvement”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

The continuous improvement program includes processes for identifying areas for improvement, implementing change, monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of improvements. Feedback is sought from care recipients, representatives, staff and other stakeholders to direct improvement activities. Improvement activities are documented on the plan for continuous improvement. Management uses a range of monitoring processes such as audits and quality indicators to monitor the performance of the home's quality management systems. Outcomes are evaluated for effectiveness and ongoing monitoring of new processes occurs. Care recipients, representatives, staff and other personnel are provided with feedback about improvements. During this accreditation period the organisation has implemented initiatives to improve the quality of care and services it provides. Recent examples of improvements in Standard 1 Management systems, staffing and organisational development are:

* Following feedback from staff about the increasing frailty of care recipients the home purchased an ergonomically designed shower chair with padded seats/back, headrest and armrests. We observed the chair tilts backwards to provide greater relaxation for the care recipient and there is a hydraulic mechanism for raising/lowering the chair which reduces the likelihood of injury to staff during hygiene cares. Care recipients reported that the new chair is more comfortable than the older style and staff interviewed stated the shower chair provides an increased level of dignity and sense of security for the care recipient.
* In line with the home’s ‘household’ model of care and following an increase in more complex care needs the home reviewed the staff roster in March 2017 and subsequently implemented an additional short shift and a team leader position for each of the home’s three households. Each team leader is competent to assist with the administration of medications, assist registered staff with wound/pain management and provide assistance to care staff during peak periods. Registered staff reported that since the introduction of the team leader role they are now able to concentrate on clinical leadership and liaison with the medical officer when they visit. Management stated a continuity of staffing in each household enables a person-centred approach as care recipients get to know each staff member and gain an improved sense of identity at the home.

### 1.2 Regulatory compliance

This expected outcome requires that “the organisation’s management has systems in place to identify and ensure compliance with all relevant legislation, regulatory requirements, professional standards and guidelines”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

The home has a system to identify relevant legislation, regulatory requirements and guidelines, and for monitoring these in relation to the Accreditation Standards. The organisation's management has established links with external organisations to ensure they are informed about changes to regulatory requirements. Where changes occur, the organisation takes action to update policies and procedures and communicate the changes to care recipients, their representatives and staff as appropriate. A range of systems and processes have been established by management to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. Staff have an awareness of legislation, regulatory requirements, professional standards and guidelines relevant to their roles. Relevant to Standard 1, Management are aware of the regulatory responsibilities in relation to police certificates and the requirement to provide advice to care recipients and their representatives about re-accreditation site audits; there are processes to ensure these responsibilities are met.

### 1.3 Education and staff development

This expected outcome requires that “management and staff have appropriate knowledge and skills to perform their roles effectively”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

The home's processes support the recruitment of staff with the required knowledge and skills to perform their roles. New staff participate in an orientation program that provides them with information about the organisation, key policies and procedures and equips them with mandatory skills for their role. Staff are scheduled to attend regular mandatory training; attendance is monitored and a process available to address non-attendance. The effectiveness of the education program is monitored through attendance records, evaluation records and observation of staff practice. Care recipients and representatives interviewed are satisfied staff have the knowledge and skills to perform their roles and staff are satisfied with the education and training provided.

Examples of education and training provided in relation to Standard 1 Management systems, staffing and organisational development include:

* Handling feedback and complaints.
* Leadership program for registered staff.

### 1.4 Comments and complaints

This expected outcome requires that "each care recipient (or his or her representative) and other interested parties have access to internal and external complaints mechanisms".

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

There are processes to ensure care recipients, their representatives and others are provided with information about how to access complaint mechanisms. Care recipients and others are supported to access these mechanisms. Facilities are available to enable the submission of confidential complaints and ensure privacy of those using complaints mechanisms. Complaints are logged and monitored to track issues, actions, outcomes and feedback. Complaints processes link with the home's continuous improvement system and where appropriate, complaints trigger reviews of and changes to the home's procedures and practices. The effectiveness of the comments and complaints system is monitored and evaluated. Results show complaints are considered and feedback is provided to complainants if requested. Comments and complaints are responded to and resolved in a timely manner. Management and staff have an understanding of the complaints process and how they can assist care recipients and representatives with access. Care recipients, their representatives and other interested people interviewed have an awareness of the complaints mechanisms available to them and are satisfied they can access these without fear of reprisal. A high proportion of care recipients interviewed said staff follow up things raised most or all of the time, some stated that staff follow up of their concern was inconsistent.

### 1.5 Planning and Leadership

This expected outcome requires that "the organisation has documented the residential care service’s vision, values, philosophy, objectives and commitment to quality throughout the service".

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

The organisation has documented the home's vision, philosophy, objectives and commitment to quality. This information is communicated to care recipients, representatives, staff and others through a range of documents.

### 1.6 Human resource management

This expected outcome requires that "there are appropriately skilled and qualified staff sufficient to ensure that services are delivered in accordance with these standards and the residential care service’s philosophy and objectives".

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

There are systems and processes to ensure there are sufficient skilled and qualified staff to deliver services that meet the Accreditation Standards and the home's philosophy and objectives. Recruitment, selection and induction processes ensure staff have the required knowledge and skills to deliver services. Staffing levels and skill mix are reviewed in response to changes in care recipients' needs and there are processes to address planned and unplanned leave. The home's monitoring, human resource and feedback processes identify opportunities for improvement in relation to human resource management. Staff are satisfied they have sufficient time to complete their work and meet care recipients' needs. Care recipients and representatives are satisfied with staff levels, their responsiveness to requests for assistance, and the adequacy of care and service delivery. A high proportion of care recipients and representatives interviewed are satisfied with the skills and knowledge of staff, the quality of care and services provided and the way in which the service is run. A small number of care recipients and representatives said that at times they experience delays in staff attending to their calls for assistance.

### 1.7 Inventory and equipment

This expected outcome requires that "stocks of appropriate goods and equipment for quality service delivery are available".

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

The home has processes to monitor stock levels, order goods and maintain equipment to ensure delivery of quality services. Goods and equipment are securely stored and, where appropriate, stock rotation occurs. Preventative maintenance and cleaning schedules ensure equipment is monitored for operation and safety. Faulty equipment is identified, removed from service and replaced or repaired as required. The home purchases equipment to meet care recipients' needs and maintains appropriate stocks of required supplies. Preferred suppliers are used by the home. Staff receive training in the safe use and storage of goods and equipment. Staff, care recipients and representatives interviewed stated they are satisfied with the supply and quality of goods and equipment available at the home.

### 1.8 Information systems

This expected outcome requires that "effective information management systems are in place".

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

The home has systems to provide all stakeholders with access to current and accurate information. Management and staff have access to information that assists them in providing care and services.

Information management systems support clinical care, care recipient lifestyle, human resources, regulatory compliance, safety and continuous improvement. Electronic and hard copy information is stored securely and processes are in place for backup, archive and destruction of obsolete records, in keeping with legislative requirements. Key information is collected, analysed, revised and updated on an ongoing basis. Data obtained through information management systems is used to identify opportunities for improvement. The home regularly reviews its information management systems to ensure they are effective. Information is disseminated to staff and care recipient through verbal systems as well as through other mechanisms such as newsletters, memoranda, meetings and informal discussion. Staff interviewed stated they are satisfied they have access to current and accurate information. Care recipients and representatives interviewed are satisfied the information provided is appropriate to their needs, and supports them in their decision-making. A high proportion of care recipients interviewed stated that things are explained to them most of the time or always.

### 1.9 External services

This expected outcome requires that "all externally sourced services are provided in a way that meets the residential care service’s needs and service quality goals".

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

The home has mechanisms to identify external service needs and quality goals. The home's expectations in relation to service and quality is specified and communicated to the external providers. A tender process is used for all external service contracts. The home has agreements with external service providers which outline minimum performance, staffing and regulatory requirements. A preferred supplier list is available to guide staff on the use of external service providers. Preferred suppliers are provided with information about the home and are required to meet the organisation's safety standards. There are processes to review the quality of external services provided and, where appropriate, action is taken to ensure the needs of care recipients and the home are met. Staff are able to provide feedback on external service providers. Care recipients, representatives and staff interviewed stated they are satisfied with the quality of externally sourced services.

## Standard 2 - Health and personal care

### Principle:

Care recipients’ physical and mental health will be promoted and achieved at the optimum level, in partnership between each care recipient (or his or her representative) and the health care team.

### 2.1 Continuous improvement

This expected outcome requires that “the organisation actively pursues continuous improvement”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

Refer to Expected outcome 1.1 Continuous improvement for information about the home's systems to identify and implement improvements. Recent examples of improvements in Standard 2 Health and personal care are:

* The results of a clinical audit conducted in February 2017 identified care recipients’ annual oral and dental health assessments had not been completed. The home subsequently undertook oral/dental health re-assessments for each care recipient and established March as the annual oral and dental assessment month. Management stated the annual reassessment of all care recipients has been established as part of the audit schedule.
* The results of a recent clinical audit identified that palliative care plans were not written for care recipients with advanced dementia and staff were not consistently following a set pathway at the end of life. The home subsequently provided relevant education to staff and implemented a ‘toolkit’ for the adoption of the palliative care end of life pathway. Management stated the new system is working well as registered staff are now able to complete palliative care assessments more easily and implement a pathway for staff to follow as appropriate.
* An audit of care recipients’ sleep patterns identified a gap in staff knowledge with regard to care recipients’ sleep patterns. Management discussed care recipient well-being with night staff and reminded them to move quietly, speak at a low volume, keep lights off in the morning and open blinds/curtains to allow care recipients to wake up of their own accord. In order to further improve natural sleep/waking patterns for care recipients the home has implemented the following:
  + Silenced call bells and replaced with a visual Light Emitting Diode (LED) display.
  + Trolley wheels have been ‘noise dampened’.
  + Care recipients are offered a buffet style breakfast between 7am and 9am allowing them to sleep in if they wish.
  + Care recipients are encouraged to wear their dressing gown to breakfast if they wish
  + Kitchenettes are set up for care recipients to make their own toast.
  + Maintenance staff have been reminded to delay use of noisy outdoor equipment such as sweepers and blowers until after 8am.

We observed the home to be calm and quiet at all times throughout the re-accreditation audit.

### 2.2 Regulatory compliance

This expected outcome requires that “the organisation’s management has systems in place to identify and ensure compliance with all relevant legislation, regulatory requirements, professional standards and guidelines about health and personal care”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

Refer to Expected outcome 1.2 Regulatory compliance for information about the home's systems to identify and ensure compliance with relevant regulatory requirements. Relevant to Standard 2, management are aware of the regulatory responsibilities in relation to specified care and services, professional registrations and medication management. There are systems to ensure these responsibilities are met.

### 2.3 Education and staff development

This expected outcome requires that “management and staff have appropriate knowledge and skills to perform their roles effectively”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

The home has a system to monitor and ensure staff have the knowledge and skills to enable them to effectively perform their roles in relation to health and personal care. Refer to Expected outcome 1.3 Education and staff development for more information. Examples of education and training provided in relation to Standard 2 Health and personal care include:

* Catheter care.
* Medication (pain) management workshop.
* End of life pathway.
* Pressure injury prevention and management.
* Nutrition, hydration and weight loss in the elderly.

### 2.4 Clinical care

This expected outcome requires that “care recipients receive appropriate clinical care”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

The home has mechanisms to ensure care recipients receive clinical care that is appropriate to their needs and preferences. Care needs are identified on entry and on an ongoing basis through a review and transfer of information, consultation with the care recipient and/or their representative and assessment processes. Individual care plans are developed by qualified staff and reviewed regularly. There are processes to ensure staff have access to current information to inform care delivery including care plans, progress notes and handovers. Care recipients' clinical care needs are monitored, evaluated and reassessed through incident analysis, reviews and feedback. The home regularly reviews and evaluates the effectiveness of the clinical care system and tools used. Changes in care needs are identified and documented; where appropriate, referrals are made to medical officers or health professionals. Staff provide care consistent with individual care plans. A high proportion of care recipients and representatives interviewed said that staff meet care recipients' health care needs most or all of the time.

### 2.5 Specialised nursing care needs

This expected outcome requires that “care recipients’ specialised nursing care needs are identified and met by appropriately qualified nursing staff”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

Care recipients' specialised nursing care needs are identified through assessment processes on entry to the home. Care is planned and managed by appropriately qualified staff. This information, together with instructions from medical officers and health professionals is documented in the care plan. Specialised nursing care needs are reassessed when a change in care recipient needs occurs and on a regular basis. The home's monitoring processes identify opportunities for improvement in relation to specialised nursing care systems and processes. Staff have access to specialised equipment, information and other resources to ensure care recipients' needs are met. Specialised nursing care is delivered by appropriately qualified staff consistent with the care plan. Care recipients and representatives interviewed are satisfied with how care recipients' specialised nursing care needs are managed.

### 2.6 Other health and related services

This expected outcome requires that “care recipients are referred to appropriate health specialists in accordance with the care recipient’s needs and preferences”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

The home has systems to ensure care recipients are referred to appropriate health specialists in accordance with their needs and preferences. Health specialist directives are communicated to staff and documented in the care plan and care is provided consistent with these instructions. Staff practices are monitored to ensure care is in accordance with the care recipients' needs and preferences. Staff support care recipients to attend external appointments with health specialists. Care recipients and representatives interviewed stated they are satisfied referrals are made to appropriate health specialists of care recipients' choice and staff carry out their instructions.

### 2.7 Medication management

This expected outcome requires that “care recipients’ medication is managed safely and correctly”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

The home has systems to ensure care recipients' medication is managed safely and correctly. There are processes to ensure adequate supplies of medication are available and medication is stored securely and correctly. Medical officers prescribe and review medication orders and these are dispensed by the pharmacy service. Documented medication orders provide guidance to staff when administering or assisting with medications. Procedural guidelines provide clarification surrounding safe medication practices. The home's monitoring processes include reviews of the medication management system and analysis of medication incident data. Opportunities for improvement in relation to the medication management system are identified and addressed. Staff who administer or assist with medications receive education in relation to this. Care recipients and representatives interviewed are satisfied care recipients' medications are provided as prescribed and in a timely manner.

### 2.8 Pain management

This expected outcome requires that “all care recipients are as free as possible from pain”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

Care recipients' pain is identified through assessment processes on entry to the home and as needs change. Specific assessment tools are available for care recipients who are not able to verbalise their pain. Care plans are developed from the assessed information and are evaluated to ensure interventions remain effective. Medical officers and allied health professionals are involved in the management of care recipients' pain. The home's monitoring processes identify opportunities for improvement in relation to pain management systems and processes. Staff assess care recipients' verbal and non-verbal indicators of pain and implement appropriate actions, including utilising a range of strategies to manage comfort levels. Care recipients and representatives interviewed are satisfied care recipients are as free as possible from pain.

### 2.9 Palliative care

This expected outcome requires that “the comfort and dignity of terminally ill care recipients is maintained”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

The home has processes for identifying and managing care recipients' individual palliative care needs and preferences. Assessments are completed with the care recipient and/or representative to identify end of life care wishes and this information is documented in an end of life plan. The home uses a multidisciplinary approach that addresses the physical, psychological, emotional, cultural and spiritual support required by care recipients and their representatives. There is a supportive environment which provides comfort and dignity to the care recipient and their representatives. Care recipients remain in the home whenever possible, in accordance with their preferences. Referrals are made to medical officers, palliative care specialist teams and other health specialist services as required. Staff practices are monitored to ensure the delivery of palliative care is in accordance with end of life planning. Staff follow end of life plans and respect any changes which may be requested. Care recipients and representatives interviewed are satisfied care recipients' comfort, dignity and palliative care needs are maintained.

### 2.10 Nutrition and hydration

This expected outcome requires that “care recipients receive adequate nourishment and hydration”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

Care recipients' nutrition and hydration requirements, preferences, allergies and special needs are identified and assessed on entry. Care recipients' ongoing needs and preferences are monitored, reassessed and care plans updated. There are processes to ensure catering and other staff have information about care recipient nutrition and hydration needs. Staff monitor care recipients' nutrition and hydration and identify those care recipients who are at risk. Care recipients are weighed as required and weight loss/gain is monitored with referral to medical practitioners or allied health for investigation and treatment as necessary. The home provides staff assistance, equipment, special diets and dietary supplements to support care recipients' nutrition and hydration. Staff have an understanding of care recipients' needs and preferences including the need for assistance, texture modified diet or specialised equipment. Staff practices are monitored to ensure nutrition and hydration needs are delivered in accordance with care recipients' needs and preferences. Care recipients and representatives interviewed are satisfied care recipients' nutrition and hydration requirements are met.

### 2.11 Skin care

This expected outcome requires that “care recipients’ skin integrity is consistent with their general health”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

Care recipients' skin care requirements, preferences and special needs are assessed and identified, in consultation with care recipients and/or representatives. Care plans reflect strategies to maintain or improve care recipients' skin integrity and are reviewed regularly. Skin care needs are monitored, evaluated and reviewed as required. Referral processes to other health specialists are available if a need is identified. The home's monitoring processes identify opportunities for improvement in relation to skin care; this includes a process for documenting and analysing incidents relating to skin integrity. Staff promote skin integrity through the use of moisturisers, pressure relieving devices, pressure area care and safe manual handling techniques. Care recipients and representatives interviewed are satisfied with the assistance provided to maintain care recipients' skin integrity.

### 2.12 Continence management

This expected outcome requires that “care recipients’ continence is managed effectively”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

Care recipients' continence needs and preferences are identified during the assessment process and reassessments occur as required. Strategies to manage care recipients' continence are documented in the care plan and regular evaluation occurs to ensure strategies remain effective. Care staff have an understanding of individual care recipients' continence needs and how to promote privacy when providing care. Changes in continence patterns are identified, reported and reassessed to identify alternative management strategies. Equipment and supplies such as continence aids are available to support continence management. The home's monitoring processes identify opportunities for improvement in relation to continence management; this includes the collection and analysis of data relating to infections. Staff are conscientious of care recipients' dignity while assisting with continence needs. Care recipients and representatives interviewed are satisfied with the support provided to care recipients in relation to continence management.

### 2.13 Behavioural management

This expected outcome requires that “the needs of care recipients with challenging behaviours are managed effectively”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

The needs of care recipients with challenging behaviours are identified through assessment processes and in consultation with the care recipient, their representative and/or allied health professionals. Individual strategies to manage responsive behaviours are identified and documented in the care plan and are regularly evaluated to ensure they remain effective. The home practices a minimal restraint policy; where restraint is used it has been assessed, authorised, regularly reviewed and is monitored to ensure safe and appropriate use. The home's monitoring processes identify opportunities for improvement relating to behaviour management; this includes the collection and analysis of behavioural incident data. Staff have an understanding of how to manage individual care recipients' responsive behaviours, including those care recipients who are at risk of wandering. Care recipients and representatives interviewed said staff are responsive and support care recipients with behaviours which may impact on others.

### 2.14 Mobility, dexterity and rehabilitation

This expected outcome requires that “optimum levels of mobility and dexterity are achieved for all care recipients”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

Care recipients' mobility, dexterity and rehabilitation needs are identified through assessment processes and in consultation with the care recipient and/or their representative.  Where a need is identified, referrals are made to medical officers and other health specialists, including physiotherapists. Strategies to manage care recipients' mobility and dexterity are documented in the care plan and are regularly evaluated and reviewed to ensure care recipients' needs are met. The home's monitoring processes identify opportunities for improvement in relation to mobility, dexterity and rehabilitation, including the collection and analysis of data relating to accidents and incidents. Care recipients and staff have access to a variety of equipment to assist with care recipients' mobility, dexterity and rehabilitation needs. Associated programs are delivered by appropriately skilled staff, consistent with the care plan. Care recipients and representatives interviewed are satisfied with the support care recipients receive for achieving optimum levels of mobility and dexterity.

### 2.15 Oral and dental care

This expected outcome requires that “care recipients’ oral and dental health is maintained”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

Care recipients' oral and dental health needs are identified through assessment processes and in consultation with the care recipient and/or their representative.  Care strategies are documented on the care plan and are regularly evaluated and reviewed to ensure care recipients' changing needs are met. The home's monitoring processes identify opportunities for improvement in relation to oral and dental management systems and processes, including clinical monitoring processes and consultation. Equipment to meet care recipients' oral hygiene needs is available. Staff provide assistance with oral and dental care and where necessary referrals are made to health specialists such as dentists. Care recipients and representatives interviewed are satisfied with the assistance given by staff to maintain care recipients' teeth, dentures and overall oral hygiene.

### 2.16 Sensory loss

This expected outcome requires that “care recipients’ sensory losses are identified and managed effectively”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

Sensory losses are identified through assessment processes and in consultation with care recipients and/or their representative. Care plans identify individual needs and preferences and are reviewed regularly. Care recipients are referred to health specialists, such as audiologists and optometrists, according to assessed need or request and are assisted to attend appointments as required. The home's monitoring processes identify opportunities for improvement in relation to how sensory loss is managed, including clinical monitoring processes and consultation with care recipients, representatives and health professionals. Staff receive instruction in the correct use and care of sensory aids and are aware of the assistance required to meet individual care recipients' needs. Care recipients and representatives interviewed are satisfied with the support provided to manage care recipient sensory needs.

### 2.17 Sleep

This expected outcome requires that “care recipients are able to achieve natural sleep patterns”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

Care recipients' sleep patterns, including settling routines and personal preferences, are identified through assessment processes on entry. Care plans are developed and reviewed to ensure strategies to support natural sleep remain effective and reflect care recipients' needs and preferences. Care recipients experiencing difficulty sleeping are offered a range of interventions to promote sleep; where appropriate medical officers are informed of sleep problems. The environment is optimised to ensure it supports natural sleep and minimises disruption. Environmental and clinical monitoring processes identify opportunities for improvement in relation to sleep management. Staff support care recipients when normal sleep patterns are not being achieved. Care recipients and representatives interviewed are satisfied support is provided to care recipients and they are assisted to achieve natural sleep patterns.

## Standard 3 - Care recipient lifestyle

### Principle:

Care recipients retain their personal, civic, legal and consumer rights, and are assisted to achieve control of their own lives within the residential care service and in the community.

### 3.1 Continuous improvement

This expected outcome requires that “the organisation actively pursues continuous improvement”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

Refer to Expected outcome 1.1 Continuous improvement for information about the home's systems to identify and implement improvements. Recent examples of improvements in Standard 3 Care recipient lifestyle are:

* A suggestion made at a care recipient morning tea by a volunteer with an interest and involvement with dance has led to the formation of the home’s ‘Red Hot Mamma’s’ tap dance group. Care recipients with previous experience in dance were invited to participate in the dance group coached by the volunteer and regularly perform ‘chair dancing’ routines in costume with improvised tap shoes. Management reported that the care recipients enjoy each other’s company and have formed friendships within the group. During a performance by the group we observed performers enjoying their role and positive interaction between care recipients, staff and visitors.
* Following a complaint from a care recipient about not being able to do their own clothes washing, discussions resulted in the home converting a cleaner’s room into a care recipients’ laundry with a washing machine, sink, dryer, cupboards and benchtop with instructions placed on the wall. Management reported that care recipients say they enjoy having the option of being able to wash, dry and attend to their own clothes with staff assistance, as appropriate, making life ‘worth living’ through occupation.

### 3.2 Regulatory compliance

This expected outcome requires that “the organisation’s management has systems in place to identify and ensure compliance with all relevant legislation, regulatory requirements, professional standards and guidelines, about care recipient lifestyle”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

Refer to Expected outcome 1.2 Regulatory compliance for information about the home's systems to identify and ensure compliance with relevant regulatory requirements. Relevant to Standard 3, management are aware of the regulatory responsibilities in relation to compulsory reporting, user rights, security of tenure and care recipient agreements. There are systems to ensure these responsibilities are met.

### 3.3 Education and staff development

This expected outcome requires that “management and staff have appropriate knowledge and skills to perform their roles effectively”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

The home has a system to monitor and ensure staff have the knowledge and skills to enable them to effectively perform their roles in relation to care recipient lifestyle. Refer to Expected outcome 1.3 Education and staff development for more information. Examples of education and training provided in relation to Standard 3 Care recipient lifestyle include:

* ‘Person first’ training.
* Diversity in aged care.

### 3.4 Emotional support

This expected outcome requires that "each care recipient receives support in adjusting to life in the new environment and on an ongoing basis".

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

Care recipients' emotional needs are identified on entry and on an ongoing basis. Processes to assist care recipients include the provision of information prior to entering the home, support during the settling in period, involvement of family and significant others and a lifestyle plan that meets care recipient needs and preferences. Emotional support is provided to care recipients on an ongoing basis based on their identified need; concerns relating to emotional health are referred to appropriate support services. The home's monitoring processes, including feedback and care reviews, identify opportunities for improvement in relation to the emotional support provided. Staff engage with care recipients and support emotional wellbeing in accordance with care recipient preferences. A high proportion of care recipients interviewed agreed or strongly agreed that there were staff they could talk to if they were feeling a bit sad or worried. A small number of people said they did not feel sufficiently comfortable to ask for emotional support from staff.

### 3.5 Independence

This expected outcome requires that "care recipients are assisted to achieve maximum independence, maintain friendships and participate in the life of the community within and outside the residential care service".

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

Care recipients' needs and preferences are assessed on entry and on an ongoing basis to ensure there are opportunities to maximise independence, maintain friendships and participate in the life of the community. Consideration is given to sensory and communication needs as an element of this process. Strategies to promote care recipients' independence are documented in the care plan and are evaluated and reviewed to ensure they remain current and effective. The living environment is monitored and equipment is available to ensure care recipients' independence is maximised. The home's monitoring processes, including feedback, and environmental and care reviews, identify opportunities for improvement in relation to care recipient independence. Staff are familiar with the individual needs of care recipients. A high proportion of care recipients interviewed agreed they are encouraged to do as much as possible for themselves.

### 3.6 Privacy and dignity

This expected outcome requires that "each care recipient’s right to privacy, dignity and confidentiality is recognised and respected".

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

Care recipients' preferences in relation to privacy, dignity and confidentiality are identified on entry and on an ongoing basis to ensure these needs are recognised and respected. Strategies for ensuring privacy and dignity are planned and implemented; this information is documented in the care plan. The living environment supports care recipients' need for personal space and provides areas for receiving guests. The home's monitoring processes, including feedback, meetings and care reviews, identify opportunities for improvement in relation to the home's privacy, dignity and confidentiality systems and processes. Staff have received education in relation to privacy, dignity and confidentiality and their practices support this. A high proportion of care recipients interviewed said staff treat them with respect most or all of the time.

### 3.7 Leisure interests and activities

This expected outcome requires that "care recipients are encouraged and supported to participate in a wide range of interests and activities of interest to them".

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

Care recipients' interests and activities of choice are identified on entry; barriers to participation, past history, and cultural and spiritual needs are recognised. This information is documented and regularly updated to inform staff of care recipients' current preferred leisure choices. A varied program of activities is available and is reviewed and evaluated to ensure it continues to meet the needs and preferences of care recipients. The activities program respects care recipients' varied needs and includes group, one-on-one and community activities. Staff encourage and support care recipient participation. Care recipients are satisfied with activities and confirm they are supported to participate in activities of interests to them.

### 3.8 Cultural and spiritual life

This expected outcome requires that "individual interests, customs, beliefs and cultural and ethnic backgrounds are valued and fostered".

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

Individual care recipients' customs, beliefs and cultural and ethnic backgrounds are identified on entry through consultation with the care recipient and their representatives. Relevant information relating to care recipients' cultural and spiritual life is documented in care plans which are regularly evaluated and reviewed. The home has access to support services such as interpreters and community groups and provision is made for the observation of special days. Care recipients' cultural and spiritual needs are considered in meal planning and the facilitation of leisure activities. The home's monitoring processes identify opportunities for improvement in relation to the way care recipients' cultural and spiritual life is valued and fostered. Staff support care recipients to attend and participate in activities of their choice. Care recipients and representatives interviewed confirmed care recipients' customs and beliefs are respected.

### 3.9 Choice and decision making

This expected outcome requires that "each care recipient (or his or her representative) participates in decisions about the services the care recipient receives, and is enabled to exercise choice and control over his or her lifestyle while not infringing on the rights of other people".

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

The home has processes to ensure care recipients and their representatives are provided with information about their rights and responsibilities on entry to the home and on an ongoing basis. The home assesses each care recipients' ability to make decisions and identifies authorised representatives where care recipients are not able to make decisions for themselves. Staff are provided with information about care recipients' rights and responsibilities and provide opportunities for the care recipient to exercise choice and make decisions when providing care and services. Staff practices are monitored to ensure care and services delivered are in line with the choices and preference of care recipients. Staff demonstrated their understanding of care recipients' rights to make choices and how to support them in their choices. A high proportion of care recipients interviewed said that staff explain things to them most or all of the time.

### 3.10 Care recipient security of tenure and responsibilities

This expected outcome requires that "care recipients have secure tenure within the residential care service, and understand their rights and responsibilities".

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

Care recipients and their representatives are provided with information about care recipients' rights and responsibilities, the terms and conditions of their tenure, any limitations to care provision within the home, fees and charges and information about complaints, when they enter the home. Changes to care recipients' security of tenure or rights and responsibilities are communicated to care recipients and/or their representative. If a change in care recipient health requires a room change or transfer to another home, this is discussed with the care recipient and/or their representative. The home's monitoring processes, including feedback, meetings and care reviews, identify opportunities for improvement in relation to care recipient rights, responsibilities and security of tenure. Staff demonstrate an understanding of care recipient rights. Care recipients and representatives interviewed are satisfied care recipients have secure tenure within the home and understand their rights and responsibilities.

## Standard 4 - Physical environment and safe systems

### Principle:

Care recipients live in a safe and comfortable environment that ensures the quality of life and welfare of care recipients, staff and visitors.

### 4.1 Continuous improvement

This expected outcome requires that “the organisation actively pursues continuous improvement”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

Refer to Expected outcome 1.1 Continuous improvement for information about the home's systems to identify and implement improvements. Recent examples of improvements in Standard 4 Physical environment and safe systems are:

* Concerns expressed by care recipients/representatives about ease of access to the outdoor courtyard resulted in a management review of the courtyard design. Maintenance staff recently completed an upgrade to the area including more suitable paving, raised garden beds, outdoor furniture, awnings, night lights, a barbecue and kitchen bench/sink. On the second day of the audit we observed care recipients enjoying the refurbished courtyard for an outdoor lunch in the sunshine. Management stated that the new paving allows care recipients in regency chairs and beds to be wheeled to the outdoors more safely and provides opportunities for increased social interaction.
* Following concerns raised by care recipients that the hair dressing salon was difficult to locate and lacked aesthetic appeal, management consulted with care recipients and maintenance staff for ideas and solutions. As a result the windows of the salon were fitted with new curtains, a striped awning was installed above the entrance door and a sign erected with the name ‘Hair we go’ as chosen by the care recipients involved in the refurbishment. We observed the hair salon to be spacious and bright with new curtains on the windows and identifiable from a distance.

### 4.2 Regulatory compliance

This expected outcome requires that “the organisation’s management has systems in place to identify and ensure compliance with all relevant legislation, regulatory requirements, professional standards and guidelines, about physical environment and safe systems”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

Refer to Expected outcome 1.2 Regulatory compliance for information about the home's systems to identify and ensure compliance with relevant regulatory requirements. Relevant to Standard 4, management are aware of the regulatory responsibilities in relation to work, health and safety, fire systems and food safety. There are systems to ensure these responsibilities are met.

### 4.3 Education and staff development

This expected outcome requires that “management and staff have appropriate knowledge and skills to perform their roles effectively”.

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

The home has a system to monitor the knowledge and skills of staff members and enable them to effectively perform their role in relation to physical environment and safe systems. Refer to Expected outcome 1.3 Education and staff development for more information. Examples of education and training provided in relation to Standard 4 Physical environment and safe systems include:

* Mandatory training in manual handling, fire and emergency response procedures.
* Food safety training.
* Chemical handling safety.

### 4.4 Living environment

This expected outcome requires that "management of the residential care service is actively working to provide a safe and comfortable environment consistent with care recipients’ care needs".

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

The home's environment reflects the safety and comfort needs of care recipients, including comfortable temperatures, noise and light levels, sufficient and appropriate furniture and safe, easy access to internal and external areas. The living environment is clean, well-furnished and free of clutter. It is well lit and has a heating/cooling system to maintain a comfortable temperature. Care recipients are accommodated in either single or shared ensuite rooms, according to needs and preferences. Rooms are personalised with items from care recipients' homes and are fitted with call bells and secure storage areas. There are communal and private areas for care recipient and visitor use. Environmental strategies are employed to minimise care recipient restraint. The safety and comfort of the living environment is assessed and monitored through feedback from meetings, surveys, incident and hazard reporting, audits and inspections. There are appropriate preventative and routine maintenance programs for buildings, furniture, equipment and fittings. Staff support a safe and comfortable environment through hazard, incident and maintenance reporting processes. All care recipients interviewed stated they feel safe here most of the time or always.

### 4.5 Occupational health and safety

This expected outcome requires that "management is actively working to provide a safe working environment that meets regulatory requirements".

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

There are processes to support the provision of a safe working environment, including policies and procedures, staff training, routine and preventative maintenance and incident and hazard reporting mechanisms. Management monitors work health and safety through the audit program, staff meetings and the collation and analysis of staff incidents. Opportunities for improvement in the occupational health and safety program are identified through audits, inspections, supervision of staff practice, and analysis of incident and hazard data. Manual handling and personal protective equipment is available to assist staff with the provision of a safe working environment. Sufficient goods and equipment are available to support staff in their work and minimise health and safety risks. Staff have an understanding of safe work practices and are provided with opportunities to have input to the home's workplace health and safety program. Staff receive training during orientation and on an ongoing basis about key elements of safety including manual handling, the use of equipment, chemical handling, infection control and incident reporting mechanisms. Staff were observed to carry out their work safely and are satisfied management is actively working to provide a safe working environment.

### 4.6 Fire, security and other emergencies

This expected outcome requires that "management and staff are actively working to provide an environment and safe systems of work that minimise fire, security and emergency risks".

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

Policies and procedures relating to fire, security and other emergencies are documented and accessible to staff. There is an emergency and disaster plan for the site and evacuation and emergency kits with resources for use in such situations. Fire safety risks are minimised through an alarm and detection system, sprinkler system, emergency lighting, fire doors and firefighting equipment. Staff are provided with education and training about fire, security and other emergencies when they commence work at the home and on an ongoing basis. Strategies to provide a safe environment include environmental audits, testing of electrical equipment, environmental controls and designated smoking areas. Emergency equipment is inspected and maintained and the environment is monitored to minimise risks. There are security procedures and systems to ensure the buildings and grounds are secure. Staff have an understanding of their roles and responsibilities in the event of a fire, security breach or other emergency and there are routine security measures. Care recipients and representatives interviewed are aware of what they should do on hearing an alarm and feel safe and secure in the home.

### 4.7 Infection control

This expected outcome requires that there is "an effective infection control program".

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

The home has processes to support an effective infection control program. The infection control program includes regular assessment of care recipients' clinical care needs in relation to current infections, susceptibility to infections and prevention of infections. Staff and management follow required guidelines for reporting and management of notifiable diseases. Care plans describe specific prevention and management strategies. The home's monitoring processes identify opportunities for improvement in relation to infection control; this includes observation of staff practices, analysis of clinical and infection data and evaluation of results. Preventative measures used to minimise infection include staff training, a food safety program, cleaning regimes, vaccination programs, a pest control program, waste management and laundry processes. The home's food safety program is certified and staff practices are monitored through regular audits and observation of staff practice. There is a program for stock rotation of food in the kitchen and temperature checks are in accordance with regulatory guidelines for food and equipment. Staff are provided with information about infections at the home and have access to policies and procedures and specific equipment to assist in the prevention and management of an infection or outbreak. Care recipients and staff are encouraged to be vaccinated. Care recipients, representatives and staff interviewed are satisfied with the prevention and management of infections.

### 4.8 Catering, cleaning and laundry services

This expected outcome requires that "hospitality services are provided in a way that enhances care recipients’ quality of life and the staff’s working environment".

#### Team's findings

The home meets this expected outcome

The home identifies care recipients' needs and preferences relating to hospitality services on entry to the home through assessment processes and consultation with the care recipient and their representatives. There are processes available that support care recipients to have input into the services provided and the manner of their provision. The home's monitoring processes identify opportunities for improvement in relation to the hospitality services provided; this includes feedback from care recipients and representatives and monitoring of staff practice. Hospitality staff interviewed said they readily have access to information about care recipient preferences and receive feedback about services provided. Care recipients are consulted about menus and their preferred daily choices. The menu has been reviewed by a dietitian and meals are freshly cooked on site.​ The cleaning is carried out according to a schedule with daily cleaning of care recipients' rooms and regular detail cleaning. Laundry services provided at the home include a clothing labelling service. There are laundry facilities available for care recipients who prefer to wash their own laundry. Staff are satisfied the hospitality services enhance the working environment. Care recipients and representatives interviewed are satisfied the hospitality services meet their needs and help them to feel at home. A high proportion of care recipients interviewed responded that they like the food here most of the time or always.