Accreditation Decision and Report

**Decision to re-accredit service following a site audit**

**Service and approved provider details**

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| **Name of service:** | Lifeview Willow Wood |
| **RACS ID:** | 3745 |
| **Name of approved provider:** | Farwell Nominees Pty Ltd |
| **Address details:** | 135 Duff Street CRANBOURNE VIC 3977 |
| **Date of site audit:** | 02 July 2019 to 04 July 2019 |

**Summary of decision**

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| **Decision made on:** | 05 August 2019 | |
| **Decision made by**: | Authorised delegate of the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commissioner (Commissioner) under section 76 of the *Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Act 2018* to decide under section 41 of the *Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Rules 2018* (Rules) about the accreditation of a service. | |
| **Decision:** | To re-accredit the service under section 41 of the Rules. | |
| **Further period of accreditation:** | 25 September 2019 to 25 September 2022 | |
| **Assessment of performance with the Aged Care Quality Standards** | | |
| Standard 1 Consumer dignity and choice | | Met |
| Standard 2 Ongoing assessment and planning with consumers | | Met |
| Standard 3 Personal care and clinical care | | Met |
| Standard 4 Services and supports for daily living | | Met |
| Standard 5 Organisation’s service environment | | Met |
| Standard 6 Feedback and complaints | | Met |
| Standard 7 Human resources | | Met |
| Standard 8 Organisational governance | | Met |

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## Introduction

**This is the report of an assessment of Lifeview Willow Wood (the Service) conducted from 02 July 2019 to 04 July 2019.**

**This assessment was conducted for the purposes of assessing the provider’s performance in relation to the Service against the Aged Care Quality Standards (the Quality Standards) in accordance with the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Rules 2018.**

This report details the findings of this performance assessment and contains a detailed report about the performance of the Service against each Quality Standard assessed and the requirements within each Quality Standard assessed rated as either, Met or Not Met.

For a ‘Not met’ finding, the Assessment Team has provided information about why the requirement was Not Met.

This Report is to be read in conjunction with the Quality Standards.

## Assessment Details

The assessment was informed by a site assessment, observations at the service, review of documents and interviews with staff, consumers/representatives and others.

The following interviews were undertaken:

| **Type** | **Number** |
| --- | --- |
| Consumers | 22 |
| Consumer representatives | 9 |
| Management | 6 |
| Clinical staff | 6 |
| Housemates | 8 |
| Housekeeper | 1 |
| Lifestyle staff | 3 |
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## Detailed findings

This section covers information about the assessment of the provider’s performance, in relation to the service, against each of the requirements of the Quality Standards that were assessed.

### Standard 1: Consumer dignity and choice Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I am treated with dignity and respect, and can maintain my identity. I can make informed choices about my care and services, and live the life I choose.

#### Organisation statement:

1. The organisation:
2. has a culture of inclusion and respect for consumers; and
3. supports consumers to exercise choice and independence; and
4. respects consumers’ privacy.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 1:

The Assessment Team found the service has met the six requirements under Standard 1.

Consumer experience interviews show that 100% of consumers agreed that staff always treat them with respect. The service uses regular consumer surveys and an anonymous feedback and complaints mechanism to ensure that consumers are satisfied that staff treat them with respect and support them to maintain their identity and live the life they choose.

The service demonstrated that consumers are treated with dignity and respect, and that the service actively promotes a culture of inclusion. Staff were observed to interact with consumers respectfully and could readily identify consumer’s individual preferences and interests. Consumers described the ways their social and intimate relationships are supported both inside and outside the service. The service promotes the value of culture and diversity through staff training, through its rainbow tick accreditation, in the wide range of activities it offers for consumers with diverse backgrounds and preferences and in delivery of care that is tailored to the person.

Staff could provide meaningful examples of how they help consumers make choices, including by giving consumers clear and accurate information and options to inform their choice. Consumers reported that they feel heard when they tell staff what matters to them and that they can make decisions about their life, even when it involves an element of risk.

Consumers report that the service protects the privacy and confidentiality of their information, and that they are satisfied that care and services, including personal care, are undertaken in a way that respects their privacy. Staff gave examples of how they maintain the privacy of consumers and could demonstrate their understanding that consumers receiving personal care can feel vulnerable and what they do to ensure consumers are made to feel respected and comfortable. The service also demonstrated how electronic management systems support the protection of confidential information including consumer information, consistent with documented policies and procedures.

#### Requirements:

Standard 1 Requirement 3(a) Met

The organisation demonstrates that each consumer is treated with dignity and respect, with their identity, culture and diversity valued.

##### **Standard 1 Requirement 3(b) Met**

The organisation demonstrates that care and services are culturally safe.

Standard 1 Requirement 3(c) Met

The organisation demonstrates that each consumer is supported to exercise choice and independence, including to:

1. make decisions about their own care and the way care and services are delivered; and
2. make decisions about when family, friends, carers or others should be involved in their care; and
3. communicate their decisions; and
4. make connections with others and maintain relationships of choice, including intimate relationships.

Standard 1 Requirement 3(d) Met

The organisation demonstrates that each consumer is supported to take risks to enable them to live the best life they can.

Standard 1 Requirement 3(e) Met

The organisation demonstrates that information provided to each consumer is current, accurate and timely, and communicated in a way that is clear, easy to understand and enables them to exercise choice.

Standard 1 Requirement 3(f) Met

The organisation demonstrates that each consumer’s privacy is respected and personal information is kept confidential.

### Standard 2: Ongoing assessment and planning with consumers Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I am a partner in ongoing assessment and planning that helps me get the care and services I need for my health and well-being.

#### Organisation statement:

1. The organisation undertakes initial and ongoing assessment and planning for care and services in partnership with the consumer. Assessment and planning has a focus on optimising health and well-being in accordance with the consumer’s needs, goals and preferences.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 2:

The Assessment Team found the service has met the five requirements under Standard 2.

Of consumers and representatives randomly sampled, 82% agreed that they have a say in their daily activities always or most of the time while 18% said they have a say in daily activities some of the time. Consumers and representatives provided various examples of what this meant for consumers. Consumers overall reported they are a partner in initial and ongoing assessment and planning that supports them to get the care and services they need.

Staff could describe how consumers and others who contribute to the consumer’s care (including medical practitioners, allied health professionals, carers and family) work together to ensure assessment and planning has a focus on optimising health and wellbeing in accordance with the consumers’ needs, goals and preferences.

Consumers, representatives and staff described how care and services are reviewed regularly, when there is a change to their health or wellbeing status, needs or preferences. The organisation is responsive with their communication with consumers and seeks their input to update the care and services they are receiving. Each of the consumers ‘My life plans’ reviewed by the Assessment Team evidence plans have been reviewed. Staff demonstrated an understanding of incidents or near-miss events and how these were identified, documented and reviewed by the service, to inform continuous improvement.

The Assessment Team were satisfied that advance care planning and end of life planning formed part of the care planning. This was evidenced by the documentation for a consumer who is currently receiving palliative care in the service.

#### Requirements:

Standard 2 Requirement 3(a) Met

The organisation demonstrates that assessment and planning, including consideration of risks to the consumer’s health and well-being, informs the delivery of safe and effective care and services.

##### **Standard 2 Requirement 3(b) Met**

The organisation demonstrates that assessment and planning identifies and addresses the consumer’s current needs, goals and preferences, including advance care planning and end of life planning if the consumer wishes.

Standard 2 Requirement 3(c) Met

The organisation demonstrates that assessment and planning:

1. is based on ongoing partnership with the consumer and others that the consumer wishes to involve in assessment, planning and review of the consumer’s care and services; and
2. includes other organisations, and individuals and providers of other care and services, that are involved in the care of the consumer.

Standard 2 Requirement 3(d) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the outcomes of assessment and planning are effectively communicated to the consumer and documented in a care and services plan that is readily available to the consumer, and where care and services are provided.

Standard 2 Requirement 3(e) Met

The organisation demonstrates that care and services are reviewed regularly for effectiveness, and when circumstances change or when incidents impact on the needs, goals or preferences of the consumer.

### Standard 3: Personal care and clinical care Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I get personal care, clinical care, or both personal care and clinical care, that is safe and right for me.

#### Organisation statement:

1. The organisation delivers safe and effective personal care, clinical care, or both personal care and clinical care, in accordance with the consumer’s needs, goals and preferences to optimise health and well-being.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 3:

The Assessment Team found the service has met the seven requirements under Standard 3.

Of consumers and representatives randomly sampled, 100% agreed that they get the care they need always or most of the time while 88% said they feel safe always or most of the time and 12% said they feel safe some of the time. Consumers and representatives provided various examples of what this meant for consumers. Consumers overall reported feeling safe and confident that they are receiving personal and clinical care that is right for them.

Staff could describe how best practice informs clinical care and how information is shared both within the organisation and with others outside the organisation. Staff demonstrated a good working understanding of precautions to prevent and control infection and the steps they could take to minimise the need for antibiotics. Staff could also identify the highest prevalence risks for different cohorts of consumers and how incidents were used to inform changes in practice.

Each of the ‘My life plans’ reviewed by the Assessment Team evidenced the delivery of safe and effective care, including end of life care and evidenced attention to the needs of consumers who needs were specific including the management of; pain relief, wounds, falls, diabetes, and other specialised clinical management strategies with involvement of family and others.

The organisation demonstrated that they have a suite of policies and procedures underpinning the delivery of care and how they review practice (and also policies) to ensure they remain fit-for-purpose.

#### Requirements:

Standard 3 Requirement 3(a) Met

The organisation demonstrates that each consumer gets safe and effective personal care, clinical care, or both personal care and clinical care, that:

1. is best practice; and
2. is tailored to their needs; and
3. optimises their health and well-being.

Standard 3 Requirement 3(b) Met

The organisation demonstrates effective management of high impact or high prevalence risks associated with the care of each consumer.

Standard 3 Requirement 3(c) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the needs, goals and preferences of consumers nearing the end of life are recognised and addressed, their comfort maximised and their dignity preserved.

Standard 3 Requirement 3(d) Met

The organisation demonstrates that deterioration or change of a consumer’s mental health, cognitive or physical function, capacity or condition is recognised and responded to in a timely manner.

Standard 3 Requirement 3(e) Met

The organisation demonstrates that information about the consumer’s condition, needs and preferences is documented and communicated within the organisation, and with others where responsibility for care is shared.

Standard 3 Requirement 3(f) Met

The organisation demonstrates timely and appropriate referrals to individuals, other organisations and providers of other care and services.

Standard 3 Requirement 3(g) Met

The organisation demonstrates minimisation of infection related risks through implementing:

1. standard and transmission based precautions to prevent and control infection; and
2. practices to promote appropriate antibiotic prescribing and use to support optimal care and reduce the risk of increasing resistance to antibiotics.

### Standard 4: Services and supports for daily living Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I get the services and supports for daily living that are important for my health and   
   well-being and that enable me to do the things I want to do.

#### Organisation statement:

1. The organisation provides safe and effective services and supports for daily living that optimise the consumer’s independence, health, well-being and quality of life.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 4:

The Assessment Team found the service has met the seven requirements under Standard 4.

Of consumers and representatives randomly sampled, 100% said they that consumers are encouraged to do as much as possible for themselves most of the time or always. 88% said they like the food here most of the time or always while 12% said some of the time describing themselves as discerning, picky or a fussy eater. Consumers reported overall services and supports for daily living are safe and effective and meals provided are varied and of suitable quality and quantity.

Consumers, representatives and staff provided various examples about how the service promotes emotional, spiritual and psychological wellbeing and what this means for them: Two consumers described how they are supported to have the pet dogs live with them. One consumer described how they are supported to develop and maintain a friendship within the service while another consumer described how calling bingo at the service and assisting with weekly coffee group on the weekends has helped them develop friendships and feel included. Staff described how they identify and provide one to one engagement for consumers who prefer to stay in their room.

The service demonstrated that is makes timely referrals to other organisations and provides safe, suitable and well-maintained equipment and that staff are appropriately trained to use equipment. This was observed by the Assessment Team.

#### Requirements:

Standard 4 Requirement 3(a) Met

The organisation demonstrates that each consumer gets safe and effective services and supports for daily living that meet the consumer’s needs, goals and preferences and optimise their independence, health, well-being and quality of life.

Standard 4 Requirement 3(b) Met

The organisation demonstrates that services and supports for daily living promote each consumer’s emotional, spiritual and psychological well-being.

Standard 4 Requirement 3(c) Met

The organisation demonstrates that services and supports for daily living assist each consumer to:

1. participate in their community within and outside the organisation’s service environment; and
2. have social and personal relationships; and
3. do the things of interest to them.

Standard 4 Requirement 3(d) Met

The organisation demonstrates that information about the consumer’s condition, needs and preferences is communicated within the organisation, and with others where responsibility for care is shared.

Standard 4 Requirement 3(e) Met

The organisation demonstrates timely and appropriate referrals to individuals, other organisations and providers of other care and services.

Standard 4 Requirement 3(f) Met

The organisation demonstrates that where meals are provided, they are varied and of suitable quality and quantity.

Standard 4 Requirement 3(g) Met

The organisation demonstrates that where equipment is provided, it is safe, suitable, clean and well maintained.

### Standard 5: Organisation’s service environment Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I feel I belong and I am safe and comfortable in the organisation’s service environment.

#### Organisation statement:

1. The organisation provides a safe and comfortable service environment that promotes the consumer’s independence, function and enjoyment.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 5:

The Assessment Team found the service has met the three requirements under Standard 5.

The service was observed to be welcoming with individual rooms decorated with memorabilia, photographs and other personal items and is clean and well maintained. The layout of the service enabled consumers to move around freely, with suitable furniture, fittings and signage to help consumers navigate the service. Consumers had ready access to tidy outdoor areas with gardens, benches and communal tables, and paths and handrails that enabled free movement.

Consumers reported that the service was well maintained and kept at a comfortable temperature. They have access to a range of equipment and furnishings and felt safe using them. The organisation regularly sought feedback about how the service environment could be improved and made more welcoming (consumers described specific changes that had been made in response to consumer feedback). They have access to quiet rooms to meet with family and friends and are encouraged to use all areas of the service including the outdoor areas, where barbeque lunches and other activities are held.

Management described electronic management systems for the purchase, service and maintenance of furnishings and equipment. Staff interviewed confirmed their understanding of the systems, and record arrangements. Management confirmed that environmental audits are conducted to assess potential risk areas and instigate improvements. The service environment is a standing agenda item for weekly management meetings and monthly organisational executive meetings where any emerging risk or environment issues are discussed along with consumer feedback on the service environment.

#### Requirements:

Standard 5 Requirement 3(a) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the service environment is welcoming and easy to understand, and optimises each consumer’s sense of belonging, independence, interaction and function.

Standard 5 Requirement 3(b) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the service environment:

1. is safe, clean, well maintained and comfortable; and
2. enables consumers to move freely, both indoors and outdoors.

Standard 5 Requirement 3(c) Met

The organisation demonstrates that furniture, fittings and equipment are safe, clean, well maintained and suitable for the consumer.

### Standard 6: Feedback and complaints Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I feel safe and am encouraged and supported to give feedback and make complaints. I am engaged in processes to address my feedback and complaints, and appropriate action is taken.

#### Organisation statement:

1. The organisation provides a safe and comfortable service environment that promotes the consumer’s independence, function and enjoyment.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 6:

The Assessment Team found the service has met the four requirements under Standard 6.

Of consumers and representatives randomly sampled, 100% said that staff follow up when they raise things with them most of the time or always. Consumers reported overall, they are supported and encouraged to give feedback and make complaints and appropriate actions are taken.

Stakeholders are encouraged to attend meetings for example ‘food appreciation’ and ‘recreational group’ to provide feedback and have access to feedback forms in multiple areas throughout the service and a secure lodgement box at reception. Feedback forms outline timeframes for acknowledgement and response to feedback, other methods for raising and resolving complaints and elder rights advocacy information. Staff described how they would support consumers to provide feedback and or make a complaint.

The organisation has developed a framework for open disclosure for when things go wrong and elements include an apology or expression of regret an opportunity for the consumer and/or representative to express their experience, a factual explanation of what happened, and steps being taken to manage and/or prevent reoccurrence.

The service demonstrated how it uses feedback and complaints to improve the quality and care of services.

#### Requirements:

##### **Standard 6 Requirement 3(a) Met**

The organisation demonstrates that consumers, their family, friends, carers and others are encouraged and supported to provide feedback and make complaints.

Standard 6 Requirement 3(b) Met

The organisation demonstrates that consumers are made aware of and have access to advocates, language services and other methods for raising and resolving complaints.

Standard 6 Requirement 3(c) Met

The organisation demonstrates that appropriate action is taken in response to complaints and an open disclosure process is used when things go wrong.

Standard 6 Requirement 3(d) Met

The organisation demonstrates that feedback and complaints are reviewed and used to improve the quality of care and services.

### Standard 7: Human resources Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I get quality care and services when I need them from people who are knowledgeable, capable and caring.

#### Organisation statement:

1. The organisation has a workforce that is sufficient, and is skilled and qualified, to provide safe, respectful and quality care and services.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 7:

The Assessment Team found the service has met the five requirements under Standard 7.

The service demonstrated they ensure the numbers and mix of the staff is planned, managed and reviewed to enable safe and quality care and services.

The service demonstrated they ensure staff interactions with consumers are kind, caring and respectful of each consumer’s identity, culture and diversity. Consumers provided various examples of what this means to them including in relation to events of cultural and social significance, specific care and relationship needs. Interactions between consumers, representatives and staff were observed to be kind, caring and respectful.

The service demonstrated the workforce is recruited to specific roles, trained and equipped to undertake these roles and supported to deliver outcomes for consumers. Consumers are encouraged to participate in interviewing for new staff and have been a member of the interview panel. New staff are satisfied with the induction/orientation process and the support provided.

The service demonstrated they monitor staff qualifications and ensure through staff selection and extensive education and training processes that the workforce is competent, and they have the knowledge and skills to effectively perform their roles.

The organisation demonstrates that regular and ongoing assessment, monitoring and review of the performance of each member of the workforce is undertaken.

#### Requirements:

Standard 7 Requirement 3(a) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the workforce is planned to enable, and the number and mix of members of the workforce deployed enables, the delivery and management of safe and quality care and services.

Standard 7 Requirement 3(b) Met

The organisation demonstrates that workforce interactions with consumers are kind, caring and respectful of each consumer’s identity, culture and diversity.

Standard 7 Requirement 3(c) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the workforce is competent and the members of the workforce have the qualifications and knowledge to effectively perform their roles.

Standard 7 Requirement 3(d) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the workforce is recruited, trained, equipped and supported to deliver the outcomes required by these standards.

Standard 7 Requirement 3(e) Met

The organisation demonstrates that regular assessment, monitoring and review of the performance of each member of the workforce is undertaken.

### Standard 8: Organisational governance Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I am confident the organisation is well run. I can partner in improving the delivery of care and services.

#### Organisation statement:

1. The organisation’s governing body is accountable for the delivery of safe and quality care and services.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 8:

The Assessment Team found the service has met the five requirements under Standard 8.

The organisation demonstrated that they involve consumers in the design, delivery and evaluation of care and services, providing numerous examples of how consumers are involved in the design of services and are engaged on a day to day basis. These include meetings, surveys, gatherings and promotion of shared decision-making processes. Consumers confirmed they are involved in care planning, delivery and evaluation and provided examples of how this occurs in practice.

The governing body meets regularly, sets expectations for the service and regularly reviews risks from the organisational and consumer perspective. Organisational wide governance systems support effective information management, the workforce, compliance with regulation and clinical care.

The service has a continuous improvement program which drives the quality system and involves all stakeholders.

The clinical governance framework addresses anti-microbial stewardship, open disclosure and minimising the use of restraint. Staff interviewed understood these concepts and could explain how they were applied in practice.

#### Requirements:

Standard 8 Requirement 3(a) Met

The organisation demonstrates that consumers are engaged in the development, delivery and evaluation of care and services and are supported in that engagement.

Standard 8 Requirement 3(b) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the organisation’s governing body promotes a culture of safe, inclusive and quality care and services and is accountable for their delivery.

Standard 8 Requirement 3(c) Met

The organisation demonstrates effective organisation wide governance systems relating to the following:

1. information management;
2. continuous improvement;
3. financial governance;
4. workforce governance, including the assignment of clear responsibilities and accountabilities;
5. regulatory compliance;
6. feedback and complaints.

Standard 8 Requirement 3(d) Met

The organisation demonstrates effective risk management systems and practices, including but not limited to the following:

1. managing high impact or high prevalence risks associated with the care of consumers;
2. identifying and responding to abuse and neglect of consumers;
3. supporting consumers to live the best life they can.

Standard 8 Requirement 3(e) Met

The organisation demonstrates that where clinical care is provided—a clinical governance framework, including but not limited to the following:

1. antimicrobial stewardship;
2. minimising the use of restraint;
3. open disclosure.