Accreditation Decision

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

**Service and approved provider details**

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| **Name of service:** | Southern Cross Care Allora - Homestead |
| **RACS ID:** | 5112 |
| **Name of approved provider:** | Southern Cross Care (Qld) Ltd |
| **Address details:** | 62 - 64 Forde Street ALLORA QLD 4362 |
| **Date of site audit:** | 29 October 2019 to 31 October 2019 |

**Summary of decision**

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| **Decision made on:** | 26 November 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:** | 24 December 2019 to 24 December 2022 | |
| **Assessment of performance with the Aged Care Quality Standards** | | |
| Standard 1 Consumer dignity and choice | | Met |
| Requirement 1(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 1(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 1(3)(c) | | Met |
| Requirement 1(3)(d) | | Met |
| Requirement 1(3)(e) | | Met |
| Requirement 1(3)(f) | | Met |
| Standard 2 Ongoing assessment and planning with consumers | | Met |
| Requirement 2(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 2(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 2(3)(c) | | Met |
| Requirement 2(3)(d) | | Met |
| Requirement 2(3)(e) | | Met |
| Standard 3 Personal care and clinical care | | Met |
| Requirement 3(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 3(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 3(3)(c) | | Met |
| Requirement 3(3)(d) | | Met |
| Requirement 3(3)(e) | | Met |
| Requirement 3(3)(f) | | Met |
| Requirement 3(3)(g) | | Met |
| Standard 4 Services and supports for daily living | | Met |
| Requirement 4(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 4(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 4(3)(c) | | Met |
| Requirement 4(3)(d) | | Met |
| Requirement 4(3)(e) | | Met |
| Requirement 4(3)(f) | | Met |
| Requirement 4(3)(g) | | Met |
| Standard 5 Organisation’s service environment | | Met |
| Requirement 5(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 5(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 5(3)(c) | | Met |
| Standard 6 Feedback and complaints | | Met |
| Requirement 6(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 6(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 6(3)(c) | | Met |
| Requirement 6(3)(d) | | Met |
| Standard 7 Human resources | | Met |
| Requirement 7(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 7(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 7(3)(c) | | Met |
| Requirement 7(3)(d) | | Met |
| Requirement 7(3)(e) | | Met |
| Standard 8 Organisational governance | | Met |
| Requirement 8(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 8(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 8(3)(c) | | Met |
| Requirement 8(3)(d) | | Met |
| Requirement 8(3)(e) | | Met |
| **Timetable for making improvements:** | N/A | |
| **Revised plan for continuous improvement due:** | N/A | |

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Site Audit Performance   
Assessment Report

The Commission makes the decision taking into account this site audit report, any response by the provider, and any other relevant information.

The met/not met recommendations made by the Assessment Team in this site audit report may differ from the findings in the decision.

## Introduction

**This is the report of an assessment of Southern Cross Care Allora - Homestead (the Service) conducted from 29 October 2019 to 31 October 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 contains detailed findings about the performance assessment of the Service against each Quality Standard and the requirements within each Quality Standard. The Quality Standard and assessed requirements are rated as either Met or Not Met.

A Met rating for the Quality Standard means that all requirements of that Quality Standard have been assessed and rated as Met

A Not Met rating for the Quality Standard means that one or more requirements of that Quality Standard has been assessed and one or more of those requirements have been rated as Not Met.

There will be no rating of the Quality Standard if only some of the requirements have been assessed and those requirements have been rated as 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** |
| --- | --- |
| Administration Support Officer | 1 |
| Representatives | 4 |
| Consumers | 16 |
| Environmental | 1 |
| Cook | 1 |
| Registered Nurse | 2 |
| Catering staff | 2 |
| Care staff | 4 |
| Maintenance officer | 1 |
| Laundry staff | 1 |
| Enrolled Nurse | 1 |

## 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:

2. The organisation:

(a) has a culture of inclusion and respect for consumers; and

(b) supports consumers to exercise choice and independence; and

(c) respects consumers’ privacy.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 1:

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

Consumer experience interviews show 100% of consumers agree staff always treat them with respect. The service uses informal and formal feedback mechanisms such as meetings, complaints processes and case conferences to ensure consumers are satisfied staff treat them with respect and support them to maintain their identity and live the life they choose.

The service demonstrated consumers are treated with dignity and respect and the service actively promotes a culture of inclusion. Consumers described the ways their social connections are supported both inside and outside the service. Staff were observed to interact with consumers respectfully and provided examples individual consumer’s preferences and interests. The service promotes the value of culture and diversity through staff training, in the wide range of activities it offers for consumers with diverse backgrounds, and in celebrating and acknowledging days of significance to the consumers. Consumer preferences are respected and incorporated into care delivery.

Consumer experience interviews show 100% of consumers agreed staff explain things to them always or most of the time and they are always encouraged to do as much as possible for themselves. Consumers said they feel heard when they tell staff what matters to them and they can make decisions about their life, even when it involves an element of risk.

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 said the service protects the privacy and confidentiality of their information, and they are satisfied their 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. The service demonstrated how electronic and hard copy information 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:

(i) make decisions about their own care and the way care and services are delivered; and

(ii) make decisions about when family, friends, carers or others should be involved in their care; and

(iii) communicate their decisions; and

(iv) 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:

2. 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 all five requirements under Standard 2.

Consumer experience interviews show 100% of consumers always have a say in their daily activities. Consumers and representatives said they are involved with the initial and ongoing assessment and planning of their care and services to ensure it meets their needs. Consumers reported feeling confident staff are aware of their individual preferences. The service consults with specialists and allied health professionals to ensure consumers receive the appropriate care and services to suit their needs.

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 deliver a tailored care and service plan and monitor and review the plan as needed.

The service’s monitoring system identified consumer’s individual advance care planning and end of life planning is captured for all consumers currently residing at the service. Consumers and their representatives said they are consulted when there is a change in consumers’ healthcare needs and documentation indicates consumers or representatives are consulted about individual consumer needs, goals and preferences.

Consumers reported their care and services are regularly reviewed and when something goes wrong, or their needs or preferences change, the service communicates with them to seek their involvement in determining the care and services they receive. Each of the care plans reviewed showed plans had been regularly reviewed.

Staff demonstrated a shared understanding of reporting incidents to qualified staff, which are investigated and reviewed; new interventions or strategies implemented to minimise the risk of reoccurrence are discussed with the consumer and representative.

#### 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:

(i) 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

(ii) 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:

2. 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 all seven requirements under Standard 3.

Consumer experience interviews show 100% of consumers get the care they need always or most of the time.

All respondents to a consumer experience interview said they always feel safe. Consumers and representatives gave various examples of how staff ensure the care provided to consumers was right for them. This included regularly asking them about their care and the way it is delivered and through involving consumers in discussions regarding alternative care options available.

Staff could describe how they ensure care is best practice, their opportunities for continuing education and how they ensure information is shared both within the organisation and with others outside the organisation. Care staff demonstrated an 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 care plans reviewed indicated the delivery of safe and effective care. This included the review of consumers who had received end of life care which demonstrated their wishes and preferences had been considered and respected. A focus on pain relief, review of pain management strategies and close involvement of family and others was evident.

The organisation demonstrated they have a suite of policies and procedures underpinning the delivery of care and how they review practice and policies to ensure they remain fit-for-purpose, informed by advice from consumers and other experts.

#### 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:

(i) is best practice and

(ii) is tailored to their needs and

(iii) optimises their health and well-being.

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

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

##### Standard 3 Requirement 3(g) Met

The organisation demonstrates that minimisation of infection related risks through implementing:

(i) standard and transmission based precautions to prevent and control infection; and

(ii) 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:

2. 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 that the service met all requirements under this standard.

Consumers and their representatives said consumers are always encouraged to do as much as possible for themselves and 100% of consumers interviewed for the consumer experience report said they like the food most of the time or always. Consumers expressed satisfaction that they are supported and enabled to live their life as they choose which includes receiving emotional and spiritual care, participating in a range of activities, and engaging with the local community.

The service could demonstrate how information regarding consumers’ health, well-being and quality of life is communicated in a timely and appropriate way. Staff could give examples of how information about consumers is collected and shared and demonstrated their knowledge of consumers’ individual needs and preferences in relation to activities, goals, food and independence.

Consumers said their leisure interest, emotional, spiritual and psychological needs are met and staff could demonstrate ways this is done in a supportive manner. Staff demonstrated how consumers are supported to do things of interest to them including one to one and group activities and outings to places of interest.

The service demonstrated how meals are provided to meet individual consumer’s needs and preferences and to ensure suitable variety, quality and quantity are provided.

The service demonstrated consumers and staff are supported by equipment which is safe, suitable, clean and well maintained through staff at the service and external contractors.

Management could demonstrate the services and support for daily living provided at the service are monitored and reviewed, and improvement are made where needed.

#### 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:

(i) participate in their community within and outside the organisation’s service environment; and

(ii) have social and personal relationships; and

(iii) 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 that 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:

2. 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 that the service met all requirements under this standard.

Consumer experience interviews show that 100% of consumers and representatives said consumers feel safe at the service always and 100% said consumers feel at home in the service most of the time or always. Consumers and representatives expressed satisfaction that:

* The service is clean, well maintained and welcoming. It supports their way of living their life.
* They have access to outdoor areas to utilise as they prefer and said the furnishings support their individual requirements.

Observation of the service showed it was clean, tidy and safe to access all consumer areas. Furniture and equipment were clean and arranged to support consumers of varying needs. Consumers moved freely throughout the service and interacted with both staff and fellow consumers freely.

Staff said they have access to provide feedback on the living environment and upkeep on the status of furnishings and equipment.

The service reviews the living environment daily with regular monthly reviews supporting feedback from both consumers and staff to identify risks or concerns. All aspects of the living environment are monitored organisationally at regular meetings.

#### 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:

(i) is safe, clean, well maintained and comfortable; and

(ii) 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:

2. The organisation regularly seeks input and feedback from consumers, carers, the workforce and others and uses the input and feedback to inform continuous improvements for individual consumers and the whole organisation.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 6:

The Assessment Team found that the service met all requirements under this standard.

Consumer experience interviews show 100% of consumers agreed staff follow up when they raise things with them always or most of the time.

Consumers and representatives reported they are aware of complaints and feedback avenues available to them and they feel comfortable to access them if needed. Where feedback has been provided representatives advised of satisfaction with the process of addressing their concern and with open disclosure.

Staff demonstrated knowledge of how to enable consumers and representatives to access feedback processes and advocacy services as needed. They also demonstrated how verbal feedback is communicated so that management can address it.

Management demonstrated that all feedback received is responded to verbally or in writing and actions taken are reviewed to ensure the complainant’s satisfaction. Complaints are escalated to Board as per the service’s policy including following an open disclosure process as appropriate. Feedback and complaints are reviewed by management and result in continuous improvement activities.

#### 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:

2. 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 that the service met all requirements under this standard.

Consumer experience interviews show that 100% of consumers and representatives said staff are kind and caring always; and that staff know what they are doing always.

The service has a workforce that is recruited to support consumer needs and preferences. Staff have sufficient training and education opportunities to maintain and increase their knowledge to meet mandatory requirements with systems in place to monitor staff mandatory compliance. Consumers and representatives said there are sufficient staff to meet their needs and that staff have knowledge of their individual preferences.

Sufficiency of staff is maintained daily with staff and consumers reporting that there is enough staff to complete tasks and support the consumers in their daily lives.

#### 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.

### 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:

2. 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 that the service met all requirements under this standard.

The organisation demonstrated the involvement of consumers in the development of their care and services and the ongoing support of changes to their care as it arises. Consumers and representatives said they contribute to and have access to their care planning and development on a regular basis.

The organisation meets regularly with the Board setting clear expectations and reviews risks from an organisational and consumer perspective. There are organisational governance systems to support effective information management, the workforce, compliance and regulation and clinical care. The clinical governance framework addresses anti-microbial stewardship, open disclosure and minimising the use of restraint.

#### 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 that effective organisation wide governance systems relating to the following:

(i) information management

(ii) continuous improvement

(iii) financial governance

(iv) workforce governance, including the assignment of clear responsibilities and accountabilities

(v) regulatory compliance

(vi) feedback and complaints

##### Standard 8 Requirement 3(d) Met

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

(i) managing high-impact or high-prevalence risks associated with the care of consumers

(ii) identifying and responding to abuse and neglect of consumers

(iii) 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:

(i) antimicrobial stewardship

(ii) minimising the use of restraint

(iii) open disclosure