

# Community Aged Care Packages

*Assisting members of the veteran and general community in their homes*



## What is a community aged care package?

Vasey RSL Care's community aged care packages are funded by the Commonwealth Government and ensure appropriate services are provided to those people who wish to remain living in their own home, but require some assistance with their daily tasks.

The word 'packages' is used, as the services provided to allow you to remain in your own home as long as possible, are designed specifically for you, and may include a range of services. So each package of services is unique to the person receiving the care.

When you commence with one of our packages, a member of our caring, professional team will be assigned to you. This person will visit you regularly at home, and will offer advice and help to arrange the services you need. In other words, your own individual package.

## What is a veteran-specific community aged care package?

Veteran-specific community aged care packages are designed to assist veterans and war widows who require co-ordinated services because of their complex and differing care needs.

To be eligible for this package, you must be a veteran or war widow who has been assessed by the Aged Care Assessment Service as needing this type of care.

## What is a general community aged care package?

General community aged care packages can be designed for any member of the general community.

To be eligible for this package, you will simply need an assessment by the Aged Care Assessment Service.

## Service charge

You will be asked to pay a weekly fee towards the cost of your package. This fee will be based on your income, and in accordance with Commonwealth Government guidelines.

If you are a full pensioner, this charge will be no more than 17.5% of your weekly income.

## Types of services that may be offered as part of a package

Some of the services that our staff can arrange for you include:

- Personal care, such as assisting with dressing and showering
- Cleaning
- Assistance with meals
- Home maintenance
- Transport
- Banking
- Companionship
- Temporary home-based respite care
- Assistance with organising appointments, such as doctor or dentist, and accessing community services
- Assisting in maximising DVA benefits
- Links to the ex-service community

## Benefits you can expect from a veteran-specific or general community aged care package

Your community aged care package will be designed to assist you maintain your independence. You will have control over your life and make choices about the various types of care and services you prefer.

## About Vasey RSL Care

Vasey RSL Care came into being in July 2004, when Vasey Housing and RSL Care (Victoria), the two major providers of aged care services to war widows, veterans, and their dependents in Victoria, merged. Vasey RSL Care is a not-for-profit operation as well as a Patriotic Fund, with its central office based in Hawthorn.

Today, Vasey RSL Care provides aged care accommodation in seven residential facilities, as well as over 700 independent living units.

Vasey RSL Care's community aged care packages provide care and services to veterans, war widow, and the general community in the northern and eastern metropolitan regions of Melbourne.

### Vision

Vasey RSL Care – achieving excellence in caring for the ex-service community

### Mission Statement

The provision of contemporary accommodation and best practice care and service options to the ex-service community by:

- < Upholding the values and camaraderie:
- < Operating in a responsive and vibrant manner
- < Ensuring the organisation is sustainable

### Further Information

For further information about Vasey RSL Care's veteran specific or general community aged care packages, please contact:

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