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**All Gold Card Holders are eligible for
any of the above services and they
are free of charge**

HOME CARE PACKAGES

Our Client Liaison Co-ordinator is available to meet with you at no cost to give you an understanding of how you can have extra services through a Home Care package.

Give Linda a call on 9408 1100

WAY TO GO WA

Did you ever imagine that Western Australia would be playing host to an AFL Grand Final – and even more so to a final between two Victorian AFL teams! I was lucky enough to attend the Preliminary Final last week and whilst the game was very one-sided it was a delight to see the stadium packed with a predominately red and blue crowd – a very different sight to the usual blue and gold and/or purple hues of our own WA teams.

TPG COVID REPORT

I am pleased to report that to date 45% of staff are fully vaccinated and 55% have received their first jab. I do expect that we will achieve a 100% level by the time of our next report.

ASSESSMENT CLASSIFICATION FUNDING PROJECT (ACF)

Thanks are sent out to our clients who participating in the above project. We look forward to the report of the outcomes in the coming months.

VHC CHANGES COMING

In July 2021 the Department of Veterans' Affairs advised of changes coming to Home and Garden Maintenance (HGM) including lawn mowing. They advised that following feedback from the Veteran community.

"DVA had reviewed the provision of lawn mowing under the VHC Program service of HGM."

The following changes were accepted following the review and are expected to come into practice soon:

- Lawn mowing (including pruning and activities related to the minor maintenance of the garden) will be able to be approved by Assessment Agencies as a service under HGM
- Approval still needs to be based on the entitled person's assessed need, but does not need to only be for safety-related reasons
- This change will enable entitled persons to access a service that will enhance their health and wellbeing and assist them to continue living in their homes independently.

What won't be changing?

- Entitled persons will still only be able to access 15 hours of HGM within a 12 month period (July-June)
- VHC Service Plans for other HGM activities are still one-off services
- Entitled persons who require assistance with regular garden maintenance beyond the 15 hour service limit should contact My Aged Care, a local service agency or ex-service organisation
- Tree felling/tree removal or other major tasks related to a garden or yard are not possible.



ADVANCE CARE PLANNING

The Australian Government has provided a free support service to community and residential aged care recipients, their loved ones and service providers through Advance Care Planning Australia (ACPA).

Advance care planning promotes individuals having control over and making choices about their future health care and nominating a person of their choice to support them and speak on their behalf when they are unable to. This service provides valuable information for people to understand how to have their needs met at the end of life.

ACPA services give access to:

- advance care planning information and forms via www.advancecareplanning.org.au
- a free national advance care planning support service for aged care recipients (including those living in residential care), carers or substitute decision-makers, and service providers via 1300 208 582 or a call back and referral form
- a free online ACPA Learning hub
- free volunteer-led information sessions for aged care recipients, carers or substitute decision-makers
- an Advance Care Planning: Aged Care Implementation Guide (2021)

THE LITTLE-KNOWN IPHONE TRICK THAT WILL SAVE YOU IN AN EMERGENCY

On a recent get together with a very smart 78 year old (I call him the Gadget Man) he informed me of a little-known iPhone feature that provides help in a time of emergency.

He advised me that by adding your medical history to your iPhones is a very nifty feature that is worth knowing as it will quickly and easily help you in an emergency. You'll need the iOS 11 firmware/upgrade to use this function.

For more information, including a guide to assist setting up this feature head to <https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT207021>



TOKN Project Update

The TOKN project is almost complete. Please call the office if a QR code has not been put on your file.

CHSP HOME MODIFICATIONS PROJECT

Our Home Modifications program is going gang-busters. If you or someone you know need these services to remain living independently at home, you can submit an enquiry directly to My Aged Care by calling 1800 200 422 or visiting myagedcare.gov.au.

Some examples of the type of modifications available include:

- Bathroom Redesign
- Kitchen Redesign
- Widening Doorways and Passages

Installation of:

- Handrail
- Emergency Alarms and Safety Aids
- Kitchen Redesign
- Lever Tap Set
- Grab Rails in Bathroom
- Ramps

The services are available to eligible people and a small contribution may be charged.

Further information is available by calling Joel or Troy on 9408 1100.

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COVID RELATED LAUGHS

1. Why did the chicken cross the road? Because the chicken behind it didn't know how to socially distance properly.
2. Who's idea was it to sing "Happy Birthday" while washing your hands? Now every time I go to the bathroom, my kids expect me to walk out with a cake.
3. My husband purchased a world map and then gave me a dart and said, "Throw this and wherever it lands—that's where I'm taking you when this pandemic ends." Turns out, we're spending two weeks behind the fridge.
4. Ran out of toilet paper and started using lettuce leaves. Today was just the tip of the iceberg, tomorrow *romaines* to be seen.