



Bidgee Haven

BALRANALD RETIREMENT HOSTEL

Permanent & Respite Care Room Vacancy Information

Expressions of interest are invited for permanent residents who require accommodation in a modern fully serviced Aged Care Hostel located in Balranald.

Bidgee Haven is a community run aged care facility operated by Balranald Shire Council that provides 15 Aging in Place rooms that cater specifically for aged and frail people. The resident rooms have modern and comfortable private amenities and the staff and facilities at Bidgee Haven will ensure that your personal needs are well catered for, with ample opportunity to meet with other residents, enjoy meals and activities.

New residents will need to be assessed by the Aged Care Assessment Team prior to an offer of placement to determine ongoing whole of life needs and preference will be given to new residents categorised as low care.

The refundable accommodation deposit and/or daily accommodation payment as well as basic daily fees are determined and managed in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

If you or a member of your family is interested in residential respite or permanent care at Bidgee Haven, please download an application form and information kit from Council's website www.balranald.nsw.gov.au and/or email the Balranald Shire Council council@balranald.nsw.gov.au

What fees might I have to pay?

There are a number of costs associated with permanent care in an aged care home. The same costs also apply for palliative care in an aged care home. They include:

Care and accommodation costs

Basic daily fee: An amount that everyone pays for the day-to-day services they receive at the aged care home. The basic daily fee is set at 85% of the single person rate of the basic age pension.

Means tested care fee: A contribution that some people pay toward the cost of their care, determined by a means assessment.

Accommodation costs: An amount that some people pay to contribute towards or cover the full costs of their room, depending on their means assessment.

The Expressions of interest should be submitted via email to council@balranald.nsw.gov.au or posted to P.O Box 120 Balranald or delivered to the Shire Office, 70 Market Street Balranald 2715.



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RESIDENT ENQUIRY INFORMATION

Thank you for your enquiry regarding a room at Bidgee Haven. Please read the following information and if you have any questions please contact Council ON 03 5020 1300.

Firstly, you will need to be assessed by an ACAT (Aged Care Assessment Team) to determine your care needs. Subsequently you would need to meet with the Hostel Manager so that they can ascertain whether our Hostel can provide the appropriate care.

If a place is available and suited to you, you will need to contact Services Australia to fill in the appropriate forms for the assets and income test. Please visit <https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/aged-care-home-costs-and-fees> for more information. If there is not a place available at the time, we encourage you to go ahead with completing the forms and the Hostel will put you on a waitlist where you will be contacted if a bed becomes available.

The current fee for an aged care pensioner on a full pension is around 85% of the fortnightly single aged pension. There may also be an additional Daily Fee (Means Test) and Refundable Accommodation Deposit or Daily Accommodation Payment for permanent residents as advised by Services Australia, once the assets and income test has been completed. What you can pay towards accommodation will need to be discussed on entry to the Hostel.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Council on (03) 5020 1300 or email council@balranald.nsw.gov.au. All potential residents and families are to meet with the Hostel Manager prior to being offered a place at Bidgee Haven.



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MAIN TYPES OF HOSTEL FEES FOR PERMANENT & RESPITE RESIDENTS

Permanent Care Costs

Basic Daily Fee The maximum basic daily fee for all aged care residents is 85% of the single basic Aged Pension daily payment. All care recipients pay this amount for living costs in residential care. It covers costs such as care, meals, electricity and laundry. For some people, this is the only fee they need to pay pending on their assets and income test.

Means Tested Care Fee Services Australia ask care recipients for details about their income and assets to work out how much they can pay for their aged care services. The amount they pay is based on their individual details. They review the amount every 3 months. People who don't provide income and asset details will pay maximum fees for aged care services up to the cap.

Accommodation Fees Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel aims to provide you with the highest possible quality of care, regardless of your financial circumstances. The Department of Services Australia determines what you may be asked to contribute towards your care and accommodation. This is based on your income, assets and ability to pay. Not everyone is in a position to be able to make a contribution to their accommodation and Bidgee Haven respects everyone's right to access aged care, as assessed by Services Australia.

Accommodation Payments Some residents will have their accommodation payment met in full or part by the Australian Government. Others will need to pay the full accommodation price set by Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel of \$270,000. The Department of Human Services will advise which applies to you based on an assessment of your income and assets. Residents have 28 days from the date of admission to elect which payment method best suits their financial circumstances. Until the method of payment is chosen, residents are required to pay the DAP equivalent.

1. **RAD** The RAD (Refundable Accommodation Deposit) is a lump sum payment which will be refunded when a resident leaves Bidgee Haven (**\$270,000**)

2. **DAP** The DAP (Daily Accommodation Payment) is a rental-style daily payment calculated using a government interest rate (currently 6.31% as at October 2022) and the following formula: (RAD x interest rate) divided by 365 days.

3. **RAD + DAP** Combination Residents can also choose to pay a partial lump-sum RAD (amount determined by resident) and use a rental-style DAP to make up the difference. Residents are able to deduct the DAP from the RAD.

What if I can't afford to pay?

The Australian Government recognises that not everyone can afford to pay aged care fees and charges. There are hardship provisions to ensure that you can still receive the care you need. You can be granted financial assistance to have your basic daily fee, means tested care fees and/or accommodation costs reduced.

Is an Income & Assets Test Required? Yes. (Form available from Office or on-line)

Online Form <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/sa486>

Everyone moving into an Aged care Home for the first time from July 2014 will need to have their Income & Assets assessed by the Department of Human Services or the Department of Veterans' Affairs if they want to receive Government assistance with their care & accommodation costs. The Department of Health will conduct the Assets & Income assessment, and will advise you and the Aged Care Provider of the fees payable for your circumstances.

Can I seek financial advice? Yes, you can. In fact, it is recommended. Some accommodation payment methods may affect your pension and aged care fees. Also, if both you and your partner need access to aged care, each of your accommodation payment methods may impact the other's aged care fees. So, it's beneficial to seek independent financial advice before deciding how to pay for your aged care. Services Australia's Financial Information Service (FIS) is a free service available to everyone. FIS officers can show you how to make informed financial decisions. They can also help you to understand the financial implications of your aged care costs.

To find out more about FIS, or to make an appointment, call *132 300* and say "Financial Information Service" when asked why you are calling.

Respite Care Costs

Eligible clients are entitled to 63 days of respite care in a financial year. This can be extended by up to another 21 days if an Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) approves it.

Respite residents pay only a basic daily care fee. This fee helps pay for your day-to-day services such as meals, cleaning, facilities management, and laundry.

You pay this fee directly to your aged care home, generally on a fortnightly or monthly basis. The fee applies for every day you are a resident.

The basic daily fee is set at 85% of the single person rate of the basic age pension. The government updates it on 20 March and 20 September each year in line with increases to the age pension. Prices are published on the [Department of Health and Aged Care website](#).



Expression of Interest for Residence

PERSONAL INFORMATION

I am seeking **Permanent** or **Respite Care**

DATE

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Full Name :

Phone :

Place Of Birth :

Date of Birth : / /

Email :

Email :

Religion :

Gender : Male Female

Currently receiving care?

ACAT Assessment Completed: Yes No

Current Care Provider :

My Age Care Reference Code :

Pension Type, Part/Full & Number:

Medicare Number & Expiry :

Please rate priority for admission :
Eg. Urgent/When available

Please give reasons for Residential Care :

Current Address :

Doctor :

Pharmacy Provider :

NEXT OF KIN/REPRESENTATIVE

Full Name :

Phone :

Address :

Email :

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Signature : _____

Please return this completed form to the Hostel or Council office or alternatively, email it to council@balranald.nsw.gov.au

E : council@balranald.nsw.gov.au

P : 03 5020 1035