



COVID-19 outbreaks in Australian residential aged care facilities

National snapshot

As at 8:00 am 3 February 2023 there are 1,091 active COVID-19 cases in 198 active outbreaks in residential aged care facilities across Australia. There have been 78 new outbreaks, 23 new resident deaths and 890 combined new resident and staff cases reported since 27 January 2023.

Table 1: Aged Care COVID-19 data as at 8.00am 3 February 2023¹

Category	Active ²	Previous 7 days	Cumulative Total	Previous 7 days
Outbreaks ³	198	-53	12,834	78
Residential Aged Care Facilities affected	198	-53	2,803	1
Resident Cases ⁴	805	-361	127,992	634
Resident Deaths	N/A	N/A	5,067	23
Staff Cases	286	-127	79,473	256

The Department of Health and Aged Care has concluded a review and reconciliation of all data provided directly by aged care providers from early 2022, resulting in adjustments to the data and an increase in cumulative totals reported as at 25 January 2023.

Table 2: Overview of Active Outbreaks in Australia

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
Total Facilities with outbreaks	2	72	3	52	19	1	25	24	198
Total number of active resident cases	4	325	34	131	69	9	133	100	805
Total number of active staff cases	2	110	13	92	15	0	26	28	286
Total Outbreaks Opened in Previous 7 Days	0	25	0	25	11	0	8	9	78
Total Outbreaks Closed in Previous 7 Days	1	38	0	35	21	1	22	13	131

¹ Outbreak opening and closure includes changes in the status of exposure sites to outbreaks (and vice versa), which are applied retrospectively to facility records. New case information can also change the status of a recovered site back to an active outbreak site. As a result, changes in active outbreak status may not align with day on day variations to active totals. These adjustments will also affect the number of cases in staff and residents reported each week.

² Active residents and staff cases are the total currently positive cases in active outbreaks

³ An outbreak is considered to be active pending advice from the relevant Public Health Unit. An outbreak is defined as at least 1 positive case in a resident or 2+ cases in staff.

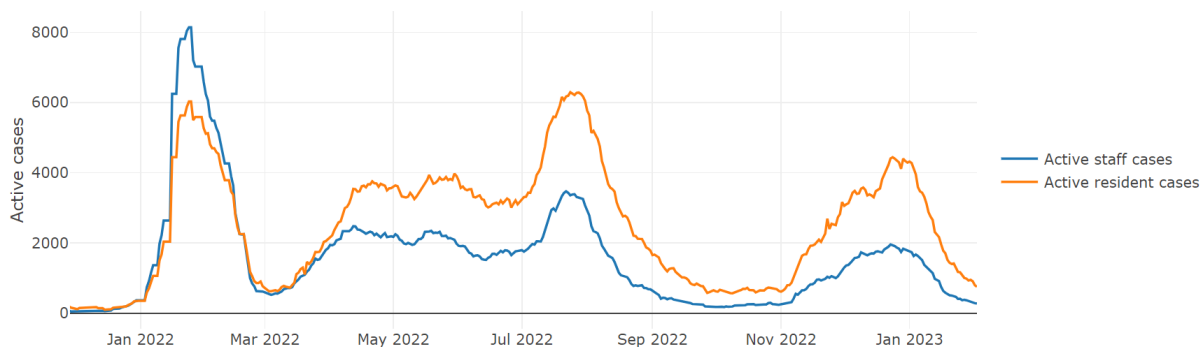
⁴ Case numbers and numbers of deaths are dependent upon reporting from facilities and validation of deaths from state and territory governments. This is subject to change as further information is provided.

Figure 1: National Outbreak Trends in Aged Care



Notes: (i) Residential aged care case data as at 02 Feb 2023
(ii) The large increase in outbreaks on 16 January 2022 is driven by a reporting lag.

Figure 2: Trends in Aged Care Cases – November 2021 to Present



Notes: (i) Residential aged care case data as at 02 Feb 2023
(ii) The large increase in active cases on 16 January 2022 is driven by a reporting lag.
(iii) Cases are considered active for 14 days from the date they are reported.

Mortality

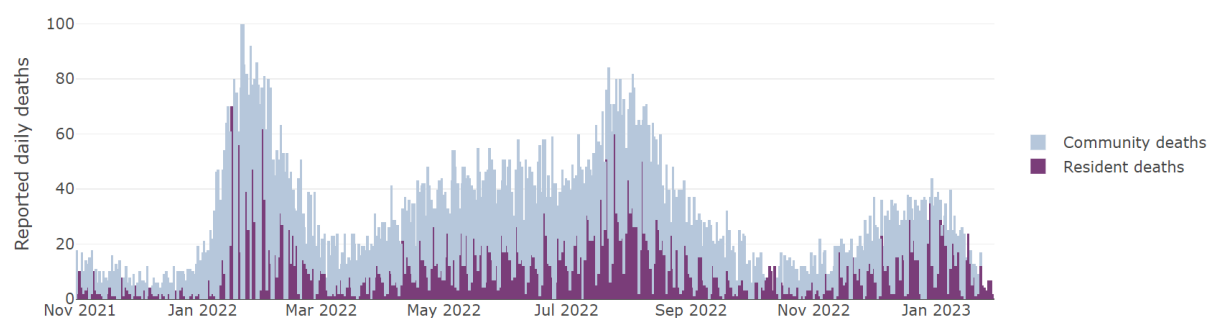
For the period of 1 January 2022 to 30 January 2023, COVID-19 is recorded as the cause of death in 6.1 per cent of all deaths in permanent residents in aged care facilities.

Since the beginning of the Omicron outbreak in late November 2021, there have been 72,820 deaths in residential aged care from all causes (report period from 29 November 2021 to 30 January 2023)⁵. COVID-19 deaths account for 5.8 per cent of this figure.

Over the course of the pandemic, all-cause excess mortality in Residential Aged Care was below expected numbers in 2020, and within expected range in 2021.

⁵ The Department is now accessing aged care deaths data from the SIEBEL dataset. Figures are live and subject to change. Source: Department of Health and Aged Care unpublished data / SIEBEL dataset.

Figure 3: COVID-19 Deaths in Residential Aged Care Facilities overlaid with Community deaths



Notes: (i) Residential aged care deaths data as at 30 Jan 2023

(ii) COVID-19 deaths data from NNDSS as at 30 Jan 2023

(iii) The large increase in deaths on 16 January 2022 is driven by a reporting lag.

(iv) Dates of aged care deaths have been adjusted to align with deaths reported in the NNDSS data. As a result, daily deaths may not align exactly with the raw residential aged care COVID-19 case data.

(v) Community deaths are total COVID-19 deaths reported in the NNDSS data less resident deaths.

Workforce in active residential aged care outbreaks

As at 3 February 2023, workforce surge staff have filled a total of 161,031 shifts in aged care services impacted by COVID-19, including 675 in the past 7 days. In the past 7 days (to 3 February) surge workforce providers have assisted 32 residential aged care homes. These shifts include roles for GPs, nurses, care workers, allied health workers, executive and ancillary staff. This includes:

Table 3: Workforce resources supplied to residential aged care facilities

Workforce provider	Total Shifts	Previous 7 days
Recruitment, Consulting and Staffing Association	100,901	370
Healthcare Australia (Workforce Surge)	13,518	33
Healthcare Australia (NACER)	2,295	N/A
Mable	2,711	N/A
Aspen Medical	21,368	0
HealthX	16,182	272
Torrens	4,056	N/A

The Australian Defence Force provided support to a total of 542 residential aged care homes between February and September 2022. The ADF deployment ceased on 30 September 2022.

Oral antiviral treatments

Distribution of the oral anti-viral Lagevrio (Molnupiravir) commenced on 6 February 2022 to all RACFs with outbreak sites prioritised for delivery. The National Medical Stockpile has deployed 48,269 treatment courses of Lagevrio (Molnupiravir) to aged care facilities.

51,618 prescriptions for Lagevrio (Molnupiravir) have been issued to residents in residential aged care facilities, with a further 2,704 prescriptions for Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir + ritonavir) also issued since 28 February 2022 and up to 29 January 2023.

Vaccination in Residential Aged Care Facilities

The Australian Government's COVID-19 vaccination program is delivering in-reach vaccine services for aged care residents and workers across Australia, through Commonwealth vaccine providers, primary care and self-vaccination services by aged care providers.

The Government continues to provide all residential aged care facilities with access to COVID vaccination clinics to ensure residents have every opportunity to get their fourth dose. As at 3 February 2023, there are currently 157,626 residents eligible for fourth doses. In total 135,060 residents (85.7% of eligible residents) have received a fourth dose.

As at 3 February 2023, a total of 638,231 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered to residents in residential aged care facilities. Information is now received from the Australian Immunisation Register, meaning reported numbers may differ from previous reports. Information from the Australian Immunisation Register provides a more accurate representation of residents currently in residential aged care.

Residential aged care fourth dose vaccination summary									
	National	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT
Total residents who have received a fourth dose	135,060	42,778	36,832	26,206	11,520	12,172	3,373	330	1,849
Percentage against total residents*	75.6%	74.6%	79.7%	72.7%	74.8%	73.6%	76.7%	70.7%	81.9%
Percentage against eligible residents (interval only)**	83.1%	81.5%	86.5%	81.6%	82.9%	81.2%	84.5%	81.5%	87.5%
Percentage against eligible residents (interval and case overlay)***	85.7%	84.5%	88.7%	83.8%	86.5%	83.7%	86.8%	85.9%	89.2%

Sources: Aged care AIR data as at 02 February 2023, AIR mapping file for residents in permanent residential RACFs as at 2 September 2022, AUS-CAIRS aged care resident case data as at 01 February 2023.

* Residents who have had a fourth dose of a COVID-19 vaccine (*this may include the booster dose for severely immunocompromised residents*) total residents in Commonwealth funded positions in residential aged care facilities

** Residents who have had a fourth dose of a COVID-19 vaccine (*this may include the booster dose for severely immunocompromised residents*) over total residents who have had a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine over 3 months ago (*this may include the third primary course dose for severely immunocompromised residents*)

*** Residents who have had a fourth dose of a COVID-19 vaccine (*this may include the booster dose for severely immunocompromised residents*) over total residents who have had a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine over 3 months ago with case overlay applied (*this may include the third primary course dose for severely immunocompromised residents*). Eligible residents have been reduced by an estimate of the number of COVID cases in the facility. The number of cases is calculated by the number of cases self-reported through AUS-CAIRS over the last 90 days adjusted by the fourth dose vaccination rate in a facility (percentage by eligible residents).

Infection control and audits

The Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (Commission) conducts a range of site and non-site activities to monitor and assess residential aged care services, including site audits and assessment contacts (site and non-site) (see Table 5 below). In August 2020, the Commission commenced an infection control monitoring (ICM) spot check program in all Australian jurisdictions.

The ICM spot check program involves on-site visits to residential aged care services, without an outbreak, to check compliance with personal protective equipment (PPE) and infection control arrangements. The purpose of the ICM spot check is to observe infection control

practices, to ensure that staff, management and visitors were adhering to safe personal protective equipment protocols and to safe infection control arrangements as required under the quality standards.

As at 2 February 2023, the Commission had conducted 4,337 ICM spot checks to observe infection control practices and PPE protocols in residential aged care facilities.

Table 5: Total Quality Assessment and Monitoring Activities with residential services (including IPC), by type and month 1 March 2020 to 2 February 2022

Regulatory Activities	2019-20 (1 Mar - 30 Jun 2020)	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (to 2 Feb 2023)	Total
Site visits	318	3,452	1,733	1,707	7,210
Non-site activities	3,709	8,382	6,589	1,139	19,819
Total activities	4,027	11,834	8,322	2,846	27,029

Appendix 1: National residential aged care services with Active outbreaks COVID-19

Please note, information reported in this table has been directly reported to the Department of Health and Aged Care by residential aged care facilities. Total cases refers to all staff and resident cases associated with the active outbreak and may not reflect the count of currently active cases. Where numbers have been incorrectly reported, facilities are able to correct these in the COVID-19 Support Portal through My Aged Care. Where a facility is reporting less than six resident or staff cases or less than six deaths, data has been suppressed to protect the privacy of affected individuals (note that “n/p” indicates data is not provided to protect privacy).

Service Name	State	Resident Deaths	Resident Cases	Staff Cases	Total Incidents
Adelene Court Hostel	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Adelene Nursing Home	New South Wales	0	19	12	31
Anglican Care Bishop Tyrrell Place	New South Wales	<6	33	22	55
BaptistCare Kularoo Centre	New South Wales	0	24	0	24
Berkeley Vale Care Community	New South Wales	<6	18	13	31
BlueWave Living	New South Wales	0	13	<6	n/p
Booroongen Djugun Limited	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Bowral House Nursing Home	New South Wales	0	7	<6	n/p
Brian King Gardens	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Brother Alberts Home	New South Wales	0	10	<6	n/p
Bupa Bankstown	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Bupa St Ives	New South Wales	<6	<6	0	<6
Byron Aged Care	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
CASS Residential Aged Care Facility	New South Wales	0	13	<6	n/p
Concord Community Hostel	New South Wales	0	6	0	6
Constitution Hill Aged Care	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	6
Dougherty Villa	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	7
Estia Health Camden	New South Wales	0	14	<6	n/p
Fairlea Aged Care @ Penshurst	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
Gillawarna Village	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Greenhill Manor	New South Wales	0	12	<6	n/p
HammondCare - Horsley	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
HammondCare - Leighton Lodge	New South Wales	<6	14	<6	n/p

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HammondCare Waratah	New South Wales	0	6	<6	n/p
Hunters Hill Montefiore Home	New South Wales	0	0	12	12
Indochinese Aged Care Services	New South Wales	<6	12	<6	n/p
Jacaranda Grove Hostel	New South Wales	0	25	6	31
Japara Henley Manor	New South Wales	0	6	0	6
Lachlan Lodge	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Leigh Place	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
MacKillop House	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Manilla Multi-Purpose Service	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Mareeba Aged Care	New South Wales	0	9	<6	n/p
Mary Potter Nursing Home	New South Wales	0	6	0	6
McLean Care Mackellar Alkira Campus	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Moran Kellyville	New South Wales	<6	59	17	76
Newmarch House	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	7
Oran Park House Aged Care Facility	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Patrick Bugden VC Gardens	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Pemulwuy Aged Care	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Randwick Montefiore Home	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	7
Regis Hurstville	New South Wales	0	29	7	36
RFBI Basin View Masonic Village	New South Wales	<6	<6	0	<6
RFBI West Wyalong Masonic Village	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Seven Hills Nursing Home	New South Wales	0	15	0	15
Southern Cross Care John Woodward Residential Aged Care	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Southern Cross Care Marian Nursing Home	New South Wales	0	7	6	13
St Basil's Randwick	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
St Vincent's Care Services Haberfield	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Stanmore Place Care Community	New South Wales	<6	34	7	41
The Whiddon Group - Grafton	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
The Whiddon Group - Narrabri - Robert Young	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6

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Tingira Hills Care Community	New South Wales	<6	21	<6	n/p
Uniting Edinglassie Emu Plains	New South Wales	<6	13	<6	n/p
Uniting Mingaletta Port Macquarie	New South Wales	0	6	<6	n/p
Uniting Narla Belmont North	New South Wales	0	6	<6	n/p
Uniting Narla Belmont North	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Uniting Pacifica Nambucca Heads	New South Wales	0	14	<6	n/p
Vaucluse Nursing Home	New South Wales	<6	8	0	8
Wahroonga House	New South Wales	<6	<6	9	n/p
Warrigal Care Bundanoon	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Woodlands Lodge	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Yallabee Lodge	New South Wales	0	16	11	27
Hetti Perkins	Northern Territory	0	48	17	65
Hetti Perkins	Northern Territory	0	48	16	64
Anam Cara	Queensland	0	<6	<6	6
Anglicare SQ Edwin Marsden Tooth Memorial Home for Aged	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Arcare Caboolture	Queensland	0	<6	<6	6
Arcare Eight Mile Plains	Queensland	0	13	<6	n/p
Arcare Helensvale St James	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Arcare Parkwood	Queensland	0	17	<6	n/p
Arcare Peregian Springs	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
Arcare Sanctuary Manors	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
Bellevue Care Centre	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
Bethesda Caring Centre	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
Bolton Clarke Cazna Gardens	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Bribie Cove	Queensland	<6	58	23	81
Bundaleer Lodge Nursing Home	Queensland	0	8	<6	n/p
Carinity Kepnock Grove	Queensland	0	<6	<6	7
Carinity Shalom	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Churches of Christ Fassifern Aged Care Service	Queensland	<6	27	14	41

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Churches of Christ Gracehaven Aged Care Service	Queensland	0	14	20	34
Churches of Christ Lady Small Haven Aged Care Service	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Churches of Christ Little Mountain Aged Care Service	Queensland	0	<6	<6	7
Cooinda House	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Immanuel Gardens	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Infinite Care Cornubia	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
Lions Haven For The Aged	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
MiCare Prins Willem Alexander Lodge	Queensland	0	8	0	8
NewDirection Care at Bellmere	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
Newstead Grand Care Community	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
North Lakes Terrace Care Community	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Ozcare Malanda	Queensland	0	<6	<6	7
Ozcare Villa Vincent	Queensland	<6	47	32	79
Palm Lake Care Toowoomba	Queensland	0	13	17	30
Pyramid Residential Care Centre	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Regis Kuluin	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Regis Yeronga	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Riverview Gardens Aged Care Plus Centre	Queensland	0	9	<6	n/p
Southern Cross Care Allora - Homestead	Queensland	0	<6	<6	8
Southern Cross Care Facility Caloundra	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
Southern Cross Care Taroom - Leichhardt Villa	Queensland	0	<6	<6	6
St Andrews	Queensland	0	7	0	7
St Pauls	Queensland	0	13	<6	n/p
St Vincent's Care Carina	Queensland	<6	25	10	35
St Vincent's Care Services Arundel	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
St Vincent's Care Services Bardon	Queensland	<6	<6	0	<6
The Good Shepherd Nursing Home	Queensland	0	<6	8	n/p
The Terraces Assisted Aged Care	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
TriCare Bundaberg Aged Care Residence	Queensland	0	11	<6	n/p

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TriCare Stafford Lakes Aged Care Residence	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Trinder Park	Queensland	0	35	8	43
Wheller Gardens - Emmaus Village	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Wheller Gardens - St Marks House	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
Wongaburra Garden Settlement Hostel	Queensland	0	10	10	20
ACH Group Residential Care - Milpara	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
AnglicareSA Elizabeth - Dutton Court	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
AnglicareSA Elizabeth East	South Australia	0	13	<6	n/p
Clayton Church Homes - Magill	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Eldercare Evanston Park	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Estia Health Burton	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Estia Health Encounter Bay	South Australia	<6	31	<6	n/p
Helping Hand Aged Care - Golden Grove	South Australia	0	19	6	25
Helping Hand Aged Care - Parafield Gardens	South Australia	0	6	0	6
Helping Hand Aged Care - Rotary House	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Mary Cecelia Hart Court Hostel	South Australia	0	30	20	50
Regis Marleston	South Australia	<6	13	<6	n/p
Rembrandt Court	South Australia	0	45	28	73
Resthaven Marion	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Reynella Lodge	South Australia	0	0	<6	<6
St Pauls Lutheran Hostel	South Australia	0	6	<6	n/p
Wesley House	South Australia	0	18	0	18
Westminster Village Nursing Home	South Australia	<6	9	0	9
Regis Tasmania - Legana	Tasmania	<6	55	12	67
Avonlea	Victoria	0	<6	<6	7
Banfields Aged Care	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Chelsea Lodge Hostel	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Embracia Moonee Valley	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Estia Health Altona Meadows	Victoria	0	60	17	77

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Harmony Village Inc	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Hesse Rural Health Service Nursing Home	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Irvin House	Victoria	0	21	7	28
Isomer Aged Care Facility	Victoria	0	12	<6	n/p
Japara The Regent	Victoria	0	27	10	37
Luson Bloom	Victoria	0	23	<6	n/p
Melbourne Hebrew Memorial Nursing Home	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Nyah District Aged Care Service (Jacaranda Lodge)	Victoria	<6	9	7	16
R. M. Begg Kyneton Aged Care	Victoria	<6	25	<6	n/p
Rathdowne Place	Victoria	0	17	<6	n/p
Regis Armadale	Victoria	0	<6	<6	7
Rose Lodge	Victoria	0	6	<6	n/p
The Heights Donvale	Victoria	0	22	0	22
Wantirna Views Care Community	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Wattle Rise	Victoria	0	10	<6	n/p
Whittlesea Lodge	Victoria	0	27	7	34
Wintringham McLean Lodge Hostel	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Aegis Ellenvale	Western Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Baptistcare Balladong Gardens	Western Australia	0	7	<6	n/p
Baptistcare David Buttfeld Centre	Western Australia	0	6	<6	n/p
Baptistcare Graceford	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	9
Baptistcare Gracehaven	Western Australia	0	7	24	31
Bethanie Geneff	Western Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Bunbury Gardens Care Community	Western Australia	<6	32	7	39
Esperance Aged Care Facility	Western Australia	0	8	13	21
Juniper Chrystal Halliday	Western Australia	0	10	10	20
Juniper Cygnet	Western Australia	0	35	<6	n/p
Karinya Residential Care	Western Australia	0	0	<6	<6
Kungkarrangkalpa Aged Care Service	Western Australia	0	0	<6	<6

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Lady McCusker Home	Western Australia	0	7	0	7
Murdoch Gardens Care Community	Western Australia	0	9	<6	n/p
Nazareth House Geraldton	Western Australia	0	8	<6	n/p
Regis Bunbury	Western Australia	0	6	<6	n/p
Regis Nedlands	Western Australia	0	37	<6	n/p
Regis Woodlands	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Second Avenue Hostel	Western Australia	0	11	9	20
SwanCare Waminda	Western Australia	0	55	17	72
The 2nd Avenue Nursing Home	Western Australia	0	13	9	22
Wattle Hill Lodge	Western Australia	0	<6	0	<6