



COVID-19 outbreaks in Australian residential aged care facilities

National snapshot

As at 8:00 am 6 July 2023 there are 1,465 active COVID-19 cases in 215 active outbreaks in residential aged care facilities across Australia. There have been 73 new outbreaks, 38 new resident deaths and 1,128 combined new resident and staff cases reported since 29 June 2023.

Table 1: Aged Care COVID-19 data as at 8.00am 6 July 20231

Category	Active ²	Previous 7 days	Cumulative Total	Previous 7 days
Outbreaks ³	215	-25	15,677	73
Residential Aged Care Facilities affected	215	-25	2,832	2
Resident Cases ⁴	1,101	-94	153,764	861
Resident Deaths	N/A	N/A	5,764	38
Staff Cases	364	-22	90,108	267

Residential aged care homes with active outbreaks are included in Appendix 1.

Table 2: Overview of Active Outbreaks in Australia

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
Total Facilities with outbreaks	3	79	0	41	25	3	48	16	215
Total number of active resident cases	11	496	0	148	94	11	242	99	1,101
Total number of active staff cases	2	138	0	64	42	4	70	44	364
Total Outbreaks Opened in Previous 7 Days	0	27	0	19	10	0	12	5	73
Total Outbreaks Closed in Previous 7 Days	2	35	0	23	9	1	20	8	98

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.

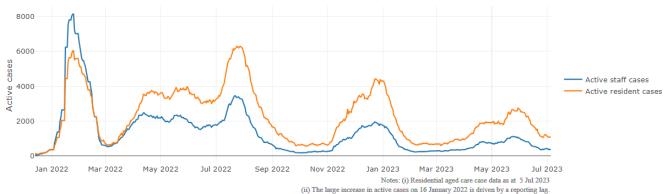
⁴ Case numbers and numbers of deaths are dependent upon reporting from facilities and validation of deaths from state and territory governments. This is subject to change as further information is provided.

Figure 1: National Outbreak Trends in Aged Care



Notes: (i) Residential aged care case data as at 5 Jul 2023 (ii) The large increase in outbreaks on 16 January 2022 is driven by a reporting lag.

Figure 2: Trends in Aged Care Cases - December 2021 to Present



(iii) Cases are considered active for 14 days from the date they are reported

Mortality

For the period of 1 January 2022 to 2 July 2023, COVID-19 is recorded as the cause of death in 5.2 percent of all deaths in permanent residents in aged care facilities.

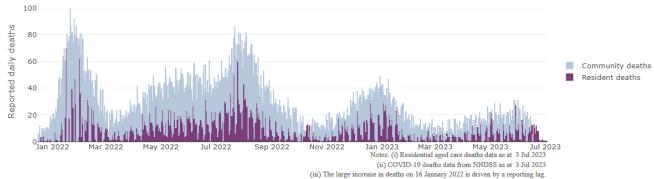
Since the beginning of the Omicron outbreak in mid December⁵ 2021, there have been 95,955 deaths in residential aged care from all causes (report period from 15 December 2021 to 2 July 2023)⁶. COVID-19 deaths account for 5.1 percent of this figure.

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 Omicron outbreak start date has been redefined from late November 2021 to mid December 2021. Changes have been made to align reporting with the start date of Omicron published in the Department's external facing Epidemiology report.

⁶ 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



ed 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 7 July 2023, workforce surge staff have filled a total of 175,159 shifts in aged care services impacted by COVID-19, including 701 in the past 7 days. In the past 7 days (to 7 July) surge workforce providers have assisted 38 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	103,841	77
Healthcare Australia (Workforce Surge)	14,709	75
Healthcare Australia (NACER)	2,295	N/A
Mable	2,711	N/A
Aspen Medical	24,236	231
HealthX	23,311	318
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.

73,137 prescriptions for Lagevrio (Molnupiravir) have been issued to residents in residential aged care facilities, with a further 5,773 prescriptions for Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir + ritonavir) also issued since 28 February 2022 and up to 2 July 2023.

Vaccination in Residential Aged Care Facilities

People living in residential aged care homes remain a high priority for the Government's COVID-19 vaccination program. The Department is continuing to communicate with both the aged care and primary care sectors, reinforcing the importance of uptake and promoting the 2023 booster dose via regular newsletters, bulletins, social media videos and webinars.

All aged care residents who have not had a COVID-19 vaccination, or a COVID-19 infection within the last 6 months, continue to be offered a 2023 booster dose. The added protection from vaccination is especially important for aged care residents and will help reduce the risk of severe illness or hospitalisation.

The Department continues to work with Primary Health Networks to support residential aged care homes across Australia to arrange COVID-19 vaccination in-reach clinics with local primary care providers such as GPs, pharmacists, and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services.

As at 5 July 2023:

- of those aged care residents who have been eligible for a booster dose since January 2023, 86,199 (56.8%) eligible residents have received a 2023 booster dose. This is an additional 2,911 residents since last week..
- 107,668 (58.3%) residents are estimated to have had a recent immunising event of a vaccine dose (including the 2023 booster), or COVID-19 infection in the last 6 months and are therefore not currently eligible for a 2023 booster dose.

The estimated eligible population is made up of residents who have completed their COVID-19 primary course and had their last COVID-19 vaccine dose or infection more than 6 months ago. As residential aged care populations are fluid, and case overlay is not exact, eligible populations for vaccination are an estimate only.

Table 4: Aged Care COVID-19 2023 Booster Doses (data as at 5 July 2023)

Jurisdiction	% of estimated eligible residents vaccinated	Residents vaccinated
National	56.8%	86,199
ACT	66.3%	1,347
NSW	57.6%	27,927
NT	40.9%	<200
QLD	54.4%	16,654
SA	55.2%	7,197
TAS	66.8%	2,513
VIC	60.1%	24,099
WA	47.2%	6,320

Source: Matched AIR data of residents in permanent residential aged care facilities.

Infection control and audit

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 6 July 2023, the Commission had conducted 5,167 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 6 July 2023

Regulatory Activities	2019-20 (1 Mar - 30 Jun 2020)	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (to 6 Jul)	Total
Site visits	318	3,452	1,732	3,687	57	9,246
Non-site activities	3,709	8,382	6,695	1,384	0	20,140
Total activities	4,027	11,834	8,397	5,071	57	29,386

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).

		Resident	Resident		Total
Service Name	State	Deaths	Cases	Staff Cases	Incidents
Bill McKenzie Gardens	Australian Capital Territory	0	<6	0	<6
Mountain View Aged Care Plus Centre	Australian Capital Territory	0	18	<6	n/p
Uniting Amala Gordon ACT	Australian Capital Territory	0	<6	<6	<6
Advantaged Care at Prestons Lodge	New South Wales	<6	53	14	67
Alexander Campbell House	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Alkira Lodge	New South Wales	<6	29	15	44
Alton Lodge	New South Wales	0	17	0	17
Anglican Care Jesmond Grove	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Anglican Care Kilpatrick Court	New South Wales	<6	17	7	24
Anglican Care Mirrabooka Place	New South Wales	0	27	8	35
Arcare Oatlands	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Aurrum Erina	New South Wales	0	<6	9	n/p
Bankstown Terrace Care Community	New South Wales	0	34	<6	n/p
BaptistCare Warabrook Centre	New South Wales	0	25	7	32
Bathurst Riverview Care Community	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
Bayswater Gardens	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Bilyara Hostel	New South Wales	<6	25	15	40
Bolton Clarke Macquarie View - Bolton Point	New South Wales	0	7	<6	n/p
Bonalbo Multi-Purpose Service	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	7
Bupa Bateau Bay	New South Wales	0	6	<6	n/p
Bupa Bexley	New South Wales	0	18	<6	n/p
Calvary St Joseph's Retirement Community	New South Wales	0	62	28	90

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Service Name	State	Deaths	Cases	Staff Cases	Incidents
Calvary The Mariner	New South Wales	<6	7	<6	n/p
Catholic Healthcare Bodington	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Catholic Healthcare Holy Spirit Croydon	New South Wales	0	27	<6	n/p
Catholic Healthcare St Bedes Home	New South Wales	<6	19	6	25
Catholic Healthcare St Francis Aged Care	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Catholic Healthcare St Joseph Aged Care	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Catholic Healthcare St Peter's Lane Cove North	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Catholic Healthcare Villa Maria Centre	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	8
Catholic Healthcare Vincentian Aged Care Service	New South Wales	0	6	0	6
Chamberlain Gardens Aged Care	New South Wales	<6	29	<6	n/p
Cherrybrook Christian Care Centre	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Coastal Waters Aged Care	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Coffs Haven Residential Care Service	New South Wales	0	12	<6	n/p
Constitution Hill Aged Care	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Cooinda	New South Wales	0	13	<6	n/p
Elizabeth Jenkins Place Aged Care Plus Centre	New South Wales	<6	18	<6	n/p
Estia Health Camden	New South Wales	0	18	6	24
Estia Health Dalmeny	New South Wales	<6	46	16	62
Goodhew Gardens	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
HammondCare Waratah	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Harbourside Haven Gardens	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	7
Harden Grange	New South Wales	0	7	<6	n/p
Heritage Queanbeyan	New South Wales	<6	<6	0	<6
Hixson Gardens Aged Care Facility	New South Wales	0	18	<6	n/p
Hunters Hill Montefiore Home	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Hunters Hill Village	New South Wales	0	21	<6	n/p
IRT Shoalhaven Court	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
John Goodlet Manor	New South Wales	0	7	<6	n/p

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Service Name	State	Deaths	Cases	Staff Cases	Incidents
Killarney Vale Care Community	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Kyogle Multi-Purpose Service	New South Wales	0	13	8	21
Marco Polo Woonona Care Services	New South Wales	0	32	10	42
Mark Moran at Little Bay	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Murrumburrah Harden District Hospital	New South Wales	0	9	6	15
Newmarch House	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Oran Park House Aged Care Facility	New South Wales	0	14	0	14
Our Lady Of Consolation Nursing Home	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Pathways Sailors Bay	New South Wales	<6	13	<6	n/p
Peninsula Villages Ltd	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Randwick Montefiore Home	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	7
Residential Gardens	New South Wales	0	11	<6	n/p
RFBI West Wyalong Masonic Village	New South Wales	0	15	6	21
Southern Cross Care Greystanes Residential Aged Care	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Southern Cross Care St Francis Residential Aged Care	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	7
Southern Cross Care Young Residential Aged Care	New South Wales	<6	19	8	27
Southhaven Aged Care	New South Wales	<6	55	11	66
St Agnes Site	New South Wales	<6	12	<6	n/p
St Basil's Randwick	New South Wales	0	10	0	10
St Vincent's Care Services Yennora	New South Wales	0	18	<6	n/p
The Maronite Sisters Of The Holy Family Village	New South Wales	0	9	<6	n/p
The Orchards Aged Care	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
The Whiddon Group - Glenfield - Arthur Webb	New South Wales	0	17	<6	n/p
Three Tree Lodge	New South Wales	<6	6	<6	n/p
Uniting Aldersgate Lilyfield	New South Wales	<6	27	<6	n/p
Uniting Berry	New South Wales	0	8	0	8
Uniting Kamilaroi Lane Cove	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Uniting Wesley Heights Manly	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6

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Vincent Court	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	6
Warrina Village Hostel	New South Wales	0	29	<6	n/p
William Cape Gardens	New South Wales	0	38	8	46
Yallambee Village	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Adventist Retirement Village - Victoria Pt	Queensland	0	15	<6	n/p
Algester Lodge	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Anam Cara	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Anglicare SQ Symes Grove Home for the Aged	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Arcare Logan Reserve	Queensland	0	19	<6	n/p
Arcare Parkinson	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Arcare Parkwood	Queensland	0	13	<6	n/p
Arcare Seven Hills	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Arcare Slacks Creek	Queensland	0	33	7	40
Bethania Gardens	Queensland	0	<6	8	n/p
Blue Care Kenmore Aged Care Facility	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Blue Care Wynnum Aged Care Facility	Queensland	0	9	<6	n/p
Bolton Clarke Baycrest	Queensland	0	9	7	16
Bolton Clarke Centaur	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Bolton Clarke Chelsea	Queensland	0	6	<6	n/p
Bolton Clarke Moreton Shores	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
Cabanda Aged Care	Queensland	0	7	0	7
Camp Hill Aged Care	Queensland	0	16	14	30
Churches of Christ Fair Haven Aged Care Service Hervey Bay	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Churches of Christ Little Mountain Aged Care Service	Queensland	<6	<6	7	n/p
Estia Health Nambour	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Good Shepherd Lodge	Queensland	0	12	<6	n/p
Keperra Sanctuary Hostel	Queensland	0	6	<6	n/p
Lutheran Services - Cooinda Aged Care Centre	Queensland	0	24	18	42

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Lutheran Services - Northridge Salem	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Narangba Aged Care	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
Ozcare Ozanam Villa - Burleigh	Queensland	0	14	12	26
Palm Lake Care Toowoomba	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Pine Lodge Home for the Aged	Queensland	0	11	9	20
PresCare - Alexandra Gardens	Queensland	0	8	<6	n/p
Redland Residential Care Facility	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Regis Chelmer	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
Regis Ferny Grove	Queensland	0	8	<6	n/p
Regis Salisbury	Queensland	0	11	<6	n/p
Sinnamon Village - Nash Court	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Southern Cross Care Holland Park - Duhig Village	Queensland	0	<6	<6	8
St Paul de Chartres Residential Aged Care	Queensland	0	<6	11	n/p
St Vincent's Care Corinda	Queensland	0	11	<6	n/p
St Vincent's Care Services Kangaroo Point - Marycrest	Queensland	<6	36	11	47
St Vincent's Care Services Toowoomba - Nursing Home	Queensland	0	15	<6	n/p
TriCare Stafford Lakes Aged Care Residence	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
ACH Group Residential Care - Kapara	South Australia	0	6	<6	n/p
All Care Aged Care The Vales	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Amber Aged Care	South Australia	<6	9	<6	n/p
Ananda Aged Care Findon	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Bucklands Residential Care	South Australia	0	12	<6	n/p
Calvary Oaklands	South Australia	0	0	<6	<6
Coorong Health Service - Tailem Bend MPS	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Eastern Eyre - Kimba MPS	South Australia	<6	11	10	21
Eldercare Allambi	South Australia	0	<6	6	n/p
Eldercare Evanston Park	South Australia	0	7	0	7
Eldercare The Lodge	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6

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Estia Health Kadina	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
LHI Glynde	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Linsell Lodge Aged Care Facility	South Australia	0	11	<6	n/p
Mid West - Streaky Bay MPS	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Murray Mudge	South Australia	0	15	<6	n/p
Naracoorte Health Service	South Australia	<6	13	12	25
North Eastern Community Nursing Home	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Oaklands Park Lodge Residential Care	South Australia	0	<6	<6	9
Onkaparinga Lodge Residential Care	South Australia	<6	13	<6	n/p
Resthaven Mitcham	South Australia	0	7	<6	n/p
Resthaven Port Elliot	South Australia	0	10	9	19
Tanunda Lutheran Home	South Australia	0	6	<6	n/p
Walara Balaklava Millcourt	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Warrina Court Residential Aged Care Service	South Australia	0	13	<6	n/p
Grenoch Home	Tasmania	<6	6	<6	n/p
Korongee	Tasmania	0	<6	0	<6
May Shaw Aminya	Tasmania	0	14	<6	n/p
Alan David Lodge	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Arcare Essendon	Victoria	0	19	<6	n/p
Arcare Hillside	Victoria	0	28	<6	n/p
Baptcare Abbey Gardens Community	Victoria	0	<6	<6	7
Baptcare Coasthaven Community	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Baptcare The Orchards Community	Victoria	0	14	<6	n/p
BlueCross Hansworth	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
BlueCross Monterey	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Bupa Portland	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Calvary Bayview	Victoria	0	12	<6	n/p
Calvary Bonbeach	Victoria	0	13	<6	n/p

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Calvary Lower Plenty Garden Views	Victoria	0	22	<6	n/p
Chaffey Aged Care	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Charles Brownlow Retirement Village	Victoria	0	32	0	32
Cheltenham Manor	Victoria	0	17	0	17
Cohuna Village	Victoria	0	22	10	32
Craigcare Berwick	Victoria	0	42	11	53
Grand Cedar	Victoria	0	18	<6	n/p
Grange Residential Care Services	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
GraniteHill Aged Care	Victoria	<6	32	10	42
HammondCare - The Glens	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Highwood Court	Victoria	0	8	<6	n/p
Jewish Care (VIC) Inc Residential Homes Carnegie	Victoria	0	11	<6	n/p
Luson Eden Park	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Lynbrook Park	Victoria	0	20	<6	n/p
MannaCare - Doncaster Melaleuca Lodge	Victoria	<6	32	11	43
Mayflower Edith Bendall	Victoria	0	6	0	6
mecwacare Elstoft House	Victoria	0	30	10	40
mecwacare O'Mara House	Victoria	0	23	<6	n/p
Mekong Cairnlea Vietnamese Aged Care	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Mercy Place Lynbrook	Victoria	<6	12	0	12
Mercy Place Shepparton	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
MiCare Overbeek Lodge	Victoria	0	0	<6	<6
Mooroopna Place Residential Aged Care Service	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Myrtleford Lodge Aged Care	Victoria	0	8	<6	n/p
Napier Street Aged Care Services	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Nazareth House Ballarat	Victoria	0	<6	<6	n/p
Rathdowne Place	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Regis Blackburn	Victoria	0	0	<6	<6

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Regis Fawkner	Victoria	0	<6	<6	6
Rowville Manor	Victoria	<6	46	9	55
Sunset Views Manor	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Tabulam & Templer Home for the Aged	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Traralgon Aged Care	Victoria	<6	18	<6	n/p
Vermont Aged Care	Victoria	0	12	<6	n/p
Villa Maria Catholic Homes Star of the Sea Aged Care Residence	Victoria	0	18	<6	n/p
Wannon Court Hostel	Victoria	0	17	11	28
Warrawee Nursing Home	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Aegis Amberley	Western Australia	0	40	13	53
Aegis Banksia Park	Western Australia	0	56	28	84
Aegis Carrington	Western Australia	0	41	8	49
Aegis Hermitage	Western Australia	0	14	<6	n/p
Boyup Brook MPS	Western Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Braemar Cooinda	Western Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Craigcare Albany	Western Australia	0	7	<6	n/p
David, Gita and Michael Hoffman Nursing Home	Western Australia	<6	12	<6	n/p
J E Murray Home	Western Australia	0	6	<6	n/p
James Watson Centre	Western Australia	0	13	0	13
Juniper Bethavon	Western Australia	<6	14	6	20
Juniper Korumup	Western Australia	0	0	<6	<6
Katanning MPS	Western Australia	0	<6	0	<6
MercyCare Maddington	Western Australia	0	21	10	31
Michael Lee Centre	Western Australia	0	8	<6	n/p
Villa Pelletier Hostel	Western Australia	0	13	<6	n/p