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Webinar Series: Home Matters - Rethinking Aged Care Design



Acknowledgment of Country

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing and Dementia Training Australia would like to show our respect and acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands. We extend this respect to Elders past and present, and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people here today.



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Housekeeping



Q&A



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Overview of Today's Session

- Lived Experience concerns
- Environments and Changed Behaviour
- National Aged Care Design Principles and Guidelines



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Introduction to the National Aged Care Principles and Guidelines

and how they can help improve residents' lives





Principle 1 - Enable the Person

To support people living in a place that maintains their health, wellbeing and sense of identity.

Principle 2 - Cultivate a Home

To create a familiar environment in which people have privacy, control and feel they belong.

Principle 3 - Access the Outdoors

To support people seeing, accessing and spending time outdoors in contact with nature.

Principle 4 - Connect with Community

To encourage people to connect with family, friends and community, continuing to participate in meaningful activities.

National Aged Care Design Principles and Guidelines. Commonwealth of Australia, Department of Health, Disability & Ageing 2024.







How Do Places Affect Us?



Before



After

31 Guidelines

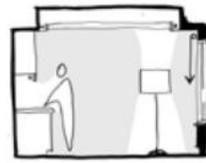
Principle 1 - Enable the Person



1.1 Minimal Clutter



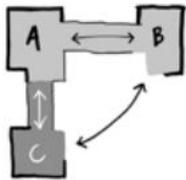
1.2 Acoustic Comfort



1.3 Better Lighting



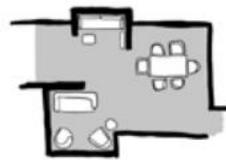
1.4 Tonal Contrast



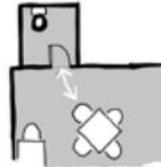
1.5 Simple Circulation



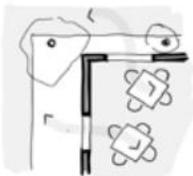
1.6 Safe Floors



1.7 Supportive Seating



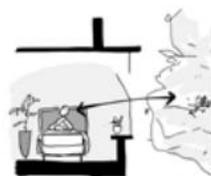
1.8 Stress-free Toilets



1.9 Clean Air



1.10 Comfortable Temperatures

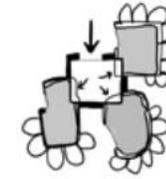


1.11 Nature Indoors

Principle 2 - Cultivate a Home



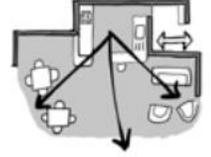
2.1 Personalised Home



2.2 Small Households



2.3 Private Entries



2.4 Domestic Kitchens



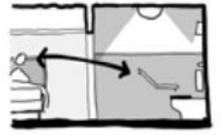
2.5 Room Clusters



2.6 Enabling Corridors



2.7 Private Bedrooms



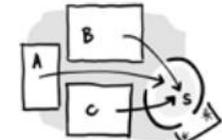
2.8 Ensuite Bathrooms



2.9 Appropriate Furniture



2.10 Clinical Support



2.11 Private Staffroom

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Principle 3 - Access the Outdoors



3.1 Dedicated Outdoors



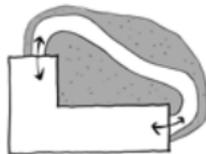
3.2 Garden Connections



3.3 Garden Verandahs

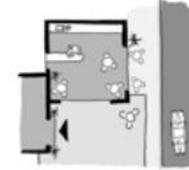


3.4 Garden Destinations

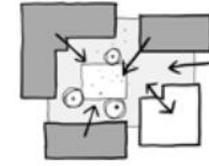


3.5 Clear Paths

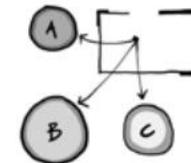
Principle 4 - Connect with Community



4.1 Neighbourhood Access



4.2 Community Hub



4.3 Easy Navigation to Households



4.4 Integrated Building Form

Care Home Assessment Tool (CHAT)



- **What does it do?**
 - Guides you through the 4 Design Principles
 - Assesses how well your care home meets each Guideline
 - Identifies strengths and areas for improvement
 - Provides a holistic site report (by unit/wing/household)

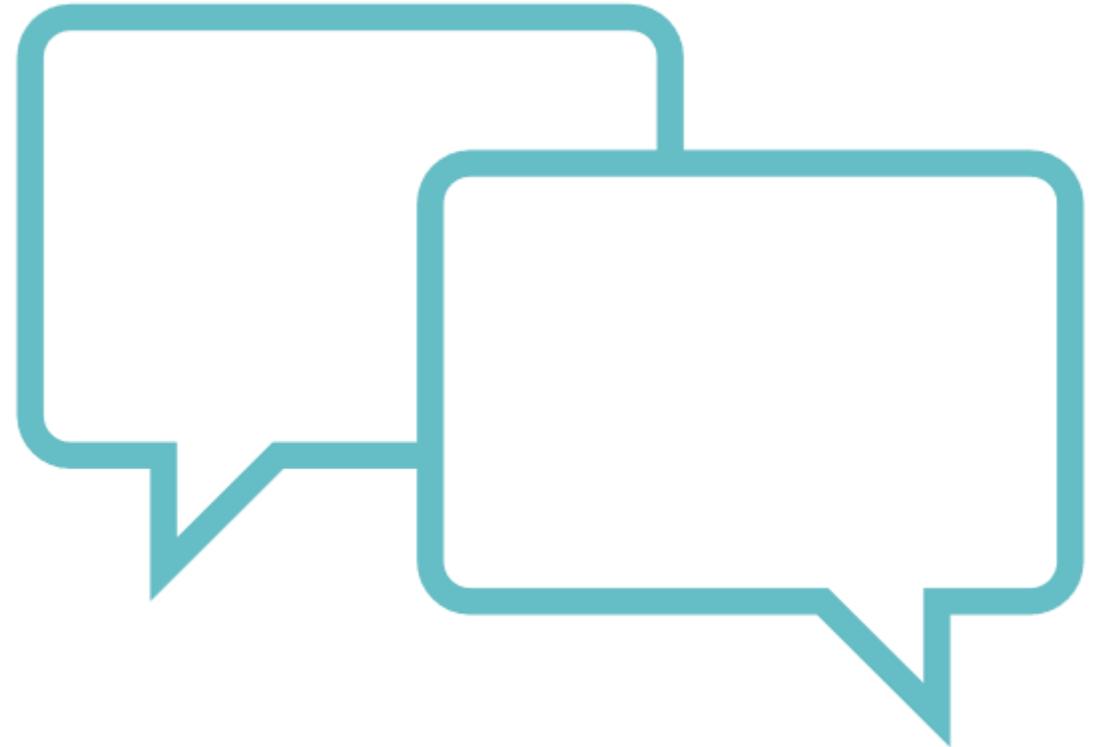
<https://dta.com.au/care-home-assessment-tool-chat/>

Environments Hub





Q&A Discussion





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