



Australian Government

Department of Health and Aged Care

# COVID-19 outbreaks in Australian residential aged care facilities

# National snapshot

As at 8:00 am 20 October 2022 there are 1,093 active COVID-19 cases in 204 active outbreaks in residential aged care facilities across Australia. There have been 83 new outbreaks, 13 new resident deaths and 1,008 combined new resident and staff cases reported since 13 October 2022.

Category	Active <sup>2</sup>	Previous 7 days	Cumulative Total	Previous 7 days
Outbreaks <sup>3</sup>	204	18	8,435	89
Residential Aged Care Facilities affected	204	-8	2,733	5
Resident Cases <sup>4</sup>	768	87	95,009	718
Resident Deaths⁵	N/A	N/A	4,075	13
Staff Cases	325	80	60,924	290

# Table 1: Aged Care COVID-19 data as at 8.00am 20 October 2022<sup>1</sup>

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

Table	2: O	verview	of	Active	Outbreaks	in	Australia
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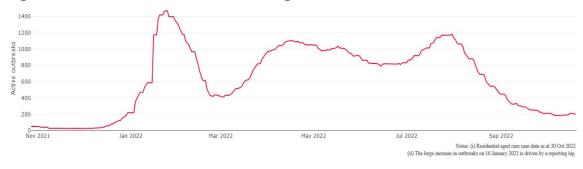
	АСТ	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
Total Facilities with outbreaks	2	55	1	32	32	6	50	26	204
Total number of active resident cases	4	197	1	93	139	9	157	168	768
Total number of active staff cases	0	81	0	56	56	5	60	67	325
Total Outbreaks Opened since last Report	2	21	0	16	13	2	24	11	89
Total Outbreaks Closed Since last Report	0	24	1	9	9	3	19	6	71

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Active residents and staff cases are the total currently positive cases in active outbreaks

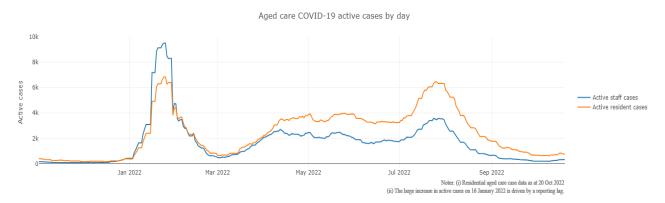
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> An outbreak is considered to be active pending advice from the relevant Public Health Unit. An outbreak is defined as at least 1 positive case in a resident or 2+ cases in staff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 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<sup>5</sup>





# Mortality

For the period of 1 January to 17 October 2022, COVID-19 is recorded as the cause of death in 6.3 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 55,018 deaths in residential aged care from all causes (report period from 29 November to 20 October 2022)<sup>6</sup>. COVID-19 deaths account for 5.8 per cent of this figure.

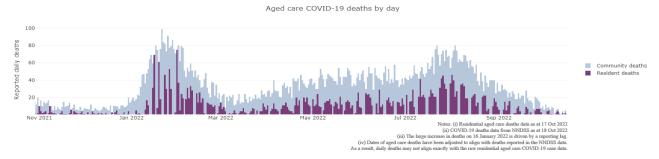
Over the course of the pandemic, all-cause excess mortality in Residential Aged Care was below expected numbers in 2020, and within expected range in 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> For Figures 1, 2 and 3:

<sup>(</sup>i) Changes in the status of exposure sites to outbreaks (and vice versa) have been applied retrospectively to facility records - these changes impact the total staff cases, resident cases, and/or resident deaths reported
(ii) For outbreaks that have re-opened due to subsequent case information received, days when the outbreak were previously reported as recovered have been retrospectively corrected to active – as a result the historic total number of daily active outbreaks are subject to change and may not align with the last published reports.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 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



#### Workforce in active residential aged care outbreaks

As at 21 October 2022, workforce surge staff have filled a total of 141,638 shifts in aged care services impacted by COVID-19, including 1,007 in the past 7 days. In the past 7 days (to 21 October) 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:

Workforce provider	Total Shifts	Previous 7 days
Recruitment, Consulting and Staffing Association	88,785	392
Healthcare Australia (Workforce Surge)	12,311	122
Healthcare Australia (NACER)	2,295	N/A
Mable	2,711	N/A
Aspen Medical	19,421	224
HealthX	12,060	269
Torrens	4,055	N/A

Table 3: Workforce resources	supplied to	residential	aged care	facilities

As at 30 September 2022 the Australian Defence Force had provided support to a total of 542 residential aged care homes since February 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.

29,341 prescriptions for Lagevrio (Molnupiravir) have been issued to residents in residential aged care facilities, with a further 729 prescriptions for Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir + ritonavir) also issued since 28 February 2022 and up to 16 October 2022.

## 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 20 October 2022, there are currently 145,713 residents eligible for fourth doses. In total 122,106 residents (83.8% of eligible residents) have received a fourth dose, noting more residents have become eligible following recent infection.

As at 21 October 2022, a total of 594,850 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.

	R	esidential a	aged care f	ourth dose	vaccinatio	on summar	/		
	National	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	АСТ
Total residents who have received a fourth dose	122,106	38,937	33,835	23,366	10,484	10,517	2,998	298	1,671
Percentage against total residents*	(68.4%)	(67.9%)	(73.2%)	(64.9%)	(68.1%)	(63.6%)	(68.2%)	(63.8%)	(74.0%)
Percentage against eligible residents (interval only)**	(81.1%)	(79.3%)	(85.4%)	(79.0%)	(81.3%)	(78.4%)	(81.8%)	(78.4%)	(85.7%)
Percentage against eligible residents (interval and case overlay)***	(83.8%)	(82.4%)	(87.5%)	(81.4%)	(84.5%)	(81.4%)	(84.7%)	(84.0%)	(88.2%)

Sources: Aged care AIR data as at 19 October 2022, AIR mapping file for residents in permanent residential RACFs as at 2 September 2022, AUS-CAIRS aged care resident case data as at 19 October 2022.

\* 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)

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> 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 20 October 2022, the Commission had conducted 4,032 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 20 October 2022

Regulatory Activities	2019-20 (1 Mar - 30 Jun 2020)	2020-21	2021-22	<b>2022-23</b> (to 20 October 2022)	Total
Site visits	318	3,452	1,733	911	6,414
Non-site activities	3,709	8,391	6,666	738	19,504
Total activities	4,027	11,843	8,399	1,649	25,918

# 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 Cases
BaptistCare Griffith	Australian Capital Territory	0	<6	0	<6
Warrigal Care Calwell	Australian Capital Territory	0	<6	0	<6
Allambie Heights Village Residential Aged Care Facility	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	6
Anthem	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
BaptistCare Caloola Centre	New South Wales	0	12	<6	n/p
BaptistCare Orana Centre	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Bathurst Riverview Care Community	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	8
Bella Vista Gardens	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Blakehurst Aged Care Centre	New South Wales	<6	31	10	41
Calvary St Joseph's Retirement Community	New South Wales	0	23	9	32
Carino Care at Sylvania	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
Carpenter Court Aged Care Plus Centre	New South Wales	0	18	6	24
Catholic Healthcare Jemalong Residential Village	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Catholic Healthcare The Sister Anne Court Aged Care	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Gillawarna Village	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
HammondCare - Wahroonga	New South Wales	0	6	<6	n/p
Hawkesbury Living Pty Limited	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
Heritage Botany	New South Wales	0	11	<6	n/p
Hippocrates Aged Care Centre	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	6
James Milson Village North Sydney	New South Wales	0	6	<6	n/p
Jesmond Aged Care	New South Wales	0	26	6	32
Kanwal Gardens Care Community	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
MacKillop House	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Maroba Nursing Home	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	6

Service Name	State	Resident Deaths	Resident Cases	Staff Cases	Total Cases
Mater Christi Aged Care Facility	New South Wales	0	7	<6	n/p
Mercy Place Mount St Joseph's	New South Wales	0	6	<6	n/p
Mona Vale House	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
Murray House	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Porter Lodge	New South Wales	<6	7	<6	n/p
Presbyterian Aged Care - Wescott	New South Wales	0	17	<6	n/p
Randwick Montefiore Home	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
Regis Elermore Vale	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Regis Port Stephens	New South Wales	0	<6	7	n/p
Riverwood Hostel	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
Roden Cutler Lodge	New South Wales	<6	<6	0	<6
Scalabrini Village Griffith	New South Wales	0	19	<6	n/p
Southern Cross Care Parkes Residential Aged Care	New South Wales	0	16	8	24
Southern Cross Care St Joseph's Residential Aged Care	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
St Agnes Site	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
St Marys Villa Residential Aged Care	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
St Vincent's Care Services Bronte	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
St Vincent's Care Services Heathcote	New South Wales	0	7	<6	n/p
SummitCare Baulkham Hills	New South Wales	0	14	<6	n/p
SummitCare Penrith	New South Wales	0	14	<6	n/p
Teloca House Hostel	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	7
The Whiddon Group - Belmont	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
The Whiddon Group - River Gum Lodge	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Turramurra House Nursing Home	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
Uniting Aldersgate Lilyfield	New South Wales	0	7	<6	n/p
Uniting Edinglassie Emu Plains	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Uniting Springwood	New South Wales	0	10	<6	n/p
Uniting Tumut	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6

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Uniting Wontama Orange	New South Wales	0	43	8	51
Viewhaven Lodge	New South Wales	0	7	<6	n/p
Wahroonga House	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Weeroona Aged Care Residence	New South Wales	0	18	7	25
Winston Hillside Care Community	New South Wales	0	17	<6	n/p
Flynn Lodge	Northern Territory	0	<6	0	<6
Anam Cara	Queensland	0	10	<6	n/p
Anglicare SQ Kirami Home for the Aged	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Arcare Caboolture	Queensland	0	19	8	27
Arcare Parkinson	Queensland	0	9	<6	n/p
Berrinba Greens Care Community	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Blue Care Elanora Pineshaven Aged Care Facility	Queensland	0	<6	<6	6
Bolton Clarke Galleon Gardens	Queensland	0	7	<6	n/p
Bupa Runaway Bay	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Calamvale Parklands Care Community	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Carinity Cedarbrook	Queensland	0	18	<6	n/p
Churches of Christ Bribie Aged Care Service	Queensland	0	10	<6	n/p
Churches of Christ Fassifern Aged Care Service	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Churches of Christ Gracehaven Aged Care Service	Queensland	0	9	9	18
Cooinda Aged Care Centre	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Infinite Care Edmonton Gardens	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Maryborough Community Aged Care	Queensland	0	21	15	36
Morayfield Grove Care Community	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
NewDirection Care at Bellmere	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
North Rockhampton Nursing Centre	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Ozcare Ozanam Villa - Burleigh	Queensland	0	16	<6	n/p
PresCare - Alexandra Gardens	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Regis Sippy Downs	Queensland	0	13	7	20

Service Name	State	Resident Deaths	Resident Cases	Staff Cases	Total Cases
Regis The Gap	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Sandbrook Assisted Aged Care	Queensland	0	31	11	42
Seabrae Manor	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
St Nicholas Aged Care	Queensland	0	<6	<6	6
St Paul de Chartres Residential Aged Care	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
St Vincent's Care Services Bardon	Queensland	0	11	<6	n/p
Sunnymeade Park Aged Care Community	Queensland	0	14	11	25
The Good Shepherd Nursing Home	Queensland	<6	<6	<6	<6
Wheller Gardens - St Marks House	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
Woombye Care	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
ACH Group Residential Care - Highercombe	South Australia	0	6	0	6
ACH Group Residential Care - ViTA	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
ACH Group Residential Care - Yankalilla Centre	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Ardrossan Community Hostel	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Barossa Village Incorporated	South Australia	0	<6	8	n/p
Bethsalem Care	South Australia	0	0	<6	<6
Coorong Health Service - Tailem Bend MPS	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Edenfield Family Care - Nerrilda	South Australia	0	31	8	39
Eldercare Allambi	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Eldercare Oxford	South Australia	0	9	<6	n/p
Gaynes Park Manor	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Helping Hand Aged Care - Carinya	South Australia	0	8	<6	n/p
Helping Hand Aged Care - Doreen Bond House	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Japara Oaklands	South Australia	0	0	<6	<6
Japara Trevu House	South Australia	0	22	9	31
Kangaroo Island MPS	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
LHI Hope Valley	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Matthew Flinders Home Inc	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6

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Naracoorte Health Service	South Australia	<6	18	7	25
Parkview Aged Care	South Australia	<6	8	<6	n/p
Port Pirie Regional Health Service - Hammill House	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Regis Burnside	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Regis Playford	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Resthaven Aberfoyle Park	South Australia	<6	65	25	90
Resthaven Bellevue Heights	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Riverview Lutheran Rest Home	South Australia	<6	31	10	41
St Joseph's House	South Australia	0	13	11	24
Strathalbyn & District Aged Care Facility	South Australia	<6	12	11	23
The Carlyle on Cross	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
The Churchill Retreat	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
The Pines Lodge Residential Care	South Australia	8	77	10	87
Wakefield Aged Care Service	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Japara Sandhill	Tasmania	0	28	<6	n/p
Regis Tasmania - Legana	Tasmania	0	<6	0	<6
St Ann's	Tasmania	<6	26	0	26
The Queen Victoria Home	Tasmania	<6	16	0	16
Umina Park Home For The Aged	Tasmania	0	6	7	13
Uniting AgeWell Aldersgate Village	Tasmania	0	<6	0	<6
AdventCare Whitehorse	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Allan W Lockwood Special Care Hostel	Victoria	0	9	<6	n/p
Arcare Carnegie	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Arcare Castlemaine	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Arpad Aged Care	Victoria	0	7	<6	n/p
Ashleigh House Hostel	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Benetas Dalkeith Gardens	Victoria	0	20	<6	n/p
Benetas St George's	Victoria	0	38	18	56

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Buckland House Nursing Home	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Bupa Echuca	Victoria	0	16	<6	n/p
Churches of Christ Arcadia Aged Care Service	Victoria	0	11	6	17
Cooinda Lodge Nursing Home	Victoria	0	10	<6	n/p
Costa House	Victoria	0	8	<6	n/p
Cyril Jewell House	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Doutta Galla Lynch's Bridge Aged Care Facility	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Dunmunkle Lodge Hostel	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Edenvale Manor Aged Care Facility	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Emerald Hill Residence	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Estia Health Ardeer	Victoria	0	23	<6	n/p
Estia Health Melton South	Victoria	0	<6	<6	6
Estia Health Ringwood	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Estia Health Yarra Valley	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Faversham House	Victoria	0	8	<6	n/p
Glendale Aged Care	Victoria	0	8	<6	n/p
Jacaranda Village	Victoria	0	6	0	6
Japara Bayview	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Japara Rye Sands	Victoria	0	13	12	25
Japara Strzelecki House	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Jessie Bowe House	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Kew Gardens Aged Care	Victoria	0	7	<6	n/p
mecwacare Ballan Aged Care Facility	Victoria	<6	10	<6	n/p
Mercy Place Boronia	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Mercy Place East Melbourne	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Mercy Place Lynbrook	Victoria	0	9	<6	n/p
MiCare Overbeek Lodge	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Mornington Bay Care Community	Victoria	0	8	<6	n/p

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Napier Street Aged Care Services	Victoria	0	0	<6	<6
Natimuk BNH-Nursing Home Annexe	Victoria	0	<6	11	n/p
Nellie Melba Retirement Village	Victoria	<6	92	7	99
Northern Gardens Aged Care	Victoria	0	9	<6	n/p
Northside Aged Persons Mental Health Residential Care Facility	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Prague House	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Princeton View	Victoria	0	20	<6	n/p
Prom Country Aged Care	Victoria	<6	17	<6	n/p
R. M. Begg Kyneton Aged Care	Victoria	0	8	<6	n/p
Regis Shenley Manor	Victoria	<6	<6	<6	8
Sale Gardens Care Community	Victoria	0	14	6	20
Uniting AgeWell Box Hill	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Uniting AgeWell Strathdon Community	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Vasey RSL Care Bundoora	Victoria	0	<6	<6	6
Aegis Amberley	Western Australia	0	10	<6	n/p
Aegis Anchorage	Western Australia	0	42	13	55
Aegis Balmoral	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Aegis Greenfields	Western Australia	0	6	<6	n/p
Aegis The Pines	Western Australia	0	7	0	7
Amaroo Village Buckley Caring Centre	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Augusta MPS	Western Australia	0	8	7	15
Baptistcare Gracewood	Western Australia	0	18	12	30
Brightwater The Cove	Western Australia	0	8	0	8
Brightwater The Oaks	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Coolibah Care	Western Australia	<6	23	6	29
Karri and Tuart Lodge	Western Australia	0	20	<6	n/p
Margaret Hubery House	Western Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Michael Lee Centre	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6

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Regents Garden Aubin Grove	Western Australia	0	25	11	36
Regents Garden Four Seasons Booragoon	Western Australia	0	0	<6	<6
Regis Como	Western Australia	0	13	<6	n/p
Regis North Fremantle	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Residency by Dillons Fremantle	Western Australia	0	8	6	14
Southern Plus East Fremantle	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
St George's Care Centre	Western Australia	0	12	<6	n/p
Treeby Parklands Care Community	Western Australia	<6	22	<6	n/p
Tuia Lodge	Western Australia	0	10	6	16
Villa Terenzio	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	7
Vivian Bullwinkel Lodge	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
York MPS	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6