



# COVID-19 outbreaks in Australian residential aged care facilities

## National snapshot

As at 8:00 am 6 October 2022 there are 856 active COVID-19 cases in 165 active outbreaks in residential aged care facilities across Australia. There have been 54 new outbreaks, 14 new resident deaths and 856 combined new resident and staff cases since 28 September 2022<sup>1</sup>.

**Table 1: Aged Care COVID-19 data as at 8.00am 6 October 2022<sup>2</sup>**

Category	Active <sup>3</sup>	Previous 7 days	Cumulative Total	Previous 7 days
Outbreaks <sup>4</sup>	165	-32	8,274	54
Residential Aged Care Facilities affected	165	-32	2,726	1
Resident Cases <sup>5</sup>	658	-24	93,765	586
Resident Deaths <sup>5</sup>	N/A	N/A	4,055	14
Staff Cases	198	-33	60,444	169

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

**Table 2: Overview of Active Outbreaks in Australia**

	NSW	VIC	SA	QLD	TAS	NT	ACT	WA	Total
<b>Total Facilities with outbreaks</b>	53	42	26	19	4	1	1	19	165
<b>Total number of active resident cases</b>	169	173	144	59	36	22	2	53	658
<b>Total number of active staff cases</b>	48	61	31	30	0	4	0	24	198
<b>Total Outbreaks Opened since last Report</b>	16	14	10	5	2	0	1	6	54
<b>Total Outbreaks Closed Since last Report</b>	28	21	8	16	1	0	1	11	86

<sup>1</sup> The reporting date of data has changed to align with the National COVID-19 weekly trends report from 16 September 2022. The previous seven days shows a comparison for this new reporting period.

<sup>2</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>3</sup> Active residents and staff cases are the total currently positive cases in active outbreaks

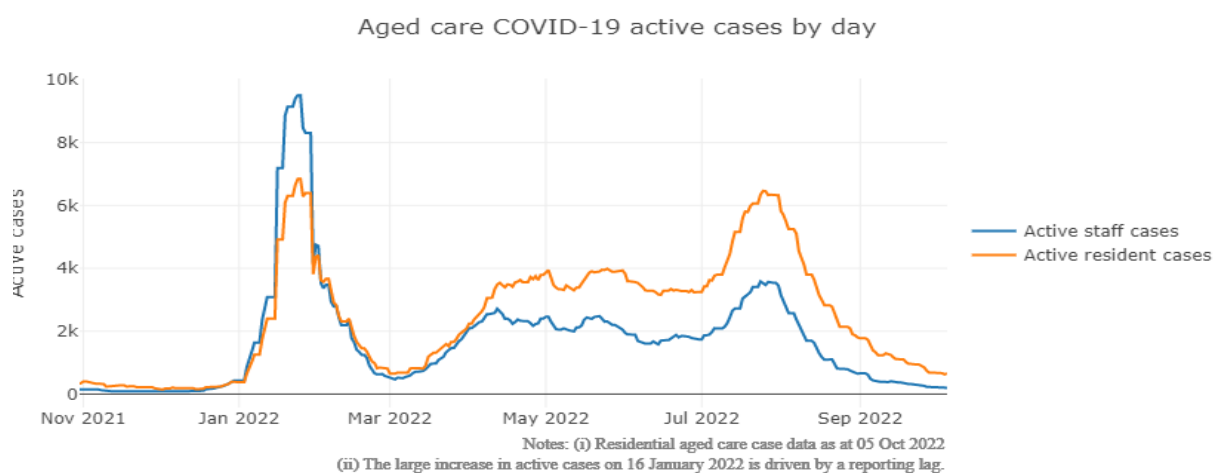
<sup>4</sup> An outbreak is considered to be active pending advice from the relevant Public Health Unit. An outbreak is defined as at least 1 positive case in a resident or 2+ cases in staff.

<sup>5</sup> Case numbers and numbers of deaths are dependent upon reporting from facilities and validation of deaths from state and territory governments.

**Figure 1: National Outbreak Trends in Aged Care<sup>6</sup>**



**Figure 2: Trends in Aged Care Cases – January 2022 to Present**



## Mortality

For the period of 1 January to 3 October 2022, COVID-19 is recorded as the cause of death in 6.6 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 52,452 deaths in residential aged care from all causes (report period from 29 November to 3 October 2022)<sup>7</sup>. COVID-19 deaths account for 6.1% of this figure.

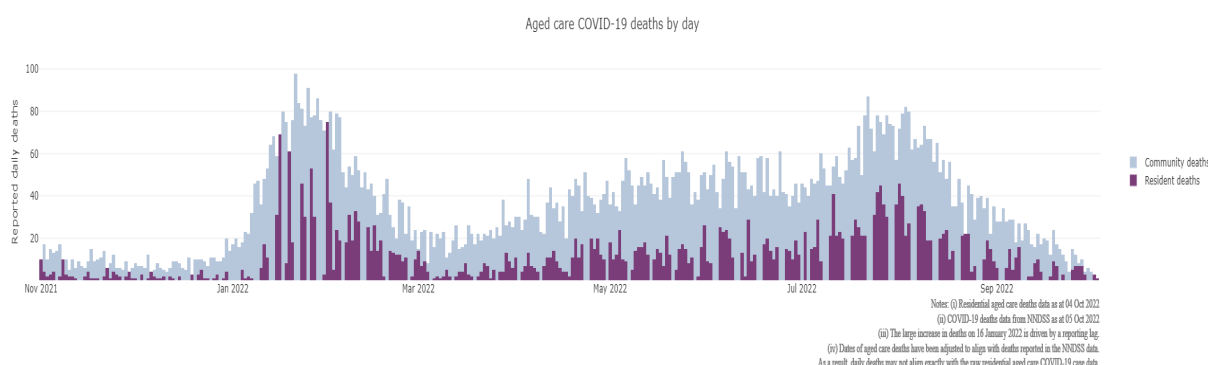
Over the course of the pandemic, all-cause excess mortality in Residential Aged Care was below expected numbers in 2020, and within expected range in 2021.

<sup>6</sup> For Figures 1, 2 and 3:

(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>7</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 7 October 2022, workforce surge staff have filled a total of 140,003 shifts in aged care services impacted by COVID-19, including 408 in the past 7 days. In the past 7 days (to 7 October) 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	88,143	99
Healthcare Australia (Workforce Surge)	12,141	59
Healthcare Australia (NACER)	2,295	N/A
Mable	2,711	N/A
Aspen Medical	19,087	32
HealthX	11,571	218
Torrens	4,055	N/A

Support from the Australian Defence Force ended on 30 September 2022. Between February and September 2022, a total of 542 residential aged care homes were supported by ADF personnel.

### 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.

28,282 prescriptions for Lagevrio (Molnupiravir) have been issued to residents in residential aged care facilities, with a further 698 prescriptions for Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir + ritonavir) also issued since 28 February 2022 and up to 2 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 7 October 2022, there are currently 143,237 residents eligible for fourth doses. In total 120,860 residents (84.4% of eligible residents) have received a fourth dose.

As at 7 October 2022, a total of 593,256 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	120,860	38,656	33,537	23,023	10,413	10,282	2,985	296	1,668
Percentage against total residents*	(67.7%)	(67.4%)	(72.6%)	(63.9%)	(67.6%)	(62.1%)	(67.9%)	(63.4%)	(73.9%)
Percentage against eligible residents (interval only)**	(80.6%)	(79.1%)	(84.9%)	(78.2%)	(81.1%)	(77.0%)	(81.9%)	(78.5%)	(85.8%)
Percentage against eligible residents (interval and case overlay)***	(84.4%)	(83.1%)	(88.0%)	(81.9%)	(84.9%)	(81.4%)	(87.2%)	(88.3%)	(90.0%)

Sources: Aged care AIR data as at 6 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 5 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)

\*\*\* 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 6 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 6 October 2022**

<b>Regulatory Activities</b>	<b>2019-20 (1 Mar - 30 Jun 2020)</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23 (to 6 October 2022)</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Site visits</b>	318	3,452	1,733	780	<b>6,283</b>
<b>Non-site activities</b>	3,709	8,390	6,659	576	<b>19,334</b>
<b>Total activities</b>	<b>4,027</b>	<b>11,842</b>	<b>8,392</b>	<b>1,356</b>	<b>25,617</b>

## 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
Abel Tasman Village	New South Wales	0	7	0	7
ACDMA Aged Care Services	New South Wales	<6	10	0	10
Alstonville Adventist Aged Care Facility	New South Wales	<6	19	9	28
Anglican Care Kilpatrick Court	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Arthur Blackburn VC Gardens	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
BaptistCare Bethshan Gardens Centre	New South Wales	0	9	<6	n/p
BaptistCare Caloola Centre	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
BaptistCare Kularoo Centre	New South Wales	<6	16	9	25
BaptistCare Warabrook Centre	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Bathurst Riverview Care Community	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Bayswater Gardens	New South Wales	0	19	0	19
Bayview Treetops Care Community	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Blakehurst Aged Care Centre	New South Wales	0	7	<6	n/p
Bupa Bankstown	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Bupa Banora Point	New South Wales	<6	24	7	31
Calvary St Joseph's Retirement Community	New South Wales	0	12	<6	n/p
Catholic Healthcare Brigidine House	New South Wales	0	9	<6	n/p
Catholic Healthcare Emmaus Village	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Catholic Healthcare Holy Spirit Croydon	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Cedar Place Aged Care Facility	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
Coffs Harbour Legacy Nursing Home	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Estia Health Camden	New South Wales	0	15	6	21
Estia Health Merrylands	New South Wales	<6	13	<6	n/p

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Ferndale Gardens Aged Care Facility	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Fitzgerald Memorial Aged Care Facility Limited	New South Wales	<6	17	9	26
HammondCare - Leighton Lodge	New South Wales	<6	17	<6	n/p
Hunters Hill Montefiore Home	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Kintyre Lodge - Dubbo	New South Wales	0	7	0	7
Leeton Hospital	New South Wales	0	10	<6	n/p
Mona Vale House	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
Moran Sylvania	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Murray House	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Murrayvale Aged Care	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Pathways Sailors Bay	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	6
Presbyterian Aged Care - Wescott	New South Wales	0	11	<6	n/p
Regis Elermore Vale	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Regis Port Macquarie	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Scalabrini Village Griffith	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	6
Seven Hills Nursing Home	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
St Patrick's Green	New South Wales	<6	6	<6	n/p
St Vincent's Care Services Heathcote	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
SummitCare Liverpool-173	New South Wales	0	11	8	19
SummitCare Penrith	New South Wales	0	10	<6	n/p
SummitCare Waverley	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Sunhaven Hostel	New South Wales	0	11	<6	n/p
Teloca House Hostel	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Turrumurra House Nursing Home	New South Wales	0	0	<6	<6
Uniting Elanora Shellharbour	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	6
Uniting Kari Court St Ives	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Uniting Wontama Orange	New South Wales	0	18	<6	n/p
Wahroonga House	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6

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Woollahra Montefiore Home	New South Wales	0	<6	<6	<6
Yallabee Lodge	New South Wales	0	<6	0	<6
Old Timers	Northern Territory	0	36	<6	n/p
Blue Care Kingaroy Canowindra Aged Care Facility	Queensland	0	10	8	18
Bolton Clarke Carrington	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Carinity Cedarbrook	Queensland	0	11	<6	n/p
Churches of Christ Bribe Aged Care Service	Queensland	0	9	<6	n/p
Harbour Quays Residential Aged Care	Queensland	0	11	<6	n/p
Immanuel Gardens	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Lions Haven For The Aged	Queensland	0	19	8	27
Mercy Place Cairns (Bethlehem)	Queensland	0	9	0	9
Millmerran Multipurpose Health Service	Queensland	0	<6	<6	6
Oxley Grove Care Community	Queensland	0	11	<6	n/p
Parkview	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Regis Caboolture	Queensland	0	<6	<6	7
Regis Kirwan	Queensland	0	<6	0	<6
Sandbrook Assisted Aged Care	Queensland	0	18	7	25
Sunnymeade Park Aged Care Community	Queensland	0	<6	<6	6
The Good Shepherd Nursing Home	Queensland	<6	<6	<6	<6
TriCare Bayview Place Aged Care Residence	Queensland	0	14	11	25
Wheller Gardens - St Marks House	Queensland	0	0	<6	<6
Woombye Care	Queensland	0	<6	<6	<6
Ceduna MPS	South Australia	0	10	0	10
Fullarton Residential Care	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Japara Oaklands	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Kalyra Belair Aged Care	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Kangaroo Island MPS	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Keith & District Hospital Inc	South Australia	0	0	<6	<6



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Melaleuca Court Nursing Home	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Mt View Homes Inc	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Naracoorte Health Service	South Australia	0	8	<6	n/p
Oaklands Park Lodge Residential Care	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Port Pirie Regional Health Service - Hammill House	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Regis Playford	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Resthaven Aberfoyle Park	South Australia	<6	49	14	63
Resthaven Craigmore	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Resthaven Leabrook	South Australia	0	0	<6	<6
Resthaven Malvern	South Australia	0	0	<6	<6
Resthaven Mitcham	South Australia	<6	20	<6	n/p
Resthaven Paradise	South Australia	0	13	7	20
Resthaven Westbourne Park	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Ridgehaven Residential Care Centre	South Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Riverview Lutheran Rest Home	South Australia	0	24	6	30
Strathalbyn & District Aged Care Facility	South Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
The Philip Kennedy Centre Residential Care	South Australia	0	0	<6	<6
The Pines Lodge Residential Care	South Australia	8	77	10	87
Wesley House	South Australia	<6	9	<6	n/p
Wirraminna Care Residential Aged Care	South Australia	0	6	0	6
Campbell Town Health and Community Services	Tasmania	0	<6	0	<6
St Ann's	Tasmania	0	9	0	9
The Queen Victoria Home	Tasmania	0	23	0	23
Wynyard Care Centre	Tasmania	0	11	<6	n/p
Arcare Surrey Hills	Victoria	0	21	<6	n/p
Arcare Sydenham	Victoria	0	27	7	34
Bindaree Retirement Centre	Victoria	0	12	<6	n/p
Buckland House Nursing Home	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6

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Craigcare Berwick	Victoria	0	14	<6	n/p
Estia Health Ardeer	Victoria	0	13	<6	n/p
Estia Health Grovedale	Victoria	0	17	<6	n/p
GraniteHill Aged Care	Victoria	<6	8	<6	n/p
Havilah Hostel	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Heathcote Health High Care Service	Victoria	0	7	<6	n/p
Heathcote Health Low Care Service	Victoria	0	23	<6	n/p
Highton Gardens Care Community	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Highwood Court	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Inglewood & Districts Health Service (Nursing Home)	Victoria	0	9	8	17
Inglewood & Districts Health Service Hostel	Victoria	0	10	0	10
Iona Digby Harris Home	Victoria	0	8	6	14
Jacaranda Village	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Japara Central Park	Victoria	0	0	<6	<6
Japara Rye Sands	Victoria	0	8	<6	n/p
Japara Strzelecki House	Victoria	<6	19	8	27
Liferview Willow Wood	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Lynden Aged Care	Victoria	0	8	0	8
Maculata Place	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Manor Court Werribee Aged Care Ltd	Victoria	0	<6	<6	<6
Martin Luther Homes	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
mecwacare Ballan Aged Care Facility	Victoria	<6	10	<6	n/p
mecwacare Ballan Hostel	Victoria	0	14	<6	n/p
mecwacare Rositano House	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Mercy Place East Melbourne	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Mercy Place Rice Village	Victoria	0	<6	<6	8
MiCare Overbeek Lodge	Victoria	0	22	6	28
Mornington Bay Care Community	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6

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Northside Aged Persons Mental Health Residential Care Facility	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Point Cook Manor	Victoria	<6	9	6	15
R. M. Begg Kyneton Aged Care	Victoria	0	6	<6	n/p
Regis East Malvern	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Royal Freemasons Bacchus Marsh	Victoria	<6	55	8	63
Royal Freemasons Benalla	Victoria	<6	29	8	37
The Views at Heidelberg	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Villa Maria Catholic Homes Willowbrooke Aged Care Residence	Victoria	0	0	<6	<6
Warrnambool Riverside Care Community	Victoria	0	6	0	6
Water Gardens	Victoria	0	<6	0	<6
Aegis Anchorage	Western Australia	0	13	7	20
Aegis Ellenvale	Western Australia	0	58	21	79
Alfred Cove Care Community	Western Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Baptistcare Gracewood	Western Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Baptistcare Mirrambeena	Western Australia	0	0	<6	<6
Baptistcare William Carey Court	Western Australia	0	10	<6	n/p
Bethanie Elanora Villas Nursing Home	Western Australia	<6	40	15	55
Brightwater The Cove	Western Australia	0	16	11	27
Burswood Care Annie Bryson McKeown Lodge	Western Australia	0	0	<6	<6
Burswood Care Gwen Hardie Lodge	Western Australia	0	0	<6	<6
Capecare Dunsborough	Western Australia	0	<6	<6	<6
Dr Mary Surveyor Centre	Western Australia	0	21	0	21
Fairhaven	Western Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Joseph Cooke House	Western Australia	0	13	<6	n/p
MYVISTA Balcatta	Western Australia	0	<6	0	<6
Regents Garden Aubin Grove	Western Australia	0	<6	6	n/p
Southern Plus East Fremantle	Western Australia	0	<6	0	<6
SwanCare Waminda	Western Australia	0	<6	0	<6

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Villa Pelletier Hostel	Western Australia	0	21	<6	n/p