



## ENTRY INTO BARRABILL HOUSE RESIDENCE

Before entering Barrabill House Aged Care residential facility, all of the following three steps must be undertaken by the incoming resident (or their representative).

### **1. ACAS /ACAT ASSESSMENT**

This assessment lets us know what type of care the prospective resident may require, and allows us to claim government funding to reduce their fees. Aged Care Assessments are conducted by mobile ACAS / ACAT teams. Your local GP can assist with arranging an assessment, or you can arrange directly by calling 1800 200 422 or at [www.myagedcare.gov.au](http://www.myagedcare.gov.au). There is often a wait of a few weeks for assessments, so it is best to organise this as early as possible.

### **2. CENTRELINK / DVA ASSESSMENT**

The government requires those who can afford to contribute more towards their care to do so. As such, every person entering aged care, including those applying for a financially supported place, must have an assets and income assessment. This assessment will determine if a resident qualifies for a government supported place or will pay an additional Means Tested Care Fee. Forms can be obtained from the Department of Human Services via [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au) or by calling 1800 227 475.

### **3. AGED CARE APPLICATION FORM**

Application for respite care or permanent entry to an aged care home form needs to be completed for prospective resident. Application forms are available directly from Barrabill House, our website or by calling us on 5793 6170

## AGED CARE FINANCES

Residential aged care fees are made up of three components.

### **1. BASIC DAILY CARE FEE**

Every person in residential aged care is required to pay a Basic Daily Care Fee, which covers all levels of care and assistance. This fee is set by the government and is based on approximately 85% of the single Australian Aged Pension.

The current **Basic Daily Fee** for full pensioners, part pensioners and self-funded retirees is **\$53.56** per day.

### **2. MEANS TESTED CARE FEE**

The government requires those who can afford to contribute more towards their care to do so. As such, the Department of Human Services will determine if a resident is required to pay a Means Tested Care Fee in addition to Basic Daily Care Fee. This amount is based on an assessment of the new resident's income and assets. Potential residents will be notified if a Means Tested Care Fee is payable when they receive their Centrelink / DVA Assessment letter.

There are yearly and lifetime Maximum Means Tested Care Fees. The **Maximum Means Tested Care Fee** you can be asked to pay is **\$28,792** each year or **\$69,102** in your lifetime. This cap is indexed. We recommend you seek independent financial advice.

### **3. ACCOMMODATION PAYMENT**

The Accommodation Payment is an amount you pay towards your accommodation costs. Some residents will have their accommodation costs paid in full or in part by the Government, others will need to pay the accommodation payment requested by the aged care home. The resident determines payment method, they can choose between paying a RAD, a DAP or a combination of both.

#### **ACCOMMODATION PAYMENT OPTIONS (ONLY ONE WILL APPLY)**

A. Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD)	B. Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP)	C. Combination Payment (RAD + DAP)	D. Fully or Partially Government Supported Accommodation
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#### **A. REFUNDABLE ACCOMMODATION DEPOSIT (RAD)**

A Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD) is a one-off lump sum payment made to the aged care provider. The RAD for Barrabill House is currently set at **\$380,000**

Upon payment of the RAD, the resident must be left a minimum of **\$51,500** in cash / assets. If the RAD is paid in full within 7 days of admission no interest will be charged. The Aged Care Act, 1997 (Commonwealth) stipulates that you have 6 months to pay the RAD. Interest will be calculated on unpaid RAD's at the current government legislated interest rate of **4.01%** per annum from the entry date and is payable until the RAD is received. The RAD is protected by the Aged Care Act, 1997 (Commonwealth).

The deposit is fully refunded when you leave the aged care residence, less any amounts you have agreed to have deducted. Those residents transferring to another aged care residence or returning home will have their RAD refunded within 14 days from discharge. In the case of a deceased resident, the RAD will be refunded within 14 days of receipt of a certified copy of the Grant of Probate.

#### **B. DAILY ACCOMMODATION PAYMENT (DAP)**

A Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP) is a rental-type payment. Instead of paying for your accommodation in full as a RAD an ongoing daily payment can be selected. The DAP is calculated by multiplying the RAD amount by the government legislated interest rate (currently **4.01%** p.a.) The current DAP amount is **\$41.74** per day.

Like rent, no funds are returned when the resident leaves the residence if they choose to pay via DAP.

#### **C. COMBINATION PAYMENT (RAD + DAP)**

You can opt to pay part of the accommodation payment as a lump sum RAD and then the balance via DAP payments. DAP payments will be calculated based on the outstanding RAD amount.

If you choose a combination of RAD and DAP and you elect to have the DAP taken from the RAD, your DAP payment will increase over time as the RAD amount is reduced.

#### **D. FULLY OR PARTIALLY GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION**

Barrabill House offers fully supported accommodation where no accommodation contribution is required, or partially supported accommodation where only a partial accommodation contribution is required. Eligibility and payment amount are determined by the Government from the asset and income assessment.

*Fees and charges effective from 20 September 2021, MPR interest rate effective from 1 October 2021*

## **USEFUL RESOURCES**

#### **MY AGED CARE**

1800 200 422

[www.myagedcare.gov.au](http://www.myagedcare.gov.au)

#### **DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS**

133 254

[www.dva.gov.au](http://www.dva.gov.au)

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

1800 227 475

[www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au)

#### **SERVICES AUSTRALIA (CENTRELINK)**

132 300

[www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au)