

WHEATBELT AGED SUPPORT AND CARE SOLUTION/S IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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About the Project and Report

The Wheatbelt Aged Support and Care Solutions (WASCS) Report draws on learnings from desktop research, policy developments, extensive community based consultations, conversations with care providers, significant inputs from Wheatbelt Shires and guidance from oversight groups.

The project was prompted by an apprehension that there are now major difficulties in providing quality support and care for older people in Wheatbelt communities and that this difficulty was set to increase with projected growth in the number of people likely to need support.

The frequent effect of these difficulties was that older people either had to leave their communities and families to receive appropriate care or that the care offered locally was being provided in residential facilities not set up to deliver care at current standards. The first outcome is very deleterious to older people, families and communities and the second is distressing for families, results in poor outcomes for older people and concerns those around them including care staff.

The major formal outcome required from the project was development of tailored “Solutions” and action plans to assist improved future delivery of aged support and care. The Solutions have been based on four key ‘planks’ including;

1. Age Friendly Communities
2. Age Appropriate Housing
3. Care in the Home
4. Residential Care

This Report builds upon 32* individual shire level Needs Studies and Seven sub-regional Needs Studies as well as the Central East Aged Care Alliance (CEACA) Solution/s Report. These collectively provide many of the documented outcomes of the project and much of the evidence base.

* Woodanilling is part of 4WDL Sub-Region although not strictly a Wheatbelt shire.



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About the Implementation Plan

The WASCS Implementation Plan is based on ten key action areas that guide actions and include;

- Element 1:** Plan Launch and Dissemination
- Element 2:** Age Friendly Communities
- Element 3:** Transport Coordination
- Element 4:** Age Appropriate Housing (Pilot Project)
- Element 5:** Age Appropriate Housing (Wheatbelt Rollout)
- Element 6:** Care at Home and Respite
- Element 7:** Residential Care
- Element 8:** Specialist Dementia Care
- Element 9:** Aboriginal Aged Care
- Element 10:** Aged Care Workforce Development

The Plan aims to ensure recommendations of the WASCS are implemented in a timely manner. The Plan will be utilised as a working document that will require updating as projects commence, progress and are completed and is designed to monitor the progress of recommendations from the WASCS Report

The Plan also seeks to identify key areas of responsibility across the elements to ensure that the relevant stakeholders are engaged where appropriate. The table below provides an overview of the key agencies responsible for each element.

ELEMENT	KEY AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE
Element 1 - Plan Launch and Dissemination	Wheatbelt Development Commission (WDC) Regional Development Australia Wheatbelt (RDAW) Local Government
Element 2 - Age Friendly Communities	WDC Local Government
Element 3 - Transport Coordination	WDC Local Government Transport Providers Department of Transport Health Service Providers
Element 4 - Age Appropriate Housing (Pilot Project)	WDC Local Government WACHS Service Providers
Element 5 - Age Appropriate Housing (Wheatbelt Rollout)	WDC Local Government WACHS Service Providers
Element 6 - Care at Home and Respite	Service Providers Health MOU Group Department of Social Services
Element 7 - Residential Care	Service Providers Health MOU Group Department of Social Services
Element 8 - Specialist Dementia Care	Service Providers Health MOU Group Department of Social Services
Element 9 - Aboriginal Aged Care	Service Providers Health MOU Group Wheatbelt Aboriginal Health Advisory Group Department of Social Services
Element 10 - Aged Care Workforce Development	Service Providers Health MOU Group Education Providers

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Element 1: Plan Launch/Dissemination

ACTION	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	TIMEFRAMES	COSTS
1.1 Wheatbelt Shire Councils agree to adopt or support the report and its recommendations.	Wheatbelt Shire Councils, WDC, RDA Boards and Sub Regional Groups: (AROC, CEAVROC, Dryandra, 4WDL, CEACA (NEWROC and WEROC), Central Coast/Central Midlands)	June 2014	None
1.2 Launch the Report	WDC, RDAW and South West Medicare Local	October 2014	Development costs
1.3 Send the report to Key Stakeholders	WDC to launch Report electronically	October 2014	Distribution costs
1.4 Send the report to Ministers and Political Representatives seeking comment	WDC on behalf of Wheatbelt Sub Regional Groups (AROC, CEAVROC, Dryandra, 4WDL, CEACA (NEWROC and WEROC), Central Coast/Central Midlands)	November 2014	Distribution costs
1.5 Coordinate a community communication tool and distribute amongst the Shire Councils.	WDC and RDAW WDC to develop and Shires to distribute within their community.	November 2014	Distribution costs

Element 2: Age Friendly Communities

ACTION	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	TIMEFRAMES	COSTS
2.1 Development of Age Friendly Community Audit Tool	WDC	Nov 2014	Development Costs
2.2 Local Government conducts an audit on community infrastructure and services to identify gaps and priorities to achieve a more age friendly community.	Local Government	Nov 2014 – July 2015	Project Management
2.3 Develop Local level Age Friendly Community Plan to address outcomes of audit 2.2	Local Government	Nov – July 2015	Project Management
2.4 Apply for funding through the Age Friendly Communities in Small Towns project	Local Government	March – Dec 2015	Project Management
2.5 Implementation of Age Friendly Community Plans	Local Government	July 2014 – Dec 2015	Project Management
2.6 Monitor Implementation of Age Friendly Community Plan	Local Government	June 2016	Project Management

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Element 3: Transport Coordination

ACTION	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	TIMEFRAMES	COSTS
3.1 Development of Integrated Transport Strategy and Plan	WDC Local Government, Transport Providers, Department of Transport Health Service Providers	2015/2016	Project Management Consultancy Fees
3.2 Monitor implementation of Integrated Community Transport Strategy and Plan	WDC Local Government, Transport Providers, Department of Transport Health Service Providers	Ongoing	Project Management

Element 4: Well Aged Housing Pilot Project

ACTION	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	TIMEFRAMES	COSTS
4.1 Identify model of Well Aged Housing capable of being replicated Wheatbelt Wide and that meets aged care standards.	WDC Local Government WACHS Service Providers	Completed	Project Management
4.2 Consult expertise to coordinate preliminary architectural designs, including Master Plan of Cluster Housing and Independent Living Units (ILUs) for the Shires of Pingelly and Cunderdin.	WDC Local Government AURA Consultants WACHS/SIHI	6 months following launch	Project Management Consultancy Fees
4.3 Coordinate a feasible service delivery model that is appropriately packaged against applicant incomes	WACHS Private Service Providers Department of Social Services	12 months following launch	Consultancy Fees
4.4 Coordinate viable ownership & service management options	Local Government Housing Associations WDC	6 months following launch	Project Management Consultancy Fees
4.5 Employ resources to develop integrated Well Aged Housing Plan Phase 1. Including sourcing of funding and investment cases	WDC Local Government AURA Consultants (TBC) Housing Developers Housing Associations WACHS/SIHI	12 months following launch	Project Management Consultancy Fees
4.6 Confirm engagement of suitable builders/developers to construct housing	Local Government	6 months following funding approval	Project Management Consultancy Fees
4.7 Monitor Implementation of Well Aged Housing Pilot Project	WDC Local Government WACHS/SIHI	12-24 months following funding approval	Project Management

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Element 5: Well Aged Housing Wheatbelt Rollout

ACTION	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	TIMEFRAMES	COSTS
5.1 Communicate the benefits of Cluster Housing to Wheatbelt Shires	WDC Local Government Housing Developers Housing Associations WACHS/SIHI Alzheimer's Australia WA Service Providers	Ongoing	Project Management Consultancy Fees
5.2 Employ resources to develop Well Aged Housing Plan Wheatbelt Rollout including sourcing funding and investment cases	WDC Local Government Housing Developers Housing Associations WACHS/SIHI	Ongoing	Project Management Consultancy Fees
5.3 Confirm engagement of suitable builders/developers to construct staged housing across participating Shires	Local Government	Ongoing	Project Management Consultancy Fees
Additional Considerations: 1. Trust models and ongoing investment vehicle. 2. Variety of ownership options to ensure viable housing into the future 3. Bundling of services to create viable delivery models	WDC Local Government WACHS/SIHI	Ongoing	NA

Element 6: Care at Home and Respite

ACTION	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	TIMEFRAMES	COSTS
6.1 Monitor, advocate and engage with the appropriate agencies to improve the quality and access to Community Aged Care and Respite across the region	Service Providers Health MOU Group Department of Social Services	Ongoing	Project Management
6.2 Coordinate a feasible service delivery model based on bundling of services and creating geographical footprints	Service Providers Health MOU Group Department of Social Services	Ongoing	Consultancy Fees

Element 7: Residential Care

ACTION	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	TIMEFRAMES	COSTS
7.1 Monitor, advocate and engage with the appropriate agencies to improve the quality and access to Residential Care facilities across the region	Service Providers Health MOU Group Department of Social Services	Ongoing	Project Management

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Element 8: Specialist Dementia Care

ACTION	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	TIMEFRAMES	COSTS
8.1 Monitor, advocate and engage with the appropriate agencies to improve the quality and access to Specialist Dementia Care facilities/communities across the region	Service Providers Health MOU Group Department of Social Services	Ongoing	Project Management

Element 9: Aboriginal Aged Care

ACTION	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	TIMEFRAMES	COSTS
9.1 Monitor, advocate and engage with agencies to improve the quality and access to culturally appropriate aged care across the region	Service Providers Health MOU Group Wheatbelt Aboriginal Health Advisory Group	Ongoing	Project Management

Element 10: Aged Care Workforce Development

ACTION	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	TIMEFRAMES	COSTS
10.1 Monitor, advocate and engage with agencies to grow and develop the aged care workforce to meet future needs	Service Providers Health MOU Group Education Providers	Ongoing	Project Management

Monitoring the Plan

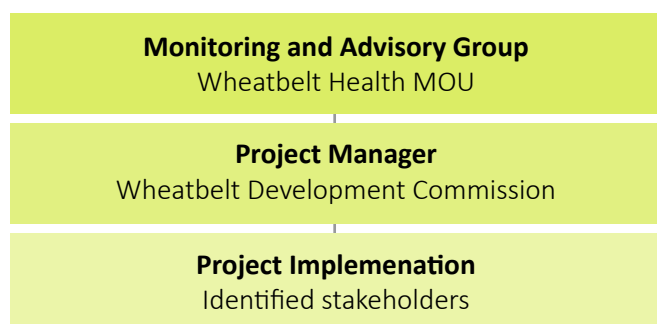
The WASCS Implementation Plan will be managed by the Wheatbelt Development Commission and monitored by the Wheatbelt Health MOU Group.

The Wheatbelt Development Commission is responsible for providing updates on the implementation of recommendations at Wheatbelt Health MOU Meetings held every two months. Stakeholders will be required to forward through information to the WDC, on the progress of projects as they arise.

The image below provides a flow chart for implementation and monitoring of the Plan:

The Implementation Plan will be updated every six months by the Wheatbelt Development Commission and distributed to the Wheatbelt Health MOU.

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