

Shared and supported independent living Prospect vacancy profile

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Service provider

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House details

Area/suburb: Prospect, Tasmania

Total number of residents: 3 Resident age range: 55-70

Gender specific accommodation: No

Funded support level: Complex

Access to community: Vehicle attached to house, public transport, local shops and cafes in

walking distance

Staffing levels: Wake shift

Staff ratio: 2:4 throughout the week depending on participants needs.

Active night shift in place 7 nights per week.

Vacant bedroom size: Medium

Attached bathroom: 1

Physical setup and access to property

Entry: There are 3 entry points into the property inlouding the front and back door, and side entry which leads to a safe driveway access point for vehicles in the carport. The back door leads to the backyard and the entry doors are wide enough for wheelchair access.

Living areas: There is a large heated lounge room, open plan kitchen and separate dining room.

Yard: The residence has a fully contained backyard with a small, open front yard. Both areas are flat and have concrete paths and driveway leading to all access areas. The backyard is not wheelchair accessible; however, the side and front yards are.

Storage capacity: There is some capacity for storage in the garage attached to the house.

Prospect has 3 participants sharing the house. The house is staffed 24x7 with at least 2 staff from 7am-11pm. The residents receive support at home and/or community access activity all day during the weekends and public holidays. The night shifts at Leichhardt Grove are Active Nights from 11pm-7am.

New resident profile

Preferred age range: 50-70 Gender: No preference

Communication and cognitive ability: Compatible for residents who are verbal or have limited communication (expressive and receptive language) skills.

Behaviours of concern: Staff are trained in positive behaviour support strategies as implemented by the Shared Homes Manager with input from a clinical psychologist. A prospective resident may require a comprehensive assessment and positive behaviour support plan as part of consideration for a vacancy.

Physical needs: The house is designed and equipped to accommodate people requiring high levels of physical support. All support workers have manual handling training.

Current resident

(De-identified information)

Age: 67

Gender: Female

She contracted Meningitis (TB) when she was 12-14 months old which left her with ABI and intellectual disability.

Level of disability: Diagnosed with ABI and intellectual disability.

Functional living skills: Requires full support with all aspects of daily living including medication administration, personal care, community access and engagement, financial management, communication, clothing choice, healthy choices and meal management in accordance with her meal management plan.

She attends a day program Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm.

Behavioural support: Requires low level behaviour support, limited to prompting and redirection.

Current resident

(De-identified information)

Age: 58

Gender: Female

Likes: Being as independent as possible. She is an intensively private person.

Level of disability: Diagnosed with ABI, Dyslipidaemia (High Cholesterol), Osteoarthritis, Diabetes Type II and Hypertension.

Functional living skills: Support needs could vary from day to day; however, she requires support and assistance with her medication and with all aspects of daily living, including personal care, food and drink preparation, mobility and community access.

She has 1:1 day support on Wednesdays and Fridays for 3-4 hours during the day. Times are flexible.

Behavioural support: Requires moderate-high level behavioural support.

Current resident

(De-identified information)

Age: 59

Gender: Male

Likes: Staff to facilitate leisure and recreation opportunities to give quality of life appropriate to his needs on any given day.

Level of disability: Diagnosed with Alzheimer's and has Down Syndrome.

Functional living skills: Requires full support with all aspects of daily living including medication administration, personal care, community access and engagement, financial management, communication, clothing choice, and healthy choices.

Behavioural support: Requires moderate-high level behavioural support.

Vehicle and access to transport

A vehicle is attached to the property. All fuel costs are shared between the residents.

Broad overview of the nature of the house

Prospect has participants that require moderate to high level of support with daily aspect of living.

The house has 2 staff from 7am to 11pm and there is one active night staff from 11pm to 7am.

House staff practice positive behaviour support strategies and recognise that all residents benefit from 1:1 support.

Individual needs are tended to on a 1:1 basis.

Most residents attend day support 4 days per week, and the other 5.

Visitors are welcome.

Resident's full fortnightly financial contribution

Each resident contributes \$528 per fortnight which contributes to bills, maintenance, groceries and general shared expenses.

The rent is direct debited from this account also.

Regular social activities attended and run by the residents

Community access: 2 residents receive day support at home from Monday to Friday and 1 resident attends a day program 3 days a week.

1:1 time is integrated into the daily and weekly routines for all the residents at Prospect to assist in enhancing quality of life.

Weekends: Residents participate in individual or group outings of choice on weekends.

Identified pre-existing issues or behaviours within the residence for consideration

One of the residents is diagnosed with dementia and may exhibit associated physical behaviours towards staff. There are positive support strategies in place to minimise this.

2 residents require 2:1 manual handling.

House rules

Prospect welcomes visitors to the house with both planned and impromptu visits being encouraged.

Smoking is not permitted in the house or near exits.

None of the current residents drink alcohol at home but we do support individual choice in this matter.