

# RESIDENTIAL COSTS BUSSELTON

## Governance and Management

**As of 1 January 2026**

Before you enter permanent residential care, you should have your means assessed to see if you are eligible for Australian Government assistance with fees and accommodation costs.

You may need to pay some or all of these fees.

### 1. Basic daily fee

All residents pay this fee for daily living services, including meals, cleaning, laundry and utilities. The maximum fee is set at 85% of the single basic age pension. This fee increases in March and September each year in line with the age pension.

**Currently this figure is \$ 65.55 per day.**

### 2. Hotelling contribution

Residents, who can afford to, will contribute more towards their daily living costs through a hotelling contribution. Services Australia will tell you if you need to pay a hotelling contribution and, if so, how much you will need to pay. This is based on your means assessment. The maximum amount changes with indexation in March and September. The Australian Government determines this.

**Currently \$22.15 (maximum rate)**

### 3. Non-clinical care contribution

Residents who are required to pay the maximum hotelling contribution may also need to pay a non-clinical care contribution. This fee contributes to personal care costs such as bathing and mobility assistance. Services Australia will tell you if you need to pay a non-clinical care contribution and, if so, how much you will need to pay. This is based on your means assessment. The maximum amount changes with indexation in March and September. The is determined by the Australian Government. Daily and lifetime caps apply.

**Currently \$105.30 (maximum rate)**

### 4. Accommodation costs

How much you pay will also depend on your means assessment. If you are eligible for assistance, the government may pay some or all of your accommodation costs to your provider. If not, you will need to pay the price that you have agreed with your provider.

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**On 1 November 2025, the new accommodation arrangements will apply.**

These include:

Refundable deposit retention – if you pay a lump sum, your provider keeps 2% of your lump sum per year. This amount is not refunded when you leave care. After 5 years in care, no further retention amounts will be deducted.

Daily accommodation payment (DAP) indexing – if you pay by DAP, this amount will increase due to indexation on 20 March and 20 September each year. Indexation does not apply to daily accommodation contributions (DAC) paid by residents eligible for government assistance with their accommodation costs.

*If your means assessment has not been completed, interim Hotelling and Non-Clinical Care Contributions may apply up to the maximum rate until Services Australia or DVA provides your official fee advice. These fees will be adjusted once your assessment is finalised.*

**If you choose not to have your means assessed, you will not be eligible for assistance with your accommodation, and your provider will ask you to pay the full fees above.**

### The levels of Accommodation Costs offered by CapeCare as of 23 January 2026 include:

Room Type	Refundable Deposit (RAD)	Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP)
Single room with ensuite - Monks	\$490,000	\$102.70 per day
Single room with ensuite - Prevelly/Wonnerup/Quindalup/Ludlow	\$550,000	\$115.27 per day
Single room with ensuite - Rosabrook	\$650,000	\$136.23 per day
Couples room with ensuite – Ludlow	\$450,000 each	\$94.32 per day

MPIR (Maximum Permissible Interest Rate) as of 1 January 2026 – 7.65%.

Once your assessment is complete, Services Australia will send you a fee advice letter.

You should seek independent financial advice.

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