

Information

Lilliane Brady Village

HISTORY

The Lilliane Brady Village which is owned and operated by the Cobar Shire Council has been in operation since the 22nd of August, 1982. This facility was established after extensive fund-raising by the local community, the Cobar Geriatric Committee and the Cobar Geriatric Care Committee. The Commonwealth Government was lobbied and subsequently provided additional funding to enable the construction of a 14 bed Nursing Home and 9 self care units; in 1991 the self care units were upgraded to Hostel Care units.

In 1996 the Commonwealth Government provided capital funding for an additional 5 hostel units and a proportion of funds for in-house kitchen facilities, large hostel and nursing home dining facilities, disabled bathroom and storage. The Cobar Shire Council provided the balance of funding required to finalise the extensions as well as to refurbish the existing hostel and nursing home areas. Several community organisations provided extra funding for extensive outdoor landscaping and paving. The Roy Desland Memorial Garden was established with funds provided from his estate by his beneficiary Mrs. Kate Beckroge.

In July 2000 renovations were completed to enable two additional beds, one Hostel and one Nursing Home to be implemented. The funding for this was provided by the Cobar Shire Council, bringing the total number of beds to 30.

Cobar Shire Council provided the capital funds and the Commonwealth Government provided ongoing subsidiary to enable three additional high care places to be completed in September 2001. One respite bed was also included in the capital upgrade. This has brought the total capacity to 34 places.

The Lilliane Brady Village Pink Ladies Committee which was established in 1991 provides ongoing funding to assist with purchasing of goods and equipment that go toward improving the quality of life and providing a home like environment for all the residents at "The Village". They also provide valuable volunteer services and support.

In November 2004 the Pink Ladies in conjunction with the staff commenced a variety of fundraising activities for the *Lilliane Brady Village Bus Appeal*. This was initiated following the bequest from Ethel "Affie" George (nee Mitchell) a previous resident and Pink Lady. Two and a half years of fundraising culminated in reaching the goal of \$148,000 in June 2007, enough to purchase a 22 seat Toyota Coaster with suitable modifications to enable wheelchair and floatation chair access for the resident of the Lilliane Brady Village. The gifting of the old community bus to the village by Greater Western Health Services meant that this could be used as a trade in and the surplus money was used to build a carport for the bus and an awning over the western entrance for all weather access.

VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

Vision Statement

To be recognised as a regional centre of excellence for the provision of flexible quality care for the aged and disabled whose needs cannot be met in the wider community.

Mission Statement

The Lilliane Brady Village provides flexible quality care to aged and disabled residents, recognising the special needs of those who suffer from Dementia.

We provide a place of security, safety and on going care in a welcoming home like atmosphere, at the same time considering the staff's needs and safety.

Well-motivated professional and skilled staff will provide encouragement, support and holistic care appropriate to each resident's individual medical, physical, psychological and special needs, helping them to achieve and maintain optimal independence.

This is achieved by:

- Being flexible and responding to our resident's changing needs.
- Recognising and respecting each resident's right to privacy, dignity and confidentiality.
- Forming a partnership with the residents, family, staff, volunteers and the community representatives to maintain quality of life.
- Motivation, Teamwork, and Training.
- Adherence to documented processes that complies with the requirements of the Aged Care Accreditation Process and meets current requirements of both Local, State and Federal regulations.
- Providing a transparent mechanism for concerns and complaints by residents, family, staff, volunteers and the community.
- Implementing and monitoring corrective actions for any deficiencies.
- Residents, family, staff, volunteers and the community representatives actively participating in continuous improvement activities.

ADMISSION

The Cobar Shire Council will offer residency to applicants primarily in order of need. Applications from persons who have resided in Cobar or surrounding district will be given preference over other applicants.

To be considered for a vacancy perspective applicants must have:

- **A current assessment by Aged Care Assessment Team**
- **A completed Application for Permanent Entry.**
- **A Completed Asset Assessment by Centrelink or DVA or determination of self funded retiree eligible to pay maximum fees.**

The actual admission of residents to the facility will at all times be decided upon by delegated personnel, as per Cobar Shire Council agreed protocol.

On admission please bring:

- The completed admission papers
- Pensioner health benefits card and Medicare card
- Electoral card if available
- All medications, which the person concerned, is currently taking.
- All current prescriptions (including repeats).
- These items should be given to the Registered Nurse on duty.

If you are unable to assist staff to complete your health and lifestyle assessment, please arrange for a family member to accompany you. The admission process will take approximately 2 hours.

ACCOMMODATION

There is various types of accommodation in the facility. **Accommodation is on availability at the time of admission.**

- The Nursing Home consists of eleven wards:- two four-bed wards, two two-bed wards and seven single bed wards – one ward being for respite.
- All wards have shared en suite bathrooms, except the respite ward.
- Hostel Units are single rooms with en suite bathroom.
- Larger units are available for shared accommodation.
- Electric floor heating or fixed electric heating controlled by thermostat in all resident areas.
- All areas of the facility are air-conditioned by evaporative coolers.
- Linen is supplied i.e. sheets, towels, pillowcases, cotton blankets & bedspreads and changed once a week or as required. We request that residents use linen supplied, as we do not have the appropriate facilities to launder linen. All linen goes to Dubbo for laundry and we cannot guarantee return of personal linen.
- All personal clothing is washed on premises. All clothing **must** be labelled with printed labels to ensure that your personal clothing will be returned to you. (These labels are purchased through LBV and residents are responsible for this cost, with laundry staff applying labels with heat press)
- Residents may have their own bedspread or doona, boomerang pillow and pillowcase for same.
- Residents may have their own small television and/or Video/DVD/radio/tape/CD recorder, decorative items, i.e. pictures, photos, ornaments, bedside light.

- Hostel residents may bring in a comfortable lounge chair, small bar type fridge (automatic defrost), automatic kettle, coffee table and tea set if they desire

N.B. All electrical equipment is required to be safety tested prior to use. Electric floor heaters are banned under the State Health Act.

The Lilliane Brady Village Hostel **does allow aging in place** – meaning that residents whose care needs gradually increase will be able to remain in the hostel section whilst their care needs can be safely met.

The circumstance could arise where you might be asked to move to another bed or room. If your care needs change significantly, it may be appropriate for you to receive care in another area of the Facility, i.e. move from Hostel to Nursing Home. You may need to move to a room where there is sufficient room to safely use lifting equipment ie from a single room to a larger room. It may be necessary in some circumstances to move to another facility, i.e. Hostel to Cobar District Hospital to wait for a vacancy in the Nursing Home. This would be fully discussed with you or your representative beforehand.

Persons wishing to apply for occupancy can make an appointment to see the Director of Nursing to arrange a tour of the facility and to complete applicable documents.

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