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Coober Pedy Hospital Aged Care

Key Features Statement

Eyre and Far North Local Health Network (EFNLHN) provides residential care services across the Eyre and Far North with facilities located in Ceduna, Cleve, Coober Pedy, Cowell, Cummins, Elliston, Kimba, Streaky Bay, Tumby Bay and Wudinna.

We are part of SA Health and provide a range of high-quality services that aim to enrich people's lives regardless of their health and support requirements, financial circumstances or lifestyle preferences.

At Coober Pedy Hospital Aged Care – Breakaways Hostel, we have a dedicated team of compassionate, caring and highly professional individuals.

Our staff members and volunteers play an integral role in the health and wellbeing of residents by providing companionship and support and encouraging independence. We know that maintaining the link between family, friends and the local community enriches the quality of life of our care recipients.

Our goal is to provide quality care that celebrates a sense of self, family and community.

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Location and access

Cooper Pedy Hospital Aged Care is situated in the small township of Coober Pedy located in the remote northern area of South Australia.

Services

Coober Pedy Hospital Aged Care provides permanent care, respite care, and ageing in place.

The Coober Pedy Hospital and Health Services is a Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) with six residential aged care beds. Aged care services support the township of Coober Pedy, Marla, Mintabie, Oodnadatta and surrounding areas.

In addition to our comprehensive clinical care programs, we offer Recovery Pathways to maintenance of independence and achieving personal goals, allied health (high care only), Medicare, on-site access to GP, pharmacy, incontinence products and toiletries, entertainment, electrical appliance testing, postal service, gardening assistance, and arrangements for room telephone connections.

Meals are prepared and cooked onsite daily, complimented by a rotating menu, and we pride ourselves on the quality of our meals and the commitment of our kitchen staff.

Coober Pedy Hospital Aged Care is staffed by Registered and Enrolled Nurses, care workers, maintenance officers, general services staff and administration staff. The staff take pride in providing compassionate and professional care.

Being co-located with the hospital provides ready access to medical care.

Leisure and wellbeing

EFNLHN caters for residents from diverse cultural backgrounds and our lifestyle program is designed to celebrate this diversity. Our adaptive and flexible program is also tailored to the needs of residents with dementia and other health issues.

Residents are encouraged to continue taking part in community activities.

Pastoral care, counselling and internal and external religious services are available. Coober Pedy Aged Care is visited by most local churches that provide regular church services on a roster basis, give Communion, and provide pastoral care.

A central courtyard area provides a peaceful place to take time out to relax and enjoy the surroundings.

Additional services can be arranged – i.e. hairdresser, connections to telephone services – at additional cost to the resident.

Communal areas

Rooms have access to a communal lounge/dining area, central courtyard and garden.

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Fees and payments

The Eyre and Far North Local Health Network does not determine aged care fees. The standard fee is determined by the Department of Health, with Services Australia (Centrelink) or Department of Veterans' Affairs being responsible for assessing individual fees that apply.

The Australian Government subsidises a range of aged care costs in Australia, but residents with the means must contribute to the cost of their care and accommodation. This may require one off lump-sum payment or deposit, as well as ongoing fees for your care, accommodation, and daily living expenses.

At Coober Pedy MPS you may be required to pay one or more of the following residential care fees:

- **A basic daily fee (standard fee)** – all residents are required to pay a basic daily care fee. The fee is indexed at 85% of a standard Aged Pension and changes on 20 March and 20 September each year when the pension is reviewed.
- **Accommodation payment** – not all residents pay an accommodation payment or contribution, only those that have assets above the asset free threshold as detailed in the residential aged care fee schedule. Those residents assessed to pay an accommodation payment have three options for payment:

  i. Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD) – a lump sum refundable payment; or

  ii. Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP) – the daily equivalent you pay if you elect not to pay a RAD; or

  iii. Combination – a part RAD and part DAP. A combination example is noted on the fee schedule; however, a resident can choose the amount that suits their financial needs. The Aged Care Liaison Officer (ACLO) can assist in providing RAD/DAP payment scenarios.

Pages 4 provide an overview of the rooms available at Coober Pedy MPS and the applicable RAD.

Means Tested Care Fee (MTCF) – This is an additional contribution towards the cost of care and not all people that move into aged care will be required to pay it. The government will advise of this fee, if applicable, following the asset and income assessment. Annual and lifetime caps apply to means tested care fees.

Payment of fees – fees are invoiced fortnightly in arrears. The preferred method of payment is direct debit, and a direct debit request form (DDR) will be provided for completion.

The Aged Care Liaison Officer (ACLO) for Eyre and Far North Local Health Network will work with each prospective resident and / or their nominated representative to provide an estimate of the fees and accommodation charges as well as provide the required documentation for permanency. The ACLO can be contacted on 0467 777 215.

You can also find a fee estimator on the My Aged Care website – www.myagedcare.gov.au/estimate-fees-for-aged-care-services

NB: Eyre and Far North Local Health Network is not a financial advisor and therefore unable to provide financial planning advice. It is recommended you speak to your own financial advisor / seek independent financial advice prior to admission to aged care.

Coober Pedy Hospital Aged Care Rooms

Room type	Single room ensuite
Room size	12-13m^2
Room numbers	8-9
Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD)	$360,000
Features and amenities	Single room with private ensuite, wardrobe, bedside cabinet, TV, tallboy, reverse cycle air-conditioning and WiFi access.

Room type	Single room shared ensuite
Room size	14-21m^2
Room numbers	10,11,13, 15
Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD)	$360,000
Features and amenities	Single room with shared ensuite, wardrobe, bedside cabinet, TV, tallboy, reverse cycle air-conditioning and WiFi access.

For more information

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Residential Aged Care Fee Schedule

Basic Daily Fee (including respite) – effective 20 September 2026

The maximum basic daily fee for residents entering aged care (including respite) is $68.93 per day.

Accommodation Payment – effective 1 October 2026 – 31 December 2026

Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD)	Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP)	Combination Payment Example RAD 50%	Combination Payment Example DAP 50%
$390,000	$90.92	$195,000	$45.46
$360,000	$83.93	$180,000	$41.96
$320,000	$74.60	$160,000	$37.30
$280,000	$65.28	$140,000	$32.64
$250,000	$58.28	$125,000	$29.14

Maximum Permissible Interest Rate (MPIR) – effective 1 October 2026

The current MPIR is 8.51%

Asset Thresholds

Asset Threshold	Rate
Asset Free Threshold	$66,500.00
First Asset Threshold	$219,858.40

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