

How the cost of your care is determined

The cost of Residential Aged Care may include up-front accommodation payment and ongoing service fees. A Government assessment of your assets and income helps to determine what you need to pay. If you choose not to have an assessment, the maximum charges will apply.

The cost of your care can be calculated by the following formula:

Accommodation cost: \$500,000 (Waratah), or **\$525,000** (Kirra), or **\$550,000** (Merindah)

A There are a number of ways you can choose to pay for the cost of your accommodation.
See overleaf for explanations and examples of your payment options.

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Basic Daily Fee: \$51.63

B The Basic Daily Fee covers your day-to-day living costs such as electricity, cleaning, laundry and meals. The Basic Daily Fee is set by the Government at 85% of the Centrelink single Age Pension, regardless of whether or not you receive the Age Pension.

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Means Tested Care Fee

C The Means Tested Care Fee is only charged if you're assessed by the Government as being able to contribute to your care, otherwise the Government pays for your care.

There are a number of ways that you can pay the Accommodation cost.

See overleaf for explanations and examples of your payment options.

Accommodation cost payment options

The Accommodation cost includes amenities such as lounge rooms, gardens, etc. There are a number of ways that you can pay this. A new resident has 28 days to choose the payment method, if no method is chosen, they will be charged the DAP.

1

Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD)

A RAD is a lump sum payment, in the form of a loan, that is fully refunded to you or your family when you leave the home, subject to any outstanding fees.

A single, refundable lump-sum payment of **\$500,000** (Waratah), or **\$525,000** (Kirra), or **\$550,000** (Merindah)

OR

2

Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP)

A DAP is a payment that accrues daily and is payable fortnightly. A DAP isn't refundable.

No lump-sum payment but a daily, non-refundable payment of **\$67.26** (Waratah), or **\$70.62** (Kirra), or **\$73.98** (Merindah)

OR

3

A combination of RAD & DAP payments

You can choose to pay a combination of RAD and DAP. Your DAP will decrease because you've paid some money up front with your RAD payment. You can choose the % amounts of your RAD and DAP payments.

For example, with the Waratah, a single, refundable lump-sum payment of **\$270,000**.

The balance owing (\$230,000) is covered by a daily, non-refundable payment of **\$30.93**.

OR

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Pay your DAP as a draw down from your RAD

You can choose to pay your DAP from your RAD. The DAP charges will be deducted from your RAD balance on a fortnightly basis, and when you leave the home, the RAD less the DAP charges and any other agreed charges will be refunded to you or your estate.

If you have any questions, just call us on **1800 632 314** (free call). Our Customer Service Team can answer any questions you may have, tailor a personalised quote for you and help guide you through the process and paperwork associated with applying for care, including getting an Aged Care Assessment.

Our Aged Care Cost Calculator can help you work out which payment option is best for you by calculating your DAP based on your RAD contribution.

You can find the calculator at www.sccliving.org.au/residential-aged-care-cost-calculator

* The Government fixes the Maximum Permissible Interest Rate (MPIR) associated with DAP payments.