

Prayer of Thanksgiving



July 2026



**CHRISTIAN HOME CARE
NEWSLETTER**

WHO TO CALL FOR SUPPORT

ANCA STAMATESCU



Anca oversees the Care Coordination Team. She is the main point of contact for new enquiries as well as feedback and suggestions.

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Joshua is part of our Care Coordination Team. He will be in touch with you for assessments, care plans and service reviews.

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STIFFANY TOUSSAINT



Call Stiffany for scheduling new services with a caregiver, changing or cancelling scheduled services, and general admin matters.

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TIMOTHY DRAGAN



Timothy is assisting with Care Coordination: service referrals, purchases, booking events and general Elders' support.

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Julianna is assisting with both rostering and care support, service referrals, purchases, booking events and general Elders' support.

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DINU STAMATESCU



Call Dinu for any Accounting and Compliance matters that could not be resolved with other members of the team.

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Pierce (CPA) is our Accountant.

Call Pierce for any queries regarding invoices and statements.

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WHAT ELDERS SAY ABOUT US:

I would like to let you know just how much we appreciated the afternoon of wonderful music presented for CHC recently by the Salvation Army band.

Such a great selection of items and "commentaries". (I think everyone was either singing -or humming tapping or waving- to Sweet Caroline.)

Thank you so much to all involved in organising this event — from The Salvation Army band members to Christian Home Care staff and volunteers....we thoroughly enjoyed it and very much appreciate the opportunity to have such a lovely afternoon.

Many Blessings, Anne and Bruce

CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

We would love to highlight the testimonies, stories, special anniversaries or events of the Elders in our community.

If you have anything to share, please email us at anca@christianhomecare.com.au and we would love to feature you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS



Elders:

Mary A. Mercy A. Gerlinde B. Bernadette B. Evelyn E.
Cynthia F. Ivo L. Alice P. Lois P. Robyn W.

Staff and Volunteers:

Daniela S. Julianna H.

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WORDS OF THE MONTH: PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

My worklife has been a continued search for purpose, until I found it in Christian Home Care.

My first "mission" was that of provider for my family: with two children, mortgage to pay, some renovations that were a must to our home, I found myself involved, at some point, in two jobs and another two subcontracting roles, working at least 60 hours each week. I was thankful to God that I could provide for our family but I wished for a more meaningful role.

Our God is great and He guided me along the way, consolidating my efforts into one full time job (about 45 hours weekly...). I was thankful that I had some spare time for educating my children, spending meaningful time with them and Anca, even having some holidays!

The next season of work involved more purpose: I could afford earning less and working for Christian organisations, with likewise-minded people, searching above work excellence for another level of caring for God's people. Over the years I was involved with the Lutheran Church, then with the Salvation Army and afterwards with a Christian college.

Then, yet again, the Lord changed things: I felt called to support Anca at Christian Home Care, celebrating this July 8 years of activity in this God created and God led organisation. How thankful I am to the Lord!

I often pray the verses below from Psalm 100:

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations."

All the joy and purpose I have at Christian Home Care I can enjoy only through you all joining our organisation.

Thank you! Many happy returns to our journey together!

By Dinu Stamatescu



Aged Care Subsidies and Supplements – Support at Home

(Rates of payments effective at 1 July 2026)

Support at Home Subsidies and Supplements

These rates are applicable from 1 July 2026. For more information on each of the subsidies and supplements, refer to the [Support at Home Program Manual](#).

Support at Home Basic Subsidy Rates

Support at Home Classification	Equivalent daily funding ¹
1	\$30.16
2	\$45.07
3	\$61.74
4	\$83.48
5	\$111.59
6	\$135.25
7	\$163.45
8	\$219.55
Restorative Care Pathway ²	\$55.07
End-of-Life Pathway ³	\$305.79

¹ Listed daily figures are indicative only. Support at Home classifications have an annual funding amount, and budgets are provided on a quarterly basis (annual amount divided by 4 quarters). For quarterly budgets and annual amounts, see tables in the **Appendix**. Note that the listed daily figures are the sum of the base individual and base provider amounts in the Aged Care Rules, where the base provider amount represents the funding deducted for the provision of care management.

² The Restorative Care Pathway provides episodes of non-ongoing targeted care services which can last up to 16 weeks. At times, participants with higher needs may require additional funding over the \$6,167.33 allocated per episode. If approved, a participant can then access additional funding (up to \$6,167.33) to provide a combined total of up to \$12,334.66 for restorative care.

³ The End-of-Life Pathway supports participants who have 3 months or less to live and wish to remain at home, by providing more funding to access in-home aged care services. A total of \$25,686.28 is available per eligible participant over a 12-week period.

Transitioned Home Care Package Recipients

Transitioned Home Care Package Recipient Level ¹	Equivalent daily funding ²
1	\$30.88
2	\$54.31
3	\$118.22
4	\$179.22

¹ Home Care Package (HCP) care recipients transitioning to the program will have a budget that matches the same funding level as their current HCP. They will also retain access to their HCP unspent funds and can use these for Support at Home services if their budget is expended.

² Listed daily figures are indicative only. Transitioned HCP levels have an annual funding amount, and budgets are provided on a quarterly basis (annual amount divided by 4 quarters). For quarterly budgets and annual amounts, see tables in the **Appendix**.

Assistive Technology and Home Modifications (AT-HM) Scheme

Funding Tier – Assistive Technology	Budget
Low	\$513.00
Medium	\$2,052.00
High	\$15,390.00

Participants who have assistive technology costs above \$15,390 can access additional funding with evidence, such as a valid prescription.

Funding Tier – Home Modifications	Budget
Low	\$513.00
Medium	\$2,052.00
High	\$15,390.00

The home modifications budget represents once-off lifetime funding for completion of work within 12 months. Funding may be extended for an additional 12 months to complete complex home modifications (24 months in total) if evidence is provided to Services Australia.

Other funding	Budget
Assistance dog maintenance	\$2,052.00
Supplement for participants residing in MM 6 and MM 7	50% of AT or HM funding tier

Funding will be automatically allocated every 12 months; however, the funding cannot accrue or roll over.

Support at Home Supplements

1. Dementia and Cognition Supplement

Eligibility	Daily supplement rates
For transitioned Home Care Package recipients who were in receipt of a Dementia and Cognition supplement on 31 October 2025.	11.5% of the equivalent daily funding for the participant's classification

Transitioned Home Care Package recipients receiving the Dementia and Cognition Supplement as of 31 October 2025 will continue to receive the supplement in the Support at Home program. The supplement will cease when a transitioned recipient is re-assessed and accepts a Support at Home classification, as the classification framework considers a participant's cognitive ability in its determination of a funding classification.

2. Oxygen and Enteral feeding and Veterans' supplements

Supplement	Daily supplement rates
Oxygen supplement	\$15.04
Enteral feeding supplement – Bolus	\$23.85
Enteral feeding supplement – Non-bolus	\$26.79
Veterans' supplement	11.5% of the equivalent daily funding for the participant's classification

For more information on each of these supplements including eligibility, refer to the [Support at Home Program Manual](#).

APPENDIX: Annual amounts and quarterly budgets

Support at Home classifications

Support at Home Classification	Annual amount	Quarterly budget
1	\$11,010.01	\$2,752.50
2	\$16,451.35	\$4,112.84
3	\$22,536.81	\$5,634.20
4	\$30,468.51	\$7,617.13
5	\$40,729.53	\$10,182.38
6	\$49,365.27	\$12,341.32
7	\$59,660.00	\$14,915.00
8	\$80,137.12	\$20,034.28

Transitioned Home Care Package levels

Transitioned Home Care Package Recipient Level	Annual amount	Quarterly budget
1	\$11,272.15	\$2,818.04
2	\$19,821.76	\$4,955.44
3	\$43,148.74	\$10,787.18
4	\$65,415.91	\$16,353.98

PRAYER OF THANKS

In my previous pastoral message, I explored the prayer of adoration. Thanksgiving closely follows adoration, as both direct our attention away from ourselves and toward God. Rather than centering on our needs and requests, these prayers focus on who God is and what he has graciously done.

Thanksgiving is an essential aspect of the Christian life and should characterise every believer's prayers. While it is natural to thank God for answered prayers or material blessings, biblical thanksgiving is the joyful response of a heart that knows God's character, trusts his providence, and rejoices in his saving grace through Jesus Christ.

True thanksgiving begins with God Himself. Scripture teaches that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17). Every blessing—whether physical, spiritual, or eternal—is received from our heavenly Father. Life, health, family, daily provision, and every opportunity to serve him are gifts of His grace. Recognising God as the source of every good thing fosters humility and reminds us that we are recipients of mercy rather than owners of our blessings.

Thanksgiving is also an expression of faith in God's providence. Scripture calls believers to "give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thessalonians 5:18), not because every circumstance is pleasant, but because God remains sovereign over them all.

Even in seasons of suffering, disappointment, or uncertainty, Christians can give thanks knowing that God is working all things together for the good of those who love him (Romans 8:28). Gratitude in difficult times demonstrates confidence that God's wisdom exceeds our understanding and that his purposes are always good.

The practice of thanksgiving also guards the believer against anxiety and discontentment and remembering God's past faithfulness strengthens our confidence in his future care.

Above all, the Christian's greatest reason for thanksgiving is the gospel. God has rescued us from sin through the life, death, and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ. Paul captures this truth when he writes, "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15). Earthly blessings may come and go, but the forgiveness of sins, reconciliation with God, and the promise of eternal life remain secure in Christ. Every prayer of thanksgiving should ultimately lead us back to the cross, where God's love and justice were perfectly displayed.

The prayer of thanksgiving is ultimately an act of worship. It acknowledges God's goodness, celebrates his grace, and expresses joyful dependence upon him. As believers reflect on God's faithfulness and his redeeming work in Christ, thanksgiving becomes more than a response to favourable circumstances—it becomes the continual posture of a heart that delights in the Lord. May we therefore follow the exhortation of the psalmist: "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Psalm 103:2).

By Timothy Dragan

CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH



Our Christian Home Church gatherings are welcoming you all with love!

You may be our Elder, our Elders' children, grandchildren, neighbours, friends, our staff, volunteers or subcontractors with their children or parents or friends, or you can simply be a friend of CHC.

If you have never joined us and you would like to come and have a peek, just come and see, you will be the guest of honour!

Our next Christian Home Church services and afternoon tea meetings are planned for Wednesday 15th of July, 29th of July and so on. The service on 12th of August will be replaced by an anniversary concert and celebration.

For our usual church services we meet on the premises of : St Paul's Anglican Church (also called Mullum Mullum Anglican Church) at

40 Warrandyte Rd, Ringwood 3134

and there is ample parking.

We highly recommend that you keep social distancing and wear a mask if concerned about COVID or other infectious diseases.

Please note that we cannot take responsibility for your COVID safety when attending; if you deem attendance as an unacceptable risk to your health, we understand!

VISIT OUR CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH WEBSITE AT

[HTTPS://CHRISTIANHOME.CHURCH](https://christianhome.church)

FOR UPCOMING SERVICE DATES, SERVICES RECORDINGS, PRAYER REQUESTS, ETC.

Christian Home Church is an ecumenical non-denominational church where we welcome people from any background and hope that irrespective of having been brought up as Catholics or Baptists or Pentecostal, Methodists, Lutherans, Presbyterians and so on, or maybe having no prior connection with church, we will all meet up in unity to bring glory to our God, praise our Saviour and thank our Holy Spirit.

PSALM OF THE MONTH

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

INCREASE IN SERVICES RATES

In our June Newsletter we informed you that the decision of the Fair Work Commission (FWC) was an annual minimum wage increase of 4.75% from the first full pay period starting on or after 1 July 2026. This has now been announced in the SCHADS Award, applicable to our Caregivers.

The SCHADS Award increase of 4.75% base becomes much higher with all the add-ons: above-award / performance extras, Portable Long Service Leave, Superannuation, etc.

Subcontracted suppliers are also reacting to changes in the tax rules and also inflation, transport costs, etc.

We advised last month of an upcoming increase in the service rates from the 1st of July 2026; CHC deferred this to the 1st of August 2026, with Christian Home Care absorbing the effects of the increased costs from the 1st of July.

New Caregiving Rates from 1st of August 2026:

Normal time: \$109/hour - this rate is most relevant, applying to more than 85% of shifts
Evening: \$117/hour
Saturday: \$135/hour
Sunday: \$152/hour
Public Holiday: \$162/hour

Please see below the costs of shifts with travel included - we explained in a previous newsletter that, under current Support at Home regulations, the Government requests that travel costs have to be included in the hourly charge (we are not allowed to charge as before per Km of travel):

Shift Type	Cost per hour - Normal Time 6 am to 8 pm, Monday to Friday	Cost per hour - Evenings - 8 pm to midnight, Monday to Friday	Cost per hour - Saturdays	Cost per hour - Sundays	Cost per hour - Public Holidays
Shifts with No Travel (as above)	\$ 109.00	\$ 117.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 152.00	\$ 162.00
Shifts with Short Trip (up to 10 Kms)	\$ 116.50	\$ 124.50	\$ 142.50	\$ 159.50	\$ 169.50
Shifts with Medium Trip (11 to 20 Kms)	\$ 124.00	\$ 132.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 167.00	\$ 177.00
Shifts with Long Trip (21 to 30 Kms)	\$ 131.50	\$ 139.50	\$ 157.50	\$ 174.50	\$ 184.50
Shifts with Very Long Trip (over 30 Kms)	From \$146.50	From \$154.50	From \$172.50	From \$189.50	From \$199.50

Christian Home Care is doing every effort to set service charges as low as possible while maintaining quality and also compliance with the increased level of requirements under the new Support at Home programme. We continuously check marked prices and we delight in the fact that we remain highly competitive and affordable, within the boundaries and requirements of Support at Home framework.

For any questions on these changes please call Dinu on (03) 9069 6201.



Christian Home Care Fact Sheet

Support at Home - Assistive Technology Government Program

Assistive technology includes equipment and products that help a participant to:

- do things more easily
- complete activities they can no longer do independently.

Examples of assistive technology include:

- mobility equipment, such as walking sticks, walking frames and wheelchairs
- toileting supports, such as bedpans and commodes
- bathing equipment, such as shower chairs and non-slip mats.

Funding is generally available for 12 months and must be included on the monthly statement.

Funding Tier Amount	
Low	Under \$513
Medium	Up to \$2,052
High	Up to \$15,390

This funding will cover:

- the assistive technology item/s
- a prescription from a health professional, if needed
- wraparound services, if needed.

The assistive technology list excludes products and equipment that are:

- more appropriately funded or provided by other mainstream government or community support services
- an usual household or discretionary expense
- for use in a workplace
- for mass transit (e.g., public transport).
- The department will establish a review process for the assistive technology list to consider changes over time to support required adjustments and account for emerging technologies.

Prescriptions

A prescription is a written recommendation from a qualified health professional working within their scope of practise to suggest appropriate assistive technology products, equipment or home modifications to meet an older person's age-related decline and/or disabilities.

Prescriptions are usually the outcome of a home or functional assessment conducted by the health professional but in some cases may be provided via telehealth where appropriate.

Providers must make sure all home modifications and assistive technology:

- meet the participant's assessed needs
- are safe and fit-for-purpose
- are used in the right way, where possible.

Participant contributions

Assistive technology items and associated services require a participant contribution, similar to the independence category. This means participants will need to contribute to some of the cost.

	Clinical care	Independence
Full pensioner	0%	5%
Part pensioner and Commonwealth seniors health card eligible	0%	Between 5% and 50% depending on income and assets as per the Services Australia assessment.
Self-funded retiree	0%	50%

Christian Home Care is not involved in the calculation of the percentage contribution above. This is determined solely by Services Australia. If you have queries about your percentage contribution, please ring Services Australia on 1800 227 475. Alternatively you may like to access the [Support at Home fee estimator](#)

Prescription and wraparound services are categorised as clinical supports and fully funded by the government, so participants cannot be asked to contribute to these costs.

Administration costs for assistive technology

There are various administration activities associated with the provision of assistive technology.

To compensate Christian Home Care (CHC) for these activities, CHC may charge up to 10% of the cost for assistive technology or \$500 (whichever is lower). These costs are charged from your Government funding received for assistive technology.

Wraparound services

Older people may require additional services and/or training to ensure that assistive technology or home modifications can be used correctly and safely. This is referred to as 'wraparound services' and can be paid for out of the assistive technology funding.

Wraparound services include:

- delivery
- set up of assistive technology equipment
- training and education on the safe use of assistive technology equipment and/or home modifications
- follow-up on assistive technology and/or home modifications effectiveness in meeting the older person's needs
- repairs and maintenance of assistive technology
- administrative costs/ co-ordination costs charged by providers
- for loaned or rented items, retrieval of the items when no longer needed.

Have you got a complaint?

At Christian Home Care we strive daily to provide excellence in Home Care Package Service Delivery. Have we missed something?

Raising your complaint promptly and directly with us gives you the best chance of a satisfactory resolution - please call us on 03 9069 6201.

If you don't receive a response to your complaint or are not satisfied with the response, you can contact Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (ACQSC) or an advocate.

For more information on how to raise a complaint, you can find resources on ACQSC website agedcarequality.gov.au. If you want to contact an aged care advocate, call 1800 700 600. You can contact ACQSC on 1800 951 822.

Praise be to God! **Christian Home Care** **turns 8 years old!**

**We warmly invite you to celebrate with us
the 8th year anniversary
of our God filled and God blessed journey
through serving our brothers and sisters**

**Wednesday 12th of August 2 pm
concert and sing along with our very talented
David Bremner
followed by delicious afternoon tea**

**To make our day more memorable, we would be very grateful if you bring
along a piece of paper with a few written thoughts related to your
experience at and wishes for Christian Home Care and
Christian Home Church.**

It is something that we would love to keep and treasure.

**Location: Mullum Mullum Anglican Church
40 Warrandyte Rd, Ringwood**

This is a free event but RSVP is essential for catering.

Friends and family welcome.

Please respond to our office by 7th of August

coordination@christianhomecare.com.au or

(03) 9069 6200 option 4

**During our Christian Home Care and Christian Home Church services and events
we take photos and videos which we may use in our publications such as newsletters,
invitations, presentations, websites, streamed church services, etc. By participating to our
services and events you give us permission to use such photos and recordings.**