



Referral

All referrals are to be directed to the Manager, Ellerslie Unit.

Tel: (03) 9816 0471

The program is open to carers who live or work in the Eastern Metropolitan Region.

Priority will be given to people who have dementia.

Cost

A full-day fee of \$15 per day is charged. This fee includes all daily care, meals and activities. Medications must be supplied in their original chemist packet or a Webster pack.

Fees will be invoiced on a fortnightly basis. In situations where financial hardship exists, please discuss this with the manager.

Further information

For more program information please contact:

The Manager
Ellerslie Unit
Tel: (03) 9816 0471

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*Employed Carers'
Respite Program*

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Mission

*Our health service is based on and driven by our quest for:
Compassion – Justice – Human Dignity – Excellence – Unity*

Employed Carers' Respite Program

The Employed Carers' Respite Program is an Australian Government Initiative which offers day respite for employed primary carers of frail older people.

The program is designed to assist employed carers to continue in their caring role and is specifically designed to care for people with dementia.

The day respite program is located in a large, purpose-built area within the Ellerslie Unit, on the ground floor of St George's in Kew.

Meals provided include morning and afternoon tea and a nutritious midday meal. Trained nurses and other health professionals staff the service.

Hours

The service is provided Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm excluding public holidays.

Respite care is usually arranged on a permanent basis however casual respite care may be offered depending on vacancies.

Bookings may be for up to five days per week.

The respite service is open throughout the year except for two weeks over the Christmas holiday period.

Aims of the program

We aim to:

- Maximise the opportunity for carers to maintain or find employment by providing a safe and caring service for the person they care for
- Conduct a stimulating program of social and recreational activities appropriate for aged clients
- Maintain each client's individuality and self worth through socialisation and interactions tailored to his or her needs and preferences
- Provide an opportunity for each client to have an enjoyable and meaningful experience in a safe environment
- Offer a range of engaging and culturally appropriate activities which meet the differing needs and abilities of each client
- Provide regular health assessment and monitoring of health issues
- Maintain liaison with general practitioners and other healthcare providers