



House Fee (inclusive of rent) for Abbeyfield House residents

(Issued 27 March 2017 for all states except Tasmania)

Dear Abbeyfield House residents,

Following the pension increase advised by CentreLink on 20 March 2017, the fortnightly House Fee for residents in Abbeyfield Houses will proportionally increase.

The new House Fee is **\$707.88 per fortnight**, effective 60 days from date of this notice. This is paid to your local not-for-profit Abbeyfield Society for rent and to cover all the regular household expenses incurred in operating your Abbeyfield House (such as electricity, gas, water, food, wages and building maintenance cost). The House Fee is your important contribution to meeting all the ever increasing costs of running any family home, including your Abbeyfield House

To assist, please contact either Centrelink or your bank to organise the update of your House Fee, in line with this six monthly fee increase.

| Fortnightly House Fee (including rent component) | Effective 25 May 2017 | Effective 19 November 2016 |
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| Age pension (AP) / disability support pension (DSP) inclusive of Energy Supplement (\$14.10) | \$822.40 | \$812.00 |
| Seventy per cent of pension and Energy Supplement | \$575.68 | \$568.40 |
| Plus 100% of Commonwealth Rent Assistance | \$132.20 | \$130.60 |
| Fortnightly House Fee | \$707.88 | \$699.00 |

The impact on residents' personal finances (excluding any additional pension supplement you may receive) is that your fortnightly Centrelink income increases by \$12 per fortnight and your House fee increases by \$8.88 per fortnight.

Yours sincerely,

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