

ECHO GAZETTE

Helping our community enjoy independent lives in their own homes.

A few words from the CEO



It is now almost six months since Support at Home began.

As the implementation continues, it was announced on 19 May that the setting of capped prices from 1 July 2026 was being deferred. The Government needed to “take the time to get broader pricing settings right, deferring the implementation of formal price caps until we have greater confidence in the stability of the market”. We will await further notifications.

The growing incidence of 'flu means the Winter 'flu season is rapidly approaching. I would urge those yet to receive the 2026 vaccination to do so.

ECHO is seeking expressions of interest in joining our Board to fill some vacancies. Do pass on the article in this Gazette to anyone you think may be interested in these roles.

Until next time ...

Stuart Diggins
CEO

Do you know people who could fill these seats?



Some members of ECHO's Board are retiring, so we now need to look to replace the expertise they provided.

ECHO Community Services, based in Bayswater, Western Australia, is seeking at least two board members.

The organisation is a not-for-profit community aged-care

provider with a focus on high-quality in-home care.

ECHO's turnover of \$8 million is predominantly derived from Support at Home package funding administered by the Australian Government on behalf of participants, and Commonwealth Home Support Program grant funding,



We need volunteer bus drivers, bus assistants and client transport drivers.

We need more volunteers to help us help others. • Drivers to drive and support our clients on our 12-seater buses. • Assistants to help with any client needs on a bus outing, or on our twice-weekly shopping bus expeditions to local shopping centres. • Client transport drivers using their own vehicle or one of ours. **If you, or someone you know, would like to help out, email volunteer.coordinator@echocommunity.org.au or phone 9271 7011.**

which facilitates services for approved people in specified metropolitan regions.

This revenue enables us to support older people living independently, with a focus on well trained staff and the best possible care.

ECHO is investing time and money into new approaches and technologies so we can provide an increasing standard of in-home aged care.

Your commitment as a Board member will be seven Board meetings per year and four committee meetings per year – amounting to 10-15 hours every month.

We are seeking people with clinical governance, law, marketing, community development or allied health experience.

To apply, or seek more information, please contact secretariat@echocommunity.org.au.

Applications close Tuesday, 2 June 2026.



Are you yet to sign your Support at Home Service Agreement?

If so, ECHO's Care Partner team will be in touch with you to arrange a time to complete this formality.

The Agreement includes the terms and conditions under which we work with you to deliver your services. It details our responsibilities to each other in this new rights-based system for delivery of services to older people.

It also specifies current service pricing and provides other important information.

It's based on the new Aged Care Act 2024 and Aged Care Rules 2025.

Meet our new Volunteer and Transport Coordinator

Hi! My name is RJ.

I'll be at ECHO taking your bookings for social outings and the regular shopping buses, plus managing your transport requests with our amazing volunteer drivers.

A bit about me... I am a film buff, an op-shop lover, and a swimmer. I'll be at the beach in summer but it's laps at the pool in winter.

Most importantly, I'm friendly and easy to talk to!

If someone you know would like to volunteer with ECHO, give me a call on 9271 7011!

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