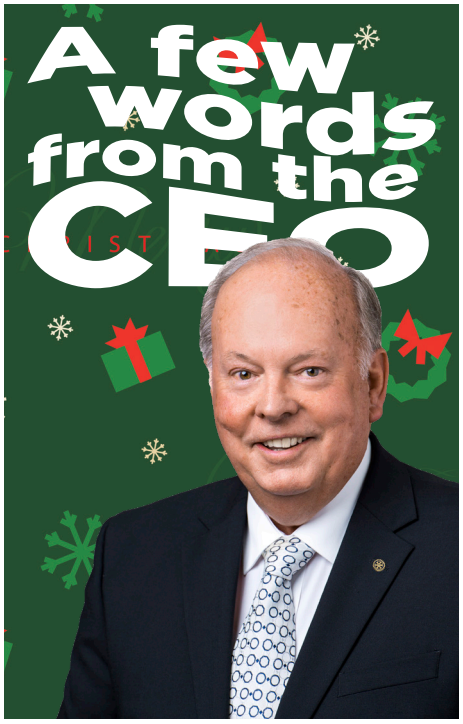
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# ECHO GAZETTE

Helping our community enjoy independent lives in their own homes.




**We are now beginning to see warmer weather, though still with the occasional cold and windy day.**

Hydration becomes important as the weather warms, so do keep your fluids up.

There are some new changes to the Support at Home program: from 1 October personal services (like showering, dressing, etc) have been shifted from the 'Independence' category to 'Clinical Support', making them fully funded by the program. This will affect some people whose Participant Contribution is reduced, so do check with your ECHO advisor.

This edition also features information about the 2026 ECHO Client Christmas Lunch, set for Friday 27 November.

Until next time …

**Stuart Diggins**
CEO



## This year, ECHO's popular Client Christmas Lunch will be held on Friday November 27.

This year we will have our Christmas celebration at the Ingot Hotel, 285 Great Eastern Highway, Belmont. From 12:00 noon to 2:15pm you'll enjoy a two-course Christmas Lunch, great mates and the customary raffles. The photo booth will also be there if you would like a memento of the occasion. Recognizing the tightness of everyone's budgets this year, we have kept the ticket price at last year's $60.00 per person. To book your seat, please contact ECHO on 9271 7011. Speak to RJ or Reception to secure your place.





## ECHO's Direct Scheduling Line

**6289 3148**

8.00am to 4.30pm
Monday to Friday

For easy connection to ECHO staff who can answer queries about your schedule of services – including the temporary need to reschedule or cancel a service – please call our Direct Scheduling Line.

# Celebrating the less visible Carers

**Carers' Week in Western Australia this year runs from 11 to 17 October.**

ECHO wants to recognise the approximately 320,000 people in WA who provide unpaid care and support for a family member or friend.

ECHO's paid staff often complement the unpaid care and support of our client's family members or friends.

That is, we work in partnership with the client and their carers to provide an environment that enables the older person to continue to live independently at home.

Many carers have been supporting older people for a significant number of years.

Family members or friends make sacrifices in their lives to live with and support their parents, siblings or friends.

It's a sacrifice that is often not recognised.

The theme for 2026 Carers' Week is **Care for a Carer: Making Carers Visible**.

Providing care and support for an older person at home is a 'team effort', and we would like to pay tribute to those carers in the homes of clients and participants we serve.

We couldn't do it without you.


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