



Home for the Aged



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For any assistance at all, please call the Kaloma office directly on 46711 422; email us at DON.FM@kaloma.org.au or call for an appointment; or just drop in and see us.

Tenneille Aguilar, Director of Nursing/Facility Manager, Kaloma Home for the Aged

Access for Financially Disadvantaged Persons

Everyone is welcome at Kaloma irrespective of financial means. Full pensioners with no assets are able to access a room at Kaloma for a basic daily fee and no lump sum. Admission to Kaloma is not based on your ability to pay a lot of money in a lump sum.

For those older adults who have the 'income and assets to pay' the government will determine if you are eligible to pay a refundable accommodation deposit or not. The following explains what each fee/cost may be applicable. I encourage everyone to phone Kaloma and speak to the Director of Nursing/Facility Manager or our finance assistant if you require more information.

RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE - PERMANENT

Refundable Accommodation Deposit and Fees

All 80 bedrooms have ensuites and come with a television and small fridge, some rooms may have individual outdoor access.

Kaloma's current bed prices are;

1. \$400,000 (24.5 - 26 square metre rooms)
2. \$450,000 (28 square metre rooms) - additional shelving, writing desk
3. \$550,000 (42 square metres rooms) with a sitting room and small kitchenette.

If you are assessed as not having the means to pay a RAD then all you pay is the basic daily care fee set by the government .

The bed price is called a Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD) and is dependent upon your income and assets which are assessed by CentreLink or Dept Veterans Affairs. If you are required to pay a RAD there are a number of options as to how you pay it. You have the right to make the decision not to disclose your income and assets to the Australian Government however this will impact your means tested care fee (see below).

A Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD) can be paid in full as a lump sum; as a Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP) or as a combination of both ie part lump sum and part DAP (refer to table below).

The daily accommodation payment (DAP) is calculated on the outstanding amount of RAD and the maximum permissible interest rate (MPIR) set by the Department of Health. Currently this interest rate is set at from 1st April 2023 is 7.46%. This interest rate is reviewed quarterly. The current interest rate you are admitted with stays with

you for the whole time you are at Kaloma and doesn't change regardless if a new schedule of charges is released by the government.

If you select a room with a bed price of \$400,000 and pay a lump sum of \$200,000, then you will be required to pay interest on the outstanding \$200,000 which will be deducted from the lump sum you have paid. You can pay the balance at any time as a lump sum and cease paying interest. Kaloma's Board has taken the decision to deduct these sums from the lump sum to ensure that you are not put under financial pressure to find money every month which can be a more secure and affordable option depending on the person and their circumstances.

Residents have 28 days from the date of admission to make the decision as to the payment option for refundable accommodation deposit (RAD) if they have the assets to pay one. However, interest is payable from the date of admission.

All incoming residents must be left with assets of \$57,000 before assessable to pay a RAD. The Australian government (not Kaloma) makes the assessment of your income and assets to determine if you have to pay a RAD or not. You will not be asked to pay a RAD if CentreLink/Veterans Affairs assess you as not having the means to do so.

The My Aged Care website and Kaloma's website www.kaloma.org.au state Kaloma's RADs and payment options. On this site there is a calculator that you can use to determine what you may be expected to pay upon entering permanent residential aged care.

If your assets are below \$193,219.20 then you will be deemed by government to be a 'low means' resident. Please check the My Aged Care and CentreLink websites for further information. If 'low means', then different rules apply and you may only have to pay your assets less \$57,000 or a daily accommodation contribution amount (DAC for short)

The balance of the RAD (or what is remaining) is repaid within 14 days of receipt by Kaloma of the Grant of Probate or notification of a Solicitor appointed to manage the Will.

Basic Daily Care Fee

Is currently \$58.98 per day for residential care permanent and respite. The Department of Health and Aged Care reviews the fees and supplements in March and September annually. Every resident pays a Basic Daily Care Fee which is invoiced monthly in advance regardless of their financial means.

Means Tested Care Fee

A means tested care fee is a type of tax collected by the government. The amount is based on your combined income and assets and is assessed by CentreLink or Dept Veterans Affairs, and essentially a contribution to your cost of care.

The current indexed annual cap is \$31,706.83 and will apply to a resident's means tested contribution to their care costs. The lifetime cap is \$76,096.50. Once you reach your annual cap you will not recommence further payments until the anniversary of your admission. This figure includes any income tested fees you may have paid if you have been a home care package client with any service including Kaloma.

Kaloma has no input into setting this fee and is paid on by Kaloma to the Australian government. It may be 4-6 weeks from the time of admission that you will be advised of the means tested fee amount you will be required to pay. We urge you to have this assessment completed prior to admission to Kaloma if at all possible. However, your admission will not be delayed if you have not.

CentreLink determines that the first asset free area to be \$57,000.

Your principle place of residence is counted as an asset if you live alone or live with a person who is 'not protected' under the legislation. Your home is not considered an asset if it is occupied by a protected person, which includes for example, a spouse or a person living in the home for 2 years if they are your carer and on a means tested pension. If it is your parent, sibling or grandchild then if they have lived there for 5 years and are eligible for a means tested support payment it may also be protected

Residential Respite (temporary / holiday care in Kaloma)

The only fee payable is the basic daily care fee for respite care which is temporary care. Legislation permits you to have 63 days cumulative in a financial year. If you are under Veterans Affairs - if you contact them prior to your respite booking, then it may be possible for up to 28 days of your respite stay to be funded by Veterans Affairs. It is your personal responsibility to contact Dept Veterans Affairs to apply for funded respite, not Kaloma's. Respite extensions can be applied for under extenuating circumstances. If you feel at any time you wish to extend respite please let us know so we can facilitate this if we can.

Standard entry arrangements for new residents are as below:

Assessment by Dept Human Services	Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD)	Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP)	Basic Daily Care Fee
Fully Supported residents as determined by Dept Health - full pensioner with assets under \$57,000	Nil	Nil	\$56.87 and unlikely to pay a means tested care fee
With assets \$57,000 – \$193,219.20	As determined by Dept Human Services	As determined by Dept Human Services	\$58.98 plus a means tested care fee
With assets \$193,219.20 and above for residents selecting a \$400,000 room.	Left with \$57,000 assets - to pay bed price RAD of \$400,000	\$81.75 per day if no lump sum paid. If lump sum paid then DAP calculated on outstanding balance of \$400,000	\$58.98 plus a means tested care fee

NB: the means tested care fee is set by the Australian Government. We urge you to seek financial advice to determine what costs you will be required to pay.

3. Your choice of option to suit you

Check with your financial advisor and/or CentreLink as to the best option for your own situation.

Residents can opt to pay additional lump sums later if preferred. The Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP) will reduce accordingly. The DAP is payable while ever the resident lives in the aged care home. There will be no limit on the time frame for the DAP. The daily accommodation payment (DAP) is deducted monthly from any lump sum payment or monthly via invoice if you elect not to pay a lump sum deposit.

Example: Payment Options for the Refundable Accommodation Deposit of \$400,000

Kaloma's room prices vary from \$400,000, \$450,000 and \$550,000 (lounge room, kitchenette)

MPIR 7.46% (set by Australian gov't) and reviewed quarterly. When admitted you retain the same interest rate at the time of permanent admission.

Calculation *ROUNDED AMOUNTS*

RAD - Lump sum deposit x MPIR % ÷ 365 days = DAP

Examples	RAD	Lump sum RAD payment	Daily DAP	Annual DAP	RAD Refund Year 1 \$	RAD Refund Year 2 \$	RAD Refund Year 3 \$	RAD Refund Year 4 \$
Option 1	\$400,000	Pay in Full	\$0	\$0	\$400,000	Pay in Full	\$0	\$0
Option 2	\$400,000	\$300,000	\$20.44	\$7460	\$292540	\$285080	\$277620	\$270160
Option 3	\$400,000	\$200,000	\$40.88	\$14920	\$185080	\$170160	\$155240	\$140320
Option 4	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$61.32	\$22380	\$77620	\$55240	\$32860	\$10480
Option 5	\$400,000	\$0						

Additional Services

Additional services to all residents. Services are based on cost recovery. Menu Choices cost \$15.00 per day; Beer/Wine with meal \$4.00 and Staff Assistance to appointments if family unable to \$52.00 per hour. Kaloma expects that residents opting for Menu Choices that this will be an ongoing additional service, not a day by day, due to the need to order food. Additional services are provided only when a resident/representative elects to opt-in to this. If you wish to have a service provided to you eg. massage or beauty therapy to name a few then please just ask at Reception.

Dementia Care

Kaloma has an 18-bed secure dementia unit called Brigalow Wing which is staffed by well trained and devoted staff experienced in the care of older adults with dementia. Not all residents who have dementia require Brigalow Wing, particularly if the person is not at risk of wandering away from Kaloma, but we work with family if the need is identified that Brigalow Wing will best suit the resident's emotional needs with a higher staffing ratio and longer hours of Lifestyle Support. There is no additional cost to residing in Brigalow Wing.

HOME CARE - IN YOUR OWN HOME

The goal of in-home care in your own home is to support you to stay in your own home for as long as possible. The cost of home care to the client is set by the Department of Health and the My Aged Care allocation of level of package.

The basic daily care fee for the consumer as below:

- Level 1 \$ 10.88
- Level 2 \$ 11.50
- Level 3 \$ 11.83
- Level 4 \$ 12.14

Fees are charged monthly in advance. Kaloma does have the capacity to waive the basic daily care fee on application due to financial hardship.

Income Tested Fees may be payable for part and non-pensioners. This is in addition to the care fee. This is a tax Kaloma is required to collect on behalf of the government and is not negotiable as these funds are deducted by government subsidy from the subsidy paid to Kaloma.

- Part Pensioner may be required to pay up to \$6341.32 per annum or \$17.42 daily
- Non-pensioners may be required to pay up to \$126829.70 per annum or \$34.84 daily.

Home care services are based on a budget which each client/representative is provided with on a monthly basis. Unspent funds accrue with any monies unspent

returned to government. The home care program is based on a budget and is subsidised by the Australian Government at differing levels dependent on what level of home care package the Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) has assessed you at. You determine what support and services you require to meet your needs on the home care program - this is called Consumer Directed Care.

Government determines that there are four levels of support which it describes as:

- Home Care Level 1 – basic care needs
- Home Care Level 2 – low level care needs
- Home Care Level 3 – intermediate care needs
- Home Care Level 4 – high care needs

Level 1 is funded by government at \$25.15 per day

Level 2 is funded by government at \$44.24 per day

Level 3 is funded by government at \$96.27 per day

Level 4 is funded by government at \$145.94 per day

Please also note that the Home Care is income tested fee relates only to Home Care and the Means Tested Care Fee relates only to Residential Permanent.

NB: It is important to note that any income tested fees paid on a home care package are deducted by government from your permanent resident fees and lifetime cap.

Centrelink and Financial Advice

We strongly recommend that you seek financial advice on the best ways to arrange your means tested care fee, refundable accommodation deposit and daily accommodation payments and if home care then your income tested fee.

We encourage you to discuss your personal situation and fees queries with the free services of the Department of Human Services Financial Information Service – details as follows,

Department of Human Services' Financial Information Service (FIS)

Ask for a Financial Information Services Officer **telephone 132 300**

Financial Advisers and Accountants

Whilst we do not provide recommendations on financial advisors, below is a list of financial planners and accountants who do business in Goondiwindi.

ANZ Goondiwindi
74 Marshall Street
Goondiwindi. Qld. 4390
Phone: (07) 46714 812 for appointments with financial planner

Commonwealth Bank
88 Marshall Street, Goondiwindi. Qld. 4390
Phone: (07) 46711755 for appointments with financial planner

Crowe Horwath
24 McLean Street, Goondiwindi. Qld. 4390
Phone: (07) 46391 277 or 46712100 for appointments with financial planner

Insight Business and Financial Services
139 Marshall Street, Goondiwindi. Qld. 4390
Telephone: (07) 46710 711 for appointments with financial planner

National Bank
140 Marshall Street, Goondiwindi. Qld. 4390
Telephone: 132265 for appointments with financial planner

Stone Amos Accountants
142 Marshall Street, Goondiwindi. Qld. 4390
Telephone: (07) 46712266

Suncorp
102 Marshall Street, Goondiwindi.
Telephone: for appointments 131155 (ask for investment funds) then for appointments with financial planner

Westpac
133 Marshall Street, Goondiwindi. Qld. 4390
Phone: (07) 46711 022 for appointments with financial planner

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