

Home and Community Care
Centre of Excellence

Care is coming home

Australia's health and care system is undergoing a fundamental shift.

Care is moving beyond hospitals and traditional care settings and into people's homes, communities, and digital and virtual environments.

An ageing population is placing increased pressure on our health and care system, while many people want to remain living independently at home for as long as possible.

At the same time, digital technologies, telehealth, artificial intelligence, and smart home systems are rapidly changing what high-quality care looks like and the skills needed to deliver it. Our workforce, training systems and care models need to keep pace.

Holmesglen Institute's **Home and Community Care Centre of Excellence** is helping to shape what comes next. It is a national initiative bringing together education, industry, research and technology to accelerate the adoption of innovative home and community care solutions and build the skilled workforce needed to deliver high-quality care at home.

The $20.6 million Centre is a joint initiative of the Australian and Victorian governments under the 2024–2028 National Skills Agreement and is part of a nationally connected network of TAFE Centres of Excellence.

Scale of Change...

500,000+
paid aged care workers across residential and home care in 2023.

1,820,000
people projected to require home care by 2044.

2,500,000
Australians are expected to require some form of aged care by 2050, compared with approximately 1.5 million today.

400,000
additional workers may be required by 2050 to meet future aged care demand and quality expectations.

67,100+
jobs by 2035. The largest employment increase of any occupation in Australia.

Sources: Statistic 1. AIHW workforce survey. 2. AIHW aged care sector financial/demand projections. 3. CEDA. 4. CEDA.

About the Home and Community Care Centre of Excellence

The Home and Community Care Centre of Excellence is reimagining best practice in home and community care and preparing the workforce for the future. Based at Holmesglen's Moorabbin campus, the Centre will translate innovation, research and emerging technology into practical training and new ways of working.

Through its Smart Home Living Lab and Virtual Smart Home, the Centre will provide practical and simulated learning environments where learners, educators, industry and researchers can explore new technologies and care models, test what works and support their adoption.

Through its work, the Centre will build workforce skills, strengthen care services and improve the experience of people receiving care at home.

Delivering benefits across the care system

- More choice, independence and confidence for people who wish to remain at home
- A workforce with contemporary skills, stronger career pathways and greater confidence using digital and assistive technologies
- Training that keeps pace with changing care needs
- An environment to test, validate and integrate new and emerging technologies
- Stronger links between research, technology, training and care delivery.

Smart Home Living Lab and Virtual Smart Home

These purpose-built, real-world and simulated environments will bring together learners, educators, industry and researchers to explore adaptive technology, remote-care tools and automation, and how they can support safer, more independent living.



Message from Mary Faraone, Chief Executive, Holmesglen

"At Holmesglen, we are proud to be shaping the future of home and community care. Holmesglen's expertise in care, home construction, applied research and vocational education means we are uniquely placed to build the skilled workforce Australia needs."



Message from Fleur Goulding, Strategic Lead, Home and Community Care Centre of Excellence, Holmesglen

"As more Australians choose to live independently at home for longer, we need to prepare the workforce for new ways to deliver care. The Home and Community Care Centre of Excellence will bring together the care, education, research and technology sectors to build the skills, evidence and confidence needed to shape what comes next."

Be part of what's next

Connect with the Home and Community Care Centre of Excellence and help shape the future of home and community care.

Explore our work, follow the latest news, and discover opportunities to collaborate and get involved.

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