

The Continenence Foundation of Australia's Review of the Federal Budget

Aged Care

\$468.3 million over 5 years from 2021-22 to further implement the Government's response to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, to improve transparency and regulatory standards and continue ongoing reforms announced in the 2021-22 Budget.

- \$5.4 million in 2022-23 to continue consultation on the design of the wider aged care reforms, including a new regulatory framework for the *Support at Home Program*.
- \$20.1 million over 3 years from 2022-23 to complete implementation of the Australian National Aged Care Classification (AN-ACC) and support the transition of facilities to the new funding model over a 2-year period.
- \$345.7 million over 4 years from 2022-23 to improve the administration of medication management for residential aged care residents
- \$22.1 million over 3 years from 2022-23 to establish a fund and invite states and territories to put forward proposals to trial new models of multidisciplinary outreach care for residents in residential aged care facilities
- \$18.3 million over 2 years from 2021-22 to extend arrangements for the third-party Quality Assessor surge workforce to conduct residential aged care site audits.
- \$32.8 million over 4 years from 2022-23 (and \$2.8 million per year ongoing) to provide additional clinical placements for students in the care and support sectors and to expand the *Rural Health Multidisciplinary Training* program to 5 new aged care demonstration sites
- \$10.8 million in 2022-23 for the Cross-Agency Taskforce on Regulatory Alignment to implement the next stage of regulatory reforms across the aged, disability and veterans' care sectors
- \$6.9 million over 3 years from 2022-23 to support co-operatives and other collaborative business models access the aged, disability and veterans' care sectors. The Business Council of Co-operatives and Mutuals will be funded to support the start-up and development of cooperative and mutual enterprises and deliver business resources and professional support.
- \$6.1 million in 2022-23 to extend the aged care system regional stewardship outreach model for a further 6 months to 31 December 2022 to strengthen governance of the aged care system.

The Government will provide an additional \$458.1 million over 5 years from 2021-22 to support older Australians in the aged care sector with managing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Health workforce

- \$150.3 million to support medical training in regional and rural Australia.
- Continued support for aeromedical services for rural and remote communities, providing over \$55.0 million to support the operation of service providers

Scholarships for Medical Workforce

\$14.9 million over 2 years from 2022-23 to provide additional scholarships for the medical workforce. Funding includes:

- \$13.9 million over 2 years from 2022-23 to continue and expand the number of health scholarships offered under the Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme by up to 150 additional places a year
- \$1.0 million in 2022-23 to provide a matching co-contribution to the Australian College for Nursing for 21 new scholarships for nurses seeking to develop their leadership skills.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resources of the Department of Health.

Rural health

- An additional \$632.8 million, including \$296.5 million for the related measures within the 10 Year Stronger Rural Health Strategy, bringing the total investment in primary care to \$1.7 billion.
- \$99.3 million, to build training and education opportunities in rural regions. The Government will increase by 80 the number of medical Commonwealth Supported Places available at rural campuses.
- \$36.2 million to establish two new University Departments of Rural Health (UDRH) in the South West (Edith Cowan University) and Goldfields (Curtin University) regions of Western Australia.
- \$14.8 million to support Charles Sturt University to deliver a Rural Clinical School.
- support for the National Rural Health Students Network of Rural Health Clubs with \$2.1 million over four years.
- This will further expand the Rural Health and Medical Training (RHMT) program, which currently has a national network of 19 Rural Clinical Schools, 17 UDRHs and 26 hubs. This expansion will see more than \$152.5 million invested in both medical and health education and training by our universities across regional Australia over the next four years.
- \$1 million as a matching co-contribution for the Bullwinkel Scholars, establishing 21 scholarships through the Australian College of Nursing, which will support nurses seeking to further their professional development in leadership.

Women's Health Strategy

- \$1.6 million over 4 years from 2022-23 to establish a National Advisory Council for Women's Health to evaluate and monitor the implementation of the Strategy
- \$1.6 million over 3 years from 2022-23 to extend the Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health – Mothers and their Children's Health survey.

Medical research

Committing a further \$1.3 billion under the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) Ten Year Investment Plan. The updated \$6.3 billion MRFF Ten Year Plan will provide research funding across the following themes:

- \$2.1 billion over 10 years from 2022-23, representing a further \$604.8 million, for medical translation to support medical discoveries become part of medical practice
- \$1.5 billion over 10 years from 2022-23, representing a further \$114.9 million, for medical research to help researchers tackle significant challenges through investment, leadership, and collaboration

- \$1.4 billion over 10 years from 2022-23, representing a further \$117.4 million, to support patients by funding innovative treatments, supporting clinical trials, and delivering more advanced health care and medical technology
- \$1.3 billion over 10 years from 2022-23, representing a further \$495.4 million, for medical researchers to make breakthrough discoveries, develop their skills and progress their careers in Australia.

Provisions for disbursement from the MRFF and the BTF have already been provided for by the Government.