



Newsletter

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Editor's Note

Welcome to the instalment of the HMInfo Newsletter for the period May - June 2025. While typically these newsletters focus more specifically on home mods, the sector is experiencing a lot of change related to the new Aged Care Act, Support at Home and CHSP, and as such are a key point of focus for this quarterly update.

As a team we also want to share with you the exciting news that one of our previous HMInfo researchers has been promoted to Professor. Congratulations Professor Phillippa Carnemolla! Professor Carnemolla has made valuable contributions to the field of home modifications, as well as more broadly to inclusive and accessible design. Her paper related to residential aged care for people living with a mental health condition can be found [here](#) and her paper on how home modifications reduce care needs can be found [here](#).

NEW HMInfo RESOURCES

Speaking of research papers, we have some exciting new resources coming your way, so check your emails for our regular news bulletins for those and other fresh home mods news.

[Download resources from the HMInfo website](#)

The potential adoption of the [Livable Housing Design Standard](#) remains a [hot topic in NSW](#) you can see what industry is saying about it in our round up [here](#).

The team is also busy preparing more extensive social media content to help us get information about home modifications and inclusive and accessible design out to a broader audience. Keep an eye out for us when you are scrolling.

Our updates to existing resources in line with changes to building codes is ongoing, we are excited to be able to revisit some old favourites and share them with you all again. See our [April 2025 Newsletter](#) for more information about those updates.

HMInfo Director Professor Catherine Bridge has a new Book Chapter on "Home modification and Universal Design" in *Occupational Therapy for People Experiencing Illness, Injury or Impairment, 8th Edition*.

Consumer Factsheet: Staying safe during a flood

Unfortunately, due to adverse weather events this year, our consumer factsheet related to flooding and storms remains pertinent.

[Download this resource from the HMInfo website](#)



Changes to key Regulations, Grants and Policy related to home modifications.

As most of you will be aware, the new Aged Care Act has been deferred until the 1st November 2025. This has implications for the Support at Home program and for the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) (CHSP transition starting from July 1st 2025), including changes to budget caps for home modifications and consumer contributions. During this time of transition and change, there have been a number of changes to the information and documents associated with those changes. As such, the links below provide a round up of the most recent versions for anyone who is still unsure as to the current state of play. Please note that further supplementary documents are expected sometime in October.

The start of the new Aged Care Act and aged care reforms

<https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/aged-care-reforms>

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/new-aged-care-act-to-start-from-1-november?language=en>

<https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/aged-care-act>

About the new Aged Care Act

<https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/aged-care-act/about>

Preparing for the new Aged Care Act

<https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/aged-care-act/prepare>

Regulation and oversight for the new Aged Care Act

<https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/aged-care-act/regulation>

Support at Home

<https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/support-at-home>

Feedback on the Support at Home funding arrangements

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/feedback-on-the-support-at-home-funding-arrangements?language=en>

Support at Home manual

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/support-at-home-program-manual-version-3-a-guide-for-registered-providers>

Support at Home provider transition guide

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/support-at-home-program-provider-transition-guide>

Single assessment system

<https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/single-assessment-system>

New regulatory Model for CHSP under the new Aged Care Act

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/the-new-regulatory-model-guidance-for-chsp-providers>

Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) From July 1st 2025 – Sector readiness – Webinar Recording

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/webinars/commonwealth-home-support-programme-chsp-sector-readiness-webinar>

Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) service catalogue 2025–27

This document shows the types of services provided as part of the CHSP for 2025–27.

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/chsp-service-catalogue-2025-27>

Other RESOURCES

Falls Guidelines 2025

The recently published new report on falls by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care includes recommendations on falls prevention. You can find the Falls Guidelines 2025 and report here:

<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/falls-prevention>

EVENTS

UNSW-Tsinghua Collaborative

Professor Bridge recently gave a Presentation and Question and Answer session with UNSW-Tsinghua Collaborative regarding the work of the Home Modification Clearinghouse as a part of an Age friendly research Grant project a partnership with UNSW and Tsinghua university.

Access Consultants Association's National Conference

This year the focus of the Access Consultants Association's National Conference will be Universal Design - Inclusive Futures. CPD points are available.

Dates: Mon 13 Oct 2025 12:00 AM - Tue 14 Oct 2025 11:00 PM

Location: Melbourne Town Hall

<https://access.asn.au/conference/>

Public Accessibility for Neurodiversity in Sydney Exhibition

One of our researchers Dr Maximilienne Whitby is part of the research team conducting an exploration of how neurodivergent adults experience public places and spaces in Sydney through a grant funded by the City of Sydney. The preliminary research will be exhibited at UNSW and at the University of Sydney in August. Check out our [news and events](#) section on HMInfo website for more details (coming soon) of the exhibition and other exciting events related to inclusive and accessible design.

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