



About Mackellar Alkira

Located in the heart of Gunnedah, on the rich Liverpool Plains, McLean Care Mackellar Alkira is a 41-bed residential aged care home offering personalised support in a peaceful, community just 75 kilometres from Tamworth.

At Mackellar Alkira, you'll experience the warmth and familiarity of a smaller care home, where every resident is known, valued, and supported as an individual. Our team includes experienced Registered Nurses, Aged Care Employees, Lifestyle, Hospitality and Maintenance staff — all committed to delivering care that reflects your needs, preferences and daily choices.

Guided by McLean Care's vision to "*Enrich Experiences Beyond all Boundaries*," we take pride in creating a safe, supportive environment that promotes dignity, independence and wellbeing. Whether you're enjoying a quiet moment in the garden, sharing a laugh with our team, or participating in meaningful activities, Mackellar Alkira is a place you can truly call home.

Facility Features

- ✓ Fresh home-cooked meals daily
- ✓ In-house laundry service
- ✓ Facility bus for outings and community activities
- ✓ Landscaped gardens and outdoor spaces
- ✓ Multi-purpose room for events and gatherings
- ✓ Church services for spiritual wellbeing
- ✓ Smoke-free environment

Accommodation Options

Mackellar Alkira offers a single, well-designed room type that provides comfort, privacy, and accessibility, all in a peaceful, homelike setting. Each room is thoughtfully furnished and positioned for easy access to indoor and outdoor communal areas.

Private Room with Ensuite (~14.6m²)

Spacious and light-filled, each private room at Mackellar Alkira is designed to offer a balance of comfort and independence, with views and access to surrounding gardens.

Room features:

- Private ensuite with shower, grab rails, toilet, and vanity
- Generous layout with space for personal items
- Quality furnishings and homely décor
- Proximity to shared lounge, dining and activity areas
- A warm and inviting atmosphere that feels like home



ALL ROOMS FEATURE



Single occupancy



Private ensuite with toilet, shower, vanity and grab rails



Nurse call system in both bedroom and ensuite



Electronic adjustable bed with pressure-relieving mattress



Individually controlled reverse-cycle air conditioning



High-quality curtains and bedding



Wide doorways and vinyl flooring for ease of movement



Bedside table and fitted wardrobe with lockable storage



Direct access to gardens, courtyards or outdoor areas



Pet-friendly rooms (by negotiation)



McLean Care Mackellar Alkira

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Accommodation Pricing

Your aged care fees are determined by your individual financial circumstances. The Department of Human Services (DHS) assesses your income and assets to determine what you may need to contribute. You may be asked to pay one or more of the following fees:



Basic Daily Care Fee (BDCF)

Covers everyday living costs such as meals, cleaning, power, and laundry. For some residents, this is the only fee payable.



Accommodation Payment

Covers the cost of your accommodation and can be paid as a lump sum, called a Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD), or as a Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP). Depending on your financial assessment, the Australian Government may pay some or all of this cost on your behalf.



Hotelling Supplement

Helps cover the cost of hotel-style services such as catering, cleaning, and gardening. This supplement applies to some residents entering care from 1 November 2025, based on their income and asset assessment. DHS will advise if this applies to you and the amount payable.



Non-Clinical Care Contribution (NCCC)

Covers the cost of services such as bathing, mobility assistance, and lifestyle activities. This fee applies to some residents entering care from 1 November 2025, based on their income and asset assessment. DHS will advise if this applies to you and the amount payable.

For residents entering Residential Aged Care from 1 November 2025:

- Those choosing to pay a **Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD)** will incur a 2% per year retention amount, for a maximum of five years, on the balance.
- Those choosing to pay a **Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP)** will have the amount indexed twice a year at a rate determined by DHS in line with pension increases.

For more information on these changes commencing 1 November 2025, please visit the Department of Health, Disability and Aged Care website.

Payment Options

There are several ways to pay for your accommodation. You can choose the option that best suits your financial situation:

- **Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD):**
A lump sum payment, fully refundable (less any applicable retention) when you leave care.

Single room with ensuite: \$600,000
- **Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP):**
A daily payment calculated based on the RAD and current MPIR: \$125.10 per day
- **Combination Payment: A mix of RAD and DAP: For example:**
 - 50% RAD (\$300,000) + 50% DAP (\$62.55 per day)
- **RAD with Drawdown:** For example, a RAD of \$300,000 with a daily drawdown equivalent to \$62.55 in DAP charges, calculated at an interest rate of 7.61% per annum.

Note: The Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP) is calculated using the Maximum Permissible Interest Rate (MPIR) set by the government. As of October 2025, the MPIR is 7.61% per annum, but this rate is updated quarterly. Please visit the Australian Government Department of Health website for the most current rates.

You may pay your accommodation as:

- A full RAD (lump sum)
- A full DAP (daily payment, billed monthly)
- A combination of both
- A drawdown from the RAD to cover DAP costs

If you move to a different room within the facility, your Residential Care Agreement will be updated to reflect the pricing of the new room. The Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP) will be recalculated using the Maximum Permissible Interest Rate (MPIR) that applies on the date of your updated agreement.

Leisure and Lifestyle Activities

More than just a place to live, McLean Care's residential aged care homes support you to thrive, connect, and enjoy life your way.

Whether you love gardening, cooking, arts and crafts, music, or a friendly round of trivia, there's always something happening to keep you active and engaged. We also enjoy outings, celebrations, and community events that bring fun and friendship to every day.

We take the time to get to know each resident — your interests, hobbies, and what's important to you, including any cultural or religious traditions you'd like to celebrate. This helps us create activities and experiences that are personally meaningful and inclusive for everyone.



Join our community

At Mackellar Alkira, we believe aged care should feel personal, comfortable and connected. Our smaller size means we can offer a more intimate and supportive environment where every resident is known by name and cared for like family. Whether you're seeking permanent care or just beginning to explore your options, we invite you to visit Alkira, meet our dedicated team, and experience the calm and welcoming atmosphere for yourself. We look forward to welcoming you into our close-knit community.