

COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT TO SUPPORT THE SENIORS
OF BELL AND DALBY DISTRICTS

A friendly reminder about Extra Service Time

As we settle into the new Support at Home program, we'd like to remind everyone about an important change to how your services are managed.

Please remember that asking your support worker or gardener to stay longer or do "just one small job" without approval may delay payment to the worker.

If you feel you need extra time on a regular basis, please contact your Care Coordinator. They will review your Support at Home budget with you and discuss whether additional time can be included in your service plan.

Carefully managing your budget helps make sure your funding lasts throughout the year so you can continue receiving the services you need.

We understand that sometimes you may need a little extra help, and we're always happy to work with you to find the best solution. A quick call to your Care Co-ordinator before requesting additional time will help everything run smoothly.

Every client's circumstances are different, and we know that your support needs can change from time to time. By discussing any additional requests with your Care Co-ordinator first, we can review your current services, and explain how the extra time may affect your budget and explore the best options for meeting your needs. In many cases, a small adjustment to your service schedule or plan may be all that's needed to provide the extra assistance you require while staying within your approved budget. Our goal is to help you make the most of your funding so you can continue receiving quality support when you need it most.

Our team is committed to providing the flexible, high quality support while making the best use of your available funding. If you are ever unsure about whether a request can be accommodated, please don't hesitate to contact your Care Co-ordinator. We're here to answer your questions and help you make informed decisions about your services.

Thank you for your understanding and working with us as we continue to provide the best possible support.



We Recognise The Challenges of Country Living & are Committed to Helping Local Seniors Get Better Value Care.

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BELL CARES EVENTS & DATE CLAIMERS

Bush Christmas

Celebrating 30 YEARS IN 2026

Bell Cares is planning two trips to the Bush Christmas Event in Toowoomba

Buy an original gift from Australian artisans

Dates:

Wednesday 18th November

Tuesday 24th November

Bell pick up 8.30am - outside the Bell Cares Office

Dalby pick-up 9.15 - Pratten St next to Thomas Jack Park

Cost \$125

Speak to your Care Co-ordinator to discuss your budget

AUGUST 2026 BELL

Thursday, 6th August
10:00am

Social Morning Tea

at Pips'N'Cherries
15 Ensor Street, Bell

DALBY

Thursday, 20th August
10:00am

Social Morning Tea

at Urban Paddock
138 Cunningham St, Dalby

SEPTEMBER BELL

Thursday, 3rd September
10:00am

Social Morning Tea

at Pips'N'Cherries
15 Ensor Street, Bell

DALBY

Thursday, 17 September
10:00am

Social Morning Tea

at Urban Paddock
138 Cunningham St, Dalby

OCTOBER 2026 BELL

Thursday, 1 October
10:00am

Social Morning Tea

at Pips'N'Cherries
15 Ensor Street, Bell

DALBY

Thursday, 15 October
10:00am

Social Morning Tea

at Urban Paddock
138 Cunningham St, Dalby

YOUR HOME - YOUR WAY - YOUR CHOICE

KEEPING UP WITH EVENTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY



Chair Yoga
at the Bell RSL Hall

every Wednesday, 9:00am - 9:45am
(PN. Sessions will resume after Easter, 22nd April)

Cost - \$10.00 per person

Contact Wendy for details 0428 686 754

Follow Paddock to Mat Yoga on Facebook to be kept
up-to-date with class details



DALBY STATE SCHOOL'S
Creekside Markets
SEPTEMBER 5th 2026

save the date
SHOW AND SHINE
Supporting Dalby State School P&C

September 5th 2026
Dalby Showgrounds
Gates open 8am-3pm Setup from 5am

FOR ENTRIES CONTACT:
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Bell Community GARDEN



We Need Your Help!!

Are you interested in lending a hand to help revive our Community Garden at the Bell Bunya Community Centre? Together, we can achieve so much more!

Whether you can spare an hour to help or donate items to help re-establish the garden, we'd love your support. We are looking for things like seedling pots, seeds, chook manure, compost materials, earthworms, or anything you can contribute.

A little bit of help can go a long way, and we hope to grow fresh produce for our community to enjoy.
Let's work together to bring our garden back to life! 🌱

**For information, please phone Cathy 0413 220 104
or email: bellcommunitygarden@pm.me**

Dalby Chamber of Commerce & Industry

2026-2027
Year Ahead
EVENING

Wednesday 5th August
Russell Tavern
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Join us to hear about upcoming initiatives and opportunities in Dalby for the year ahead

Members: \$25
Non-Members \$35

Contact Dalby Chamber for tickets at:
membership@dalbychamber.com.au



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to be kept up to
date on our events

YOUR HOME - YOUR WAY - YOUR CHOICE

How we're tracking

103

People receiving Co-ordination & in-home support

50

Local people employed through the project



Find us on 

To keep up-to-date on upcoming events, follow us on Facebook or email us at accounts@bellcares.com.au to be added to our email list.

The Last Word

Just when we thought that life had become hectic during the June/July period it seems as though it doesn't quite stop. You will all know by now that Danielle has finally retired and is taking a period of much needed leave to rest and recharge. We wish her well and there is no doubt that she is missed by myself and our wider client base.

But life changes, businesses change and we all have to adapt to the changes.

We now have **Sue Fraser** and **Tracy Fullagar** as our Care Coordinators. They are both here four days per week. They come from different career backgrounds - Sue from Aged Care and Tracy from Finance. They each bring their own unique skills to Bell Cares. As you can imagine, it's taking them a while to get up to speed with putting faces to all the names – workers AND clients – so please be patient with them.

They're both doing a great job.

Karla Willis has also joined our team. I call her our 'wedding planner' but she is actually going to be the person who sorts our social events, as well as assisting Sue and Tracy with admin overflow. Karla will be working 2 days per week at this stage.

I'll be heading off on another road trip in September and will be away for a month. In future, I'll be spending less time in the office and more time on the road, continuing to mentor and advocate for remote and rural communities, as I've always done. Aged care has become overwhelmingly more difficult, while the need in the bush remains enormous.

My advice to you and your families is simple: don't wait until you think support is urgently needed before seeking an assessment. Start the process sooner, as wait times are horrendous and, in my opinion, are not likely to improve anytime soon.

We enjoyed the day at Dalby Bowls Club on Thursday 30 July, though I was disappointed that some who RSVP'd yes didn't attend. It makes catering difficult and is discourteous, so please call if your plans change. We'll keep offering social events where possible and hope to partner with other community events in future—stay tuned for Karla's ideas.

I know some people were disappointed that our next Dalby morning tea will be at Urban Paddock, but our options in Dalby are limited. We can't book out a venue and then have few people attend, as that isn't fair on the business owner. Urban Paddock should work well: come if you'd like, order what you want, find a seat, and enjoy a chat with friends. They'll reserve the space to the right of the counter, which comfortably seats 30–40 people, with easy ramp and disabled parking access and great food. I hope you'll give it a try – we're looking forward to it.

Lesley x