



Merry Christmas
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**AAG NT AWARD 2017 for
Outstanding Contribution to Gerontology in the Northern Territory
Goes to:**

Elaine Carmody from TEAMhealth – Elaine is the Team Leader for Home Care Packages with TEAMhealth Darwin.



Elaine is pictured here between Tanya Payne (TEAMhealth) and Judy Ratajec (NT AAG) receiving her award at a recent NT AAG breakfast meeting. Elaine also received \$500 and a years membership to AAG.

The NT AAG division congratulated Elaine on her nomination and award acknowledging her long term commitment to aged clients in the NT as part of the Top End Association for Mental Health Inc.

NT AAG also acknowledged Caroline Phillips for her long term contribution to aged care services in the NT with a special mention award following her nomination. Caroline is pictured receiving her certificate from Judy Ratajec (NT AAG) Caroline is the clinical nurse consultant in the memory service.



Elaine and Tanya gave an overview of TEAMhealth's home care packages program which works with individuals aged 65 years and over, who have special needs in the community as well as the community housing scheme (CHS) and carers support program. Elaine has helped make possible the following individual aged care 'success story'

“Since the end of March 2017 the Home Care Packages Program has been trialling a gentleman living independently in one of the TEAMhealth units under CHS. This trial has been working well. This gentleman had been living in a nursing home environment and using his words ‘*escaped from the nursing home*’ and found his own accommodation in a backpacker hostel. This was not the ideal environment for this gentleman and the cost of living there was extremely high. This gentleman now prepares and cooks amazing meals for himself which includes vegetable soup and stews.”

Following the success of two trials TEAMhealth are very excited to expand the provision of the CHS service to *aged participants* through the availability of a full furnished three bedroom house at 2 Carrington Place, Millner, which will be used as a shared accommodation for aged persons. The property is managed by the TEAMhealth Property Coordinator and all maintenance is completed through CHS.

Some of the criteria and conditions associated with this housing include –

- Participants must be receiving supports through TEAMhealth's Home Care Packages Program and on the waiting list for Territory Housing or Nursing Home (residential care).
- Rent is assessed at 60% of the basic income.
- A subsidy for power of \$30.00 per person per fortnight is allocated. They only pay if they go over this amount (which is very rare in the CHS).
- Our services are best suited for participants have a diagnosed mental illness such as depression / anxiety.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Home Care Packages Program or TEAMhealth then please contact Elaine Carmody on 1300 780 081



NT AAG wishes everyone a safe Christmas time and see you in 2018!

