



MS SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION

Respite service in Watsonia, VIC

It's important for people living with multiple sclerosis to have a break from their regular routine, to socialise and enjoy different experiences. It's also important for carers to have a break from their caring role for rejuvenation.

We have a total of seven respite beds available at our MS Short Term Accommodation service in Watsonia, freshly refurbished and ready for bookings.

In our facility we offer warm and friendly, purpose-designed respite care. Our carers provide 24/7 support and have a great understanding of multiple sclerosis – so you don't have to explain yourself.

Many people say the best part of coming to stay in MS Short Term Accommodation is the opportunity to socialise and connect with other people living with neurological conditions. You are also very welcome to host visitors in our recreational facilities or gardens, or explore Melbourne by train and enjoy the local shops.

Our Respite service also offers the opportunity for you to seek the services of our MS Continence Nurse if you'd like advice. Our specialist Nurse can provide a continence assessment, assist with product selection, as well as completion of required NDIS documentation. You will need to have 'improved daily living skills' or 'core supports' funding within your plan for this assessment, however, we can provide further assistance with this if necessary through MS Connect.

How to access MS Short Term Accommodation

The NDIS will fund your visit if you have Short Term Accommodation - Core Supports in your NDIS plan. If this isn't currently included in your plan, our team can help you speak with your Planner to include it in the future. Please contact MS Connect on 1800 042 138 or msconnect@ms.org.au.

This service is available for people living with multiple sclerosis, and other neurological conditions. You are most welcome to visit and view the facilities prior to booking.

Features of MS Short Term Accommodation

Your private bedroom includes:

- Hi/low beds with client control
- Electronic ceiling hoists
- Television
- Wardrobe
- Lockable draws
- Emergency call bell
- Bedding and linen

Our service features:

- 24/7 carers with a great understanding of multiple sclerosis
- Meals prepared in your own fully equipped kitchen
- Fully equipped bathrooms with emergency call bell
- Shower commodes
- Open and spacious living room with additional communal TV
- Recreation room
- WiFi
- Laundry with washer and dryer, with assistance from carers
- Garden areas
- Access to Watsonia Railway Station

Contact us

To tour the facilities, book a stay or seek support to have Short Term Accommodation added to your NDIS plan, please contact **MS Connect** on **1800 042 138** or msconnect@ms.org.au

You can also view the facilities online by watching our video at www.ms.org.au/respite