

Media Release

Alzheimer's Australia (Tasmania) and Tunstall Health Form Partnership

Telecare - an exciting new assistive technology - is providing the freedom, confidence and safety for people with dementia to remain living in their own homes for longer periods of time.

The new partnership between Alzheimer's Australia (Tasmania) and Tunstall Healthcare will raise awareness of the benefits available from Telecare technology for people living with dementia.

Debbie Slater, Executive Director of Alzheimer's Australia (Tasmania) said, "Having a system like telecare will allow people with dementia and their families to feel safe and secure."

The exciting launch on Thursday will celebrate the installation of Tunstall Healthcare telecare solutions into the respite centre. Demonstrating the capabilities of telecare to support carers, the unobtrusive sensors are designed to monitor potential risks, for example clients wandering and falls. The variety of sensors installed will alert the onsite carers if a situation arises so that appropriate and timely action can be taken. Helping to reduce some of the physical and emotional pressures carers face, the telecare sensors provide the reassurance that risks can be effectively monitored and managed from anywhere on the property.

A new leasing library has been established on the premises of Alzheimer's Australia (Tasmania) which will allow clients to trial the innovative technology.

"Having a library where people are able to trial Telecare allows families and the people with dementia and their families and carers to feel more secure and comfortable in the knowledge that they have the right system for their needs before purchasing or leasing the products," said Debbie Slater.

CEO of Alzheimer's Australia, Mr Glenn Rees, will show his support for the new partnership by speaking at the launch of '*Telecare in Tasmania*' hosted by Alzheimer's Australia (Tasmania).

"I am excited to be part of the launch and show my support for a technology that provides the chance at independence for people living with dementia or other disabilities and their carers," Mr Rees said.

The launch will provide the opportunity for people to learn about Telecare and the features and innovative solutions the new technology offers to help a person with dementia or a disability live in a safe, independent environment.

**The launch of Telecare in Tasmania will be held on:
Thursday, 30th April
Ferncourt, Laetare Gardens
37 Hopkins Street Moonah
10:30am – 2:00pm.**

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