

1. POLICY CERTIFICATION

Policy title:	Aged Care Carers Participation
Policy number:	FACS029
Category:	Policy
Classification:	Community Services
Status:	Approved

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure:

- The needs of carers are understood in terms of their capacity to take on and manage caring roles, their own emotional and financial needs, and where, when, what and how they need assistance.
- Carers rights as individual citizens are respected and supported equally with all other citizens in society.
- Carers are supported to maintain a balance between the caring role and their own lives for their own wellbeing.
- Carers are not taken for granted.
- The role of carers and their individual need is considered in the ongoing assessment, care planning, service delivery and review of services.
- Carers of people from special needs groups such as CALD, Aboriginal, and Mental health are given consideration of the specific issues and experiences which are particular to the individual and/or their community/group.
- Carers receive ongoing support and access to resources to enable them to continue in the caring role.

3. ORGANISATIONAL SCOPE

This policy applies to all Employees and Councillors of Roper Gulf Regional Council.

4. POLICY STATEMENT

Roper Gulf Regional Council recognises carers need support and recognition of their role in assisting to meet the needs of people in the community who require their support. Carers enable people to remain in the community and support their ongoing independence.

Roper Gulf Regional Council is committed to promoting awareness of the carer's role and legislation to ensure their understanding of the significance of the carer's role and compliance with State and Commonwealth legislation.

5. DEFINITIONS

Family carers	<p>A family Carer is someone who provides care and support for their parent, partner, child or friend who has a disability, is frail aged, or who has a chronic mental or physical illness.</p> <p>There is an important distinction between paid care workers who attend to care recipients in a professional capacity and Carers, usually family members or close acquaintances, who provide for their care at all other times.</p> <p>Neighbours and friends may also take on the role as a carer.</p>
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6. PRINCIPLES

6.1 Risks

Rating	Overview	Risks / Mitigation
High	The organisation would be at a major risk without an immediate policy.	Review policy against Consumer Directed Care Policy on a bi-annual basis.

6.2 Consultation

Quality Assurance Manager
Board of Directors
Chief Executive
Executive Managers
Committees

6.4 Customer Participation and Review (Resident, Client, Consumer, Representative)

Consumer Advisory Group

7. REFERENCES

Acknowledgements (original author/source documents)	Babyboomers Pty Ltd licenced template 2016
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FACS029 – Aged Care Carers Participation Policy

Related Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FACS043 Consumer Directed Care Policy
Related Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accreditation Standards Home Care Standards
Relevant Forms	

8. DOCUMENT CONTROL

Policy number	FACS029
Policy Owner	Director Council and Community Services
Endorsed by	Ordinary Meeting of Council
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Amendments	
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9. CONTACT PERSON

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