

# CO-OPERATIVE CARE WAGIN – IN A NUTSHELL

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**Co-operative Care Wagin exists so that people with health and social needs live cared for in an accepting community.**



Here is a bit of background and detail about us and our intentions to improve the ability of locals to stay longer in their own homes as they age, and to access more easily the health and social care services available to them. There is an opportunity for us to work alongside health providers and be a part of a positive initiative that fosters empowerment to people in a vulnerable stage of life and bring about an economic boost to the town that is sustainable.

**OUR IDENTITY: who we are** We are Wagin people helping Wagin people. We are a not-for-profit organisation, striving to make Wagin residents feel valued and supported by navigating with individuals to address their needs and avoid having to leave the community they love and belong to as their needs increase. We are a co-operative with strong emphasis on member autonomy and control – enabling the recipients of care power over their choices.

**OUR SERVICES: what we do** When we open doors for business early in 2025, members of Co-operative Care Wagin will gain personalised assistance in navigating the complex and diverse range of services and helps, both government and private, available. Where vital services are in short supply, we resolve to be pro-active in attracting and retaining those services – for example, nurses, primary carers, transport, documentation, advocacy, allied health. Communication and education, caringly delivered, to enable access and peace of mind for individuals and their families, are spin-offs for the community, instilling strength, resilience, and relevance.

**OUR VALUES: why we do it** People, not profits, are our focus. People matter. We offer equity, equality, and inclusion. Via the Virtual Village aspect of the CCW, we foster a healthy balance of giving and receiving (in which members both offer abilities they have to others and receive, in turn, support when they need it). We promote, not transactional care, but relational care. We are prompted by the desire to retain the age, wisdom, history, heritage, family connection, and identity that many people have with their hometown. Another bonus is that the economic growth of our town/area will be improved.

**OUR DRIVE: how we do it** By listening well we serve well. By caring we build social capacity and strength into our best resource – our people. We do it, also, accountably, fairly, honestly and compassionately. We will have a shop-front presence in town, open Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm (or maybe fewer days initially) with one employee and a large cohort of ‘volunteers’.

This is deliberately brief, one page, as an introduction. CCW was approved on 20 January 2025 by DEMIRS as a registered entity. The Board of Directors is putting in place a strategic plan, prospectus, budget, and formalising our policies to become operational. We intend having a membership drive in February 2025. We are brand new, full of hope, confident we can deliver. Just establishing, we are resource poor but expect to be financially strong and independent after our first year.

For Co-operative Care Wagin Inc.  
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