

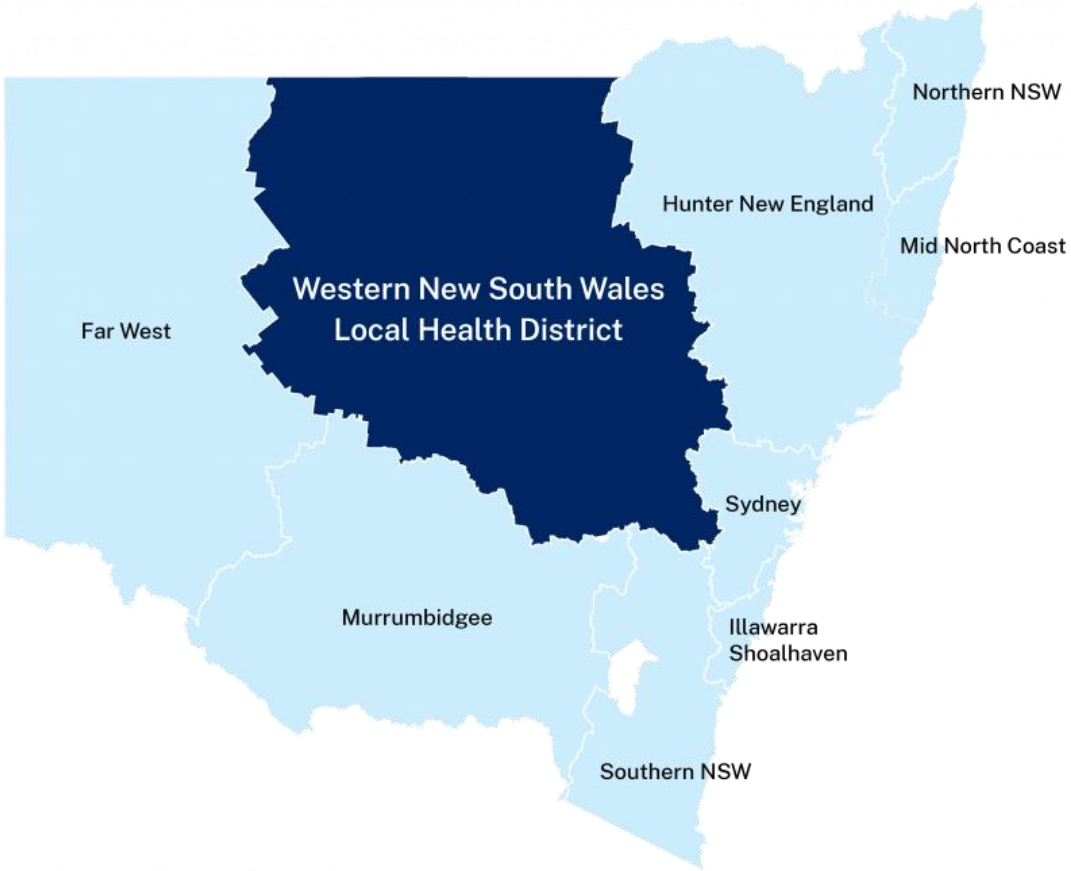
RAC off COVID – collaborating with Private Residential Aged Care (RAC) to protect our most vulnerable

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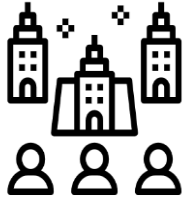


The COVID-19 pandemic was the catalyst for **unprecedented** collaboration with independent Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACFs) across our LHD.

Organisation Stats



49 independent RACFs



28 different private
sector organisations



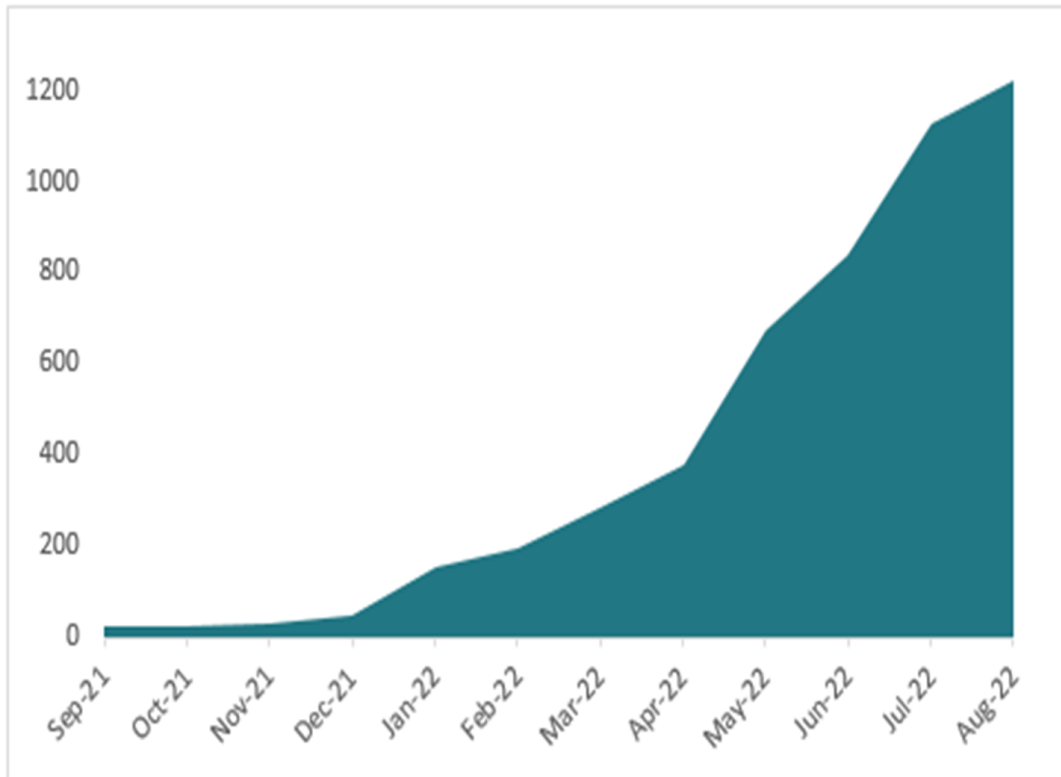
3111 beds



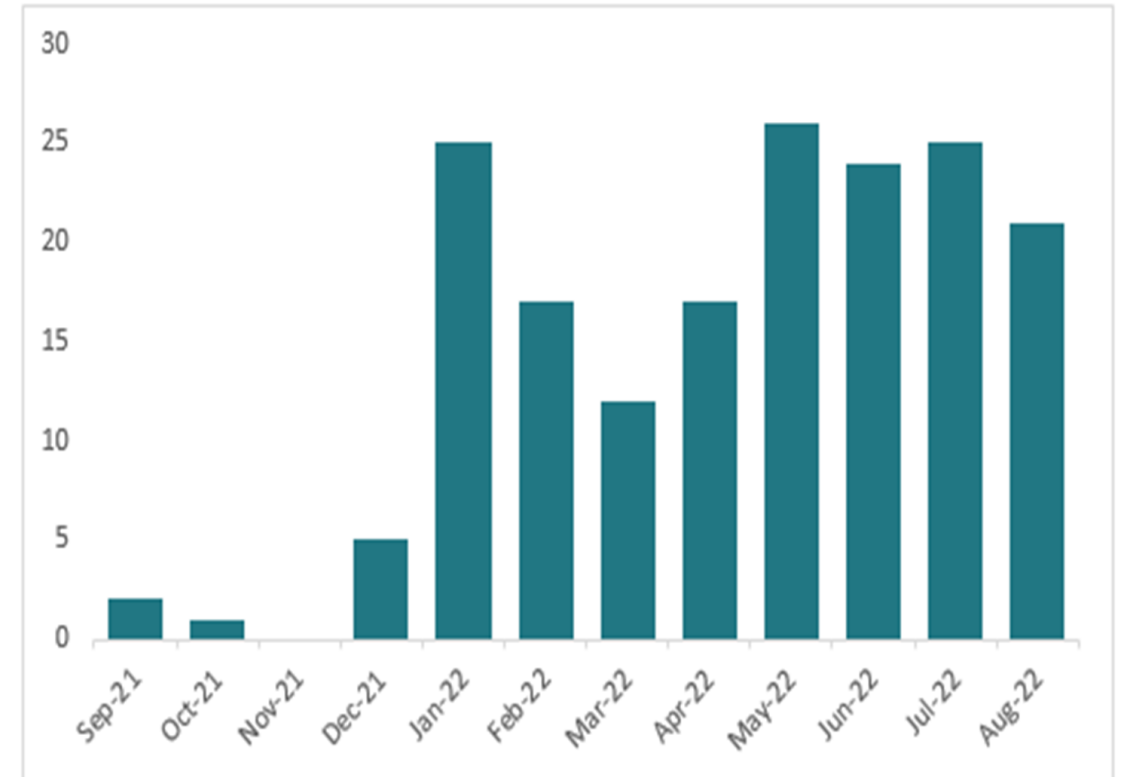
5500 km travelled

Sept 2021 – August 2022

Cumulative No. COVID+ Residents



No. Active Outbreaks



Results

Health Outcomes that Matter to Patients

- Advance Care Directives
- Agreed risk for residents

Experience of Receiving Care

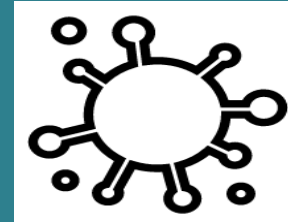
- Staying in 'home'
- Involved in decision-making

Effectiveness and Efficiency of Care

- Only 4% admitted to hospital

Experience of Providing Care

- Confident well supported staff



managed

110



COVID+



ases

50

Admissions
to Hospital

A **rapid uptake** of change was observed across the 49 RACFs, driven by the **enormous impetus and seriousness** of a failure to do so; further highlighted by the **media** following other outbreaks.

Sites were surveyed in **November 2021**

95% had participated in the CoP, **79%** reporting that they had found the meeting very/extremely valuable

100% of participants in the desktop outbreak scenario reported that the exercise was very/extremely valuable

100% who had received an IP&C audit reported that it had been very/extremely valuable

- Improved health and wellbeing of our people
- Meaningful gains in Aboriginal Health
- World class rural healthcare
- One service across many places



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.... and numerous others who supported outbreaks when we needed their help

The team



...would all like COVID to RAC-off!