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### Messages

## Message from the Premier



The NSW Seniors Festival is a vibrant celebration of our incredible seniors and all the ways you enrich our communities.

Your contributions, wisdom and vitality are the heart of our state and we are proud to honour you. The NSW Government remains committed to supporting you in staying active, healthy and socially connected. Through initiatives like the NSW Seniors Festival, we celebrate you and reaffirm this commitment.

This year's theme, 'Time to shine', invites you to embrace new adventures, connect with others and forge new friendships. A highlight of the festival, the Premier's Gala Concerts, will once again light up the stage at the ICC Sydney Theatre. With some of Australia's finest performers delivering unforgettable entertainment, whether you join us online or in person, you're in for a spectacular show!

Right next door in Halls 4 and 3, the 2025 NSW Seniors Festival Expo awaits. Explore a dynamic mix of exhibitors, engaging workshops and lively stage performances. There truly is something for everyone. Designed with inclusivity at its core, ensuring all feel welcome and celebrated.

Let's make this your 'Time to shine'! Step into the festivities, embrace the joy and celebrate everything that makes you extraordinary.

Happy NSW Seniors Festival!

Chris Minns MP

Premier





## Message from the Minister for Seniors



Welcome to the 2025 NSW Seniors Festival, the largest celebration of seniors in the Southern Hemisphere! Now in its 67th year, this festival is a testament to the profound impact you, our seniors, have on our communities.

With hundreds of events across NSW, there's no better time to embrace the theme 'Time to shine.' Whether it's trying something new, reconnecting with others, or simply celebrating your journey, this festival is designed to inspire and energise seniors from all walks of life.

The festival's centrepiece events, the Premier's Gala Concerts and the NSW Seniors Festival Expo—are back at the International Convention Centre in Sydney, and they're bigger than ever! The concerts will dazzle with world-class performances, while the Expo next door offers a treasure trove of workshops, exclusive discounts and invaluable information. This year, we're thrilled to welcome even more exhibitors, reflecting the vibrant diversity of NSW's communities.

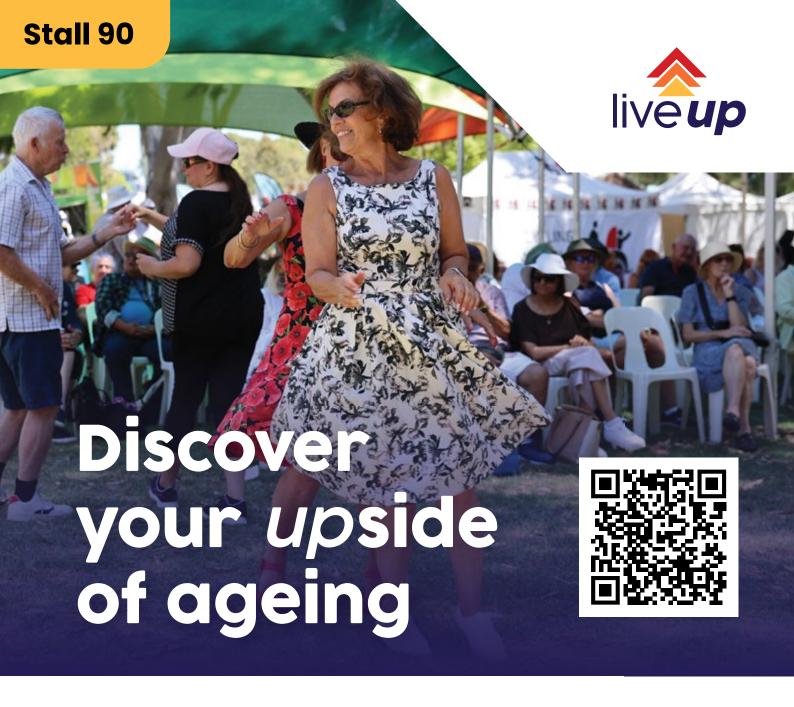
Each year, the NSW Seniors Festival grows, offering new and exciting ways for you to stay active, connected and celebrated. Be sure to explore the festival website to find out what's happening in your local area and how you can get involved.

On behalf of the NSW Government, thank you for your incredible contributions to our state. You truly are the heart of our communities. I hope this year's festival inspires you to shine brighter than ever!

Enjoy the 2025 NSW Seniors Festival!



Jodie Harrison MP Minister for Seniors, Minister for Women, Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault



LiveUp is a free healthy ageing guide funded by the Australian Department of Health and Aged Care, designed to help you stay well, so you can continue doing the things you love as you get older.

There are lots of myths and stereotypes when it comes to getting older, but it's proven that how well we age is mostly determined by the lifestyle choices we make each day.

It's never too early or too late to start making changes. LiveUp is packed with free information and resources such as exercise sheets, local groups and activities, and simple solutions and products to help you take charge of how you're ageing.

Speak to a LiveUp Navigator for free on 1800 951 971 or visit liveup.org.au

## Program

Welcome to Country	Uncle Allen Madden
National Anthem	Prinnie Stevens
	ACT ONE
I Go To Rio	Todd McKenney
Natural Woman	Tarryn Stokes
Live In Living Colour	Rob Mills
At Last	Prinnie Stevens
I'm Every Woman	Prinnie Stevens
The Winner Takes It All	Tarryn Stokes
Arthur's Theme	Duet with Todd McKenney & Tarryn Stokes
Livin' On A Prayer	Rob Mills

INTERVAL					
ACT TWO					
River Deep Mountain High	Tarryn Stokes				
Tenterfield Saddler	Todd McKenney				
Not The Boy Next Door	Todd McKenney				
Hopelessly Devoted to You	Prinnie Stevens				
Chains	Prinnie Stevens				
Feeling Good	Rob Mills				
Mac The Knife	Rob Mills				
All By Myself	Tarryn Stokes				
Waltzing Matilda/Still Call Australia Home/I Go To Rio	All cast				







### The cast



#### **Rob Mills**

Rob Mills, a much-loved performer, has built an impressive career over the past 20 years, evolving from a footyplaying, pub-singing tradie from Melbourne's south-east suburbs into an accomplished actor, presenter, and author. With celebrated roles in iconic musicals such as Wicked, Hairspray, GHOST, Jesus Christ Superstar, Grease, and & Juliet (2023/24), Mills has solidified his place in the Australian theatre scene. His versatility extends to television, where he has appeared in Neighbours, Winners and Losers, and the Peter Allen telemovie, as well as participated in Dancing With The Stars, The Masked Singer, and Carols by Candlelight. He's also a familiar face on Network Ten's Melbourne Cup Carnival coverage and has presented travel stories on Nine's Postcards.

Known for his down-to-earth charm and banter, Mills first rose to "fame" on Australian Idol in 2003. He is also a passionate advocate for mental health, exploring modern manhood in his debut book, Putting On A Show-Manhood, Mates and Mental Health, published by Affirm Press. As the youngest of three brothers. Mills has always had a love for storytelling and camaraderie, alongside a deep affection for his family. His career continues to thrive across screen, stage, and in his written work, making him one of Australia's most beloved and multi-faceted public figures.



#### **Todd McKenney**

Todd McKenney is one of Australia's most accomplished and versatile performing artists, with a career spanning over 30 years on stage and screen. A critically acclaimed actor and musical theatre star, McKenney has captivated audiences in lead roles across numerous productions, cementing his place as a household name. His most iconic performance was as Peter Allen in The Boy from Oz, where he performed over 1,000 shows, making it one of Australia's longest running and most successful musicals. McKenney's extensive stage credits also include standout roles in Cats, 42nd Street, West Side Story. Priscilla Queen of the Desert and The Rocky Horror Show, among many others. Most recently, he starred in Cinderella The Musical and is currently playing the Wizard in Wicked.

In addition to his theatre career, McKenney has made a mark on Australian television, starring in the acclaimed ABC series Significant Others and appearing on shows like Winners and Losers and Ladies in Black. He has also hosted major network productions, including The Full Monty and The Real Dirty Dancing. McKenney's charm and expertise have led him to serve as a judge on Dancing With The Stars and as a guest judge on Australia's Got Talent. His career continues to thrive across multiple platforms, proving him to be one of the nation's most beloved and dynamic performers.



#### **Prinnie Stevens**

Prinnie Stevens is one of Australia's most dynamic and sought-after performers, known for her impressive talents as a singer, dancer, songwriter and presenter. She first captured attention at just 17, starring in the Australian premiere of Rent: The Musical. Her breakthrough came with her Helpmann Award-nominated role in Oh. What A Night!. which led to a move to New York, where she fronted an all-girl group for Sony Music. During her time in New York, Prinnie had the incredible opportunity to perform alongside legends like Patti LaBelle, Chaka Khan, Mary J. Blige, and John Legend. However, despite her international success, Australia remained her true home and she returned to pursue new challenges, including auditioning for The Voice, where she placed in the top 4 on Team Joel.

Since her time on The Voice. Prinnie has enjoyed a career full of highlights, including joining the cast of Celebrity Apprentice in 2013 and becoming the CoHost of The Voice Kids: Season 1. She made a triumphant return to musical theatre with her Westend Debut in Thriller: LIVE, where her portraval of Michael Jackson earned rave reviews. After touring Australia, New Zealand, and Malaysia, she returned to the stage in Bonnie Lythgoe's production of *Aladdin* at the State Theatre. Known for her powerhouse performances, Prinnie remains one of Australia's most exciting triple-threat talents, with a bright future ahead of her in both music and theatre.



#### Tarryn Stokes

Powerhouse singer Tarryn Stokes captured the nation's heart as the winner of The Voice 2023. Raised in a musical family in Melbourne's North Eastern suburbs, Tarryn's passion for singing blossomed early, performing in talent shows and community events. Her incredible vocal talent led her to become a sought-after backing vocalist for Australian stars such as Guy Sebastian, Jessica Mauboy, and Delta Goodrem. After years of performing in cover bands and as a solo artist, Tarryn's breakthrough came when she auditioned for The Voice 2023, delivering a stunning rendition of Sara Bareilles' "She Used to be Mine" that left both judges and audiences captivated. Over the course of the competition, Tarryn showcased her vocal versatility, delivering powerful performances of songs from Abba to Demi Lovato, culminating in a breathtaking finale.

Behind the scenes, Tarryn's journey was not without personal challenges, balancing her growing music career with family life. A devoted mother to two young children, Tarryn found strength in her family's support, especially from her husband, a musician who understood the demands of her career. Her win on The Voice marked the beginning of an exciting new chapter, with a recording contract, a dedicated team and plans for new music on the horizon. Tarryn is preparing to release her version of "Silent Night" for the festive season and is already working on her 2025 music plans. With dreams of writing lullabies and continuing her music career while balancing motherhood, Tarryn is poised to inspire others to chase their dreams at any stage of life.



#### Marni Van Vliet

Marni is an interpreter who has also worked in theatre for over 10 years as a dancer, actor and acting teacher.

Marni has interpreted on the stage for various singers, actors and comedians such as Taylor Swift, Miriam Margolyes, Dave Hughes, as well as musicals including Wicked, Mamma Mia and West Side Story.

Marni's favourite time of the year is the Premier's Gala Concerts and she is excited to be back boogying with you for the fifth year running!



#### **Uncle Allen Madden**

Uncle Allen is a Gadigal man from the Eora nation, born in Redfern, NSW in 1949. Uncle Allen has been on the Board of Sydney Foreshore Authority, SBS, Central Coast Aboriginal Heritage, the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Local Council along with various other organisations. He is married with ten children and a life member of the Redfern All Blacks sporting club.



#### Katie Eales

Five years ago, the Premier's Gala Concert was the first time Katie interpreted on a big stage. This kicked off a love for all performance interpreting including musicals, theatre, festivals, comedy and any stage that would take her.

She is thrilled to see you all again and to be back on the stage where it all started.



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- The Youth Partnership
- Ku-ring-gai High School
- Place Management NSW
- · Hunter Signing Choir



**DCJ Events Team** 

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#### **Executive Producer. NSW Government**

The Department of Communities and Justice's purpose is to help create a safe, just, resilient and inclusive NSW where everyone has the opportunity to realise their potential. The Department supports seniors through a range of services under the Ageing Well in NSW: Seniors Strategy 2021–2031, including the NSW Seniors Festival, the Premier's Gala Concerts and the NSW Seniors Card which provides benefits to over 1.6 million members.



#### Producer/Director: Andy Lopez & Andrew Bee, Out There Group

Out There Group (OTG) is one of Australia's leading creative event teams. Established in 1996, OTG produces major public events for government, corporate, sport and not-for-profit clients. Their extensive portfolio includes spectacular, innovative and creative events presented around Australia.

The OTG team is led by Andy Lopez and Andrew Bee. The two Andies have formed a dynamic and creative partnership over the last 20 years, producing many beautiful and memorable events.



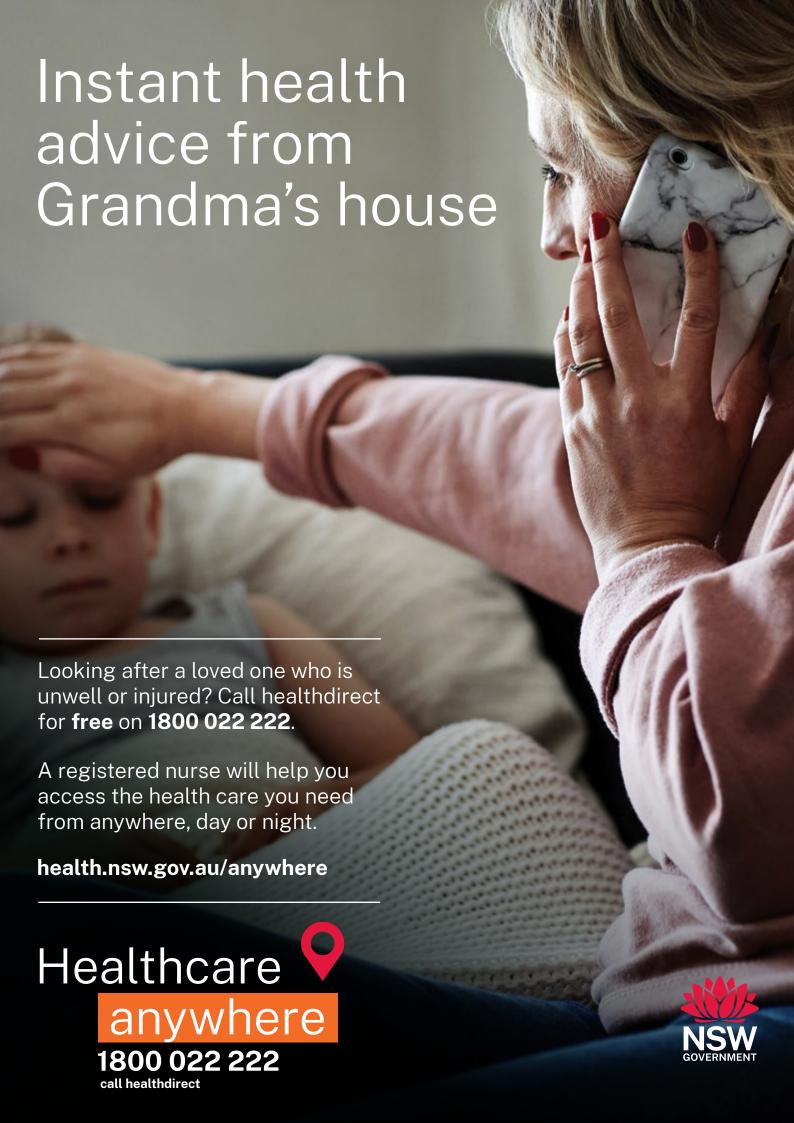
#### **Choreographer: Cameron Mitchell**

Cameron Mitchell has been working professionally for over 30 years, becoming one of Australia's most versatile and sought-after choreographers. His theatre credits include Heathers: The Musical, High Society, The Fantasticks and Mack & Mabel among many others. He made his directorial debut with the Australian premiere of the Broadway musical Catch Me If You Can and has since won the 'Best Direction Of A Musical and Best Choreography Of A Musical: 'Nice Work If You Can Get It' at the Sydney Theatre Awards.



#### **Musical Director: Charmaine Ford**

Charmaine Ford is a musical director, pianist, vocalist, multi-instrumentalist, composer, arranger, educator and producer. With a Bachelor of Music (Jazz Piano & Composition) and a Dip.ABRSM Teaching (London), Ford has garnered numerous national awards and is widely recognised as one of Australasia's most distinguished musicians. She is also an Academic Lecturer at the Australian Institute of Music (AIM). Ford has toured extensively throughout Australia and New Zealand, including performing with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and at a myriad of international jazz festivals.







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## With over 100 exhibitors covering travel, retirement, health, technology and more, this year's Expo is our biggest yet!

Enjoy a full day of entertainment, including guest speakers and live performances. Explore two luxury coaches, get a hearing test, sample Lite n' Easy, try out a new bed, and plan your next travel adventure. Plus, take part in activities and be in the running for fantastic prizes!

Be sure to visit our Government Hub, featuring 19 NSW and Australian Government exhibitors.

## There is something for everyone at the 2025 NSW Seniors Festival Expo.



#### Men's Shed Building Zone

Meet the team, get involved, and help create something amazing! You can even get a health check!



#### Lite n' Easy Kitchen

Live cooking demonstrations packed with flavour, tips, and inspiration!



#### Tech Hub

Stay informed about scams and online safety to protect yourself.



#### Wellbeing Zone

Join an interactive workshop at our Wellbeing Zone – engaging activities all day, both days!



#### On stage

Enjoy insightful exhibitor presentations and lively community performances.



#### Travel

Explore a luxury coach, get an African photo, chat to Wendy Wu Tours and On Course Travel, start planning your next getaway.



#### Care Assistance

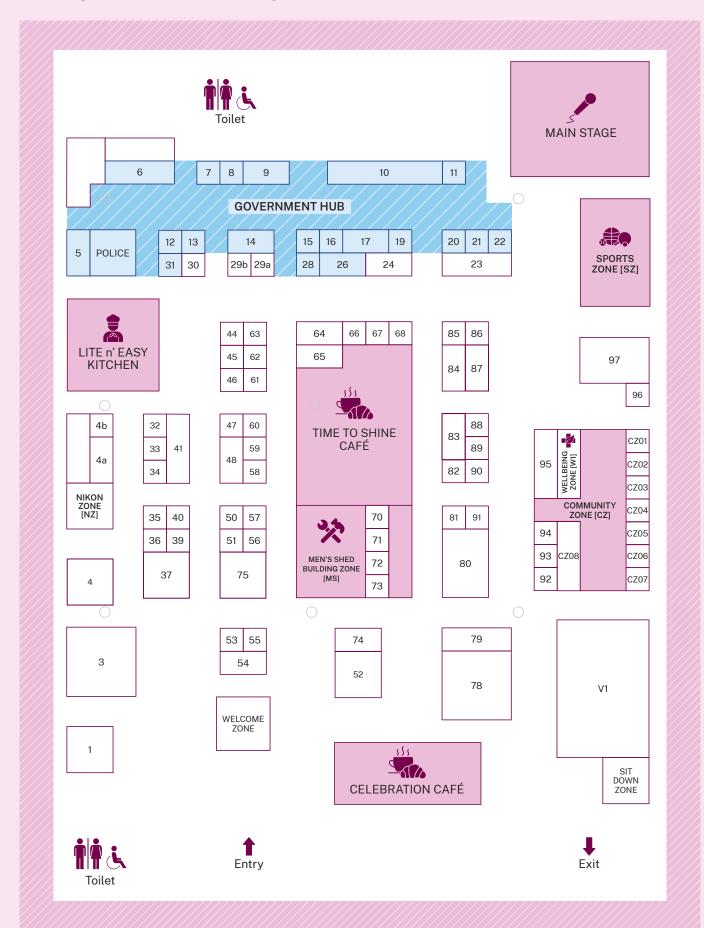
Discover the support and resources available to guide you on your future journey.



#### **Vehicles**

Get up close to a variety of vehicles from a police car to The NRMA driving instructor vehicle, the Vinnies Van, our African 4WD and the Hearing Bus—each with a unique story to tell!

## Expo floorplan



## Exhibitor list

1	Uber	35	Dovida	79	Hearing Australia
3	Adjusta Mattress Australia	36	Historia	80	Lovatts Crosswords
4	Nurse Next Door Home	37	Specsavers Audiology		& Puzzles
	Care Services	39	Regis Aged Care	81	Dementia Support
4a	Nikon Australia	40	Your Side Australia		Australia
4b	Insure&Go Travel Insurance	41	St Vincent de Paul	82	Clovercanes
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10	Services Australia	50	Acorn Stairlifts	00	The University of Sydney
11	NSW Ageing and Disability Commission	51	Salveo HomeCare	90	LiveUp
12	Fire & Rescue NSW	52	Travel to Africa	91	The Benevolent Society - Aged Care Services
13	Fostering with DCJ	53	Affordable Dental	92	Community Transport
14	Transport NSW -	54	Lite n' Easy	JZ	Organisation
14	Sydney Trains	55	Theatre Royal Sydney	93	Tender Loving Care
	Transport NSW-	56	Heart Foundation		Aged Care
	NSW Trains	57	Lumia Care	94	Carer Gateway -
15	Transport for NSW	58	Georges Estate Health &		Benevolent Society
16	NSW Energy Rebates	<u> </u>	Aged Care Community	95	Australian Unity
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19	Service NSW	60	Keyton Retirement Communities	97	Channel 7
20	Energy and Water	61	Wendy Wu Tours	CZ	
01	Ombudsman NSW	62	Dementia Australia		Computer Clubs Association
21	Anti-Discrimination NSW	63	Lions Hearing Clinic	C70	2 Wrap with Love
	Legal Aid NSW	64	Healthylife		03 Australian Independent
23	My Guardian	65	The Australian Plant Shop	UΣ	Retirees
24	Norton	66	Council on the	CZ	)4 Playgroup NSW
26	Be Connected	- 50	Ageing NSW		05 Ma Wisdom
28	ID Support NSW	67	Salsa for Seniors		06 Sydney Knitting
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ZJL	LOVE Project ACON		Volunteering	CZ	08 Cycling without Age
30	Inviva Home Equity Loans	71	Older Women's	SZ	Sport Zone-
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	Living & Lifestyle Guide	75	The NRMA	NZ	Nikon Zone
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#### Aged care

**Bolton Clarke** 

Georges Estate Health & Aged Care Community Ibis Care

Regis Aged Care

The Benevolent Society - Aged Care Services

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Cancer Council NSW

**Community Transport Organisation** 

Council on the Ageing NSW

Dementia Australia

**Heart Foundation** 

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Meals on Wheels NSW

Men's Shed

Older Women's Network NSW

**RSPCA NSW** 

SHARE-Building Healthier Communities

Southern Cross Care NSW & ACT

St Vincent de Paul Society NSW

The Centre for Volunteering

#### Financial services

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Adjusta Mattress Australia

Affordable Dental Pty Limited

Amplifon-Hearing Care Professionals

Audika Hearing Clinic

Brain and Mind Centre, The University of Sydney

Dementia Support Australia

Healthylife

Hearing Australia

Historia

Lions Hearing Clinic

LiveUp

Niagara Medical Therapy

Salsa for Seniors

Sleeptime

Specsavers Audiology

#### Australian Government services

Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Department of Health and Aged Care Services Australia

#### **NSW Government services**

**Anti-Discrimination NSW** 

**Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW** 

Fire & Rescue NSW

Fostering with DCJ

Legal Aid NSW

NSW Ageing and Disability Commission

**NSW Energy Rebates** 

NSW Health

**NSW Police Force** 

**NSW Seniors Card** 

**NSW Trains** 

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Find a Carer

Dovida

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Nurse Next Door Home Care Services

Right at Home Australia

Salveo HomeCare

Senior Helpers-In Home Care

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Trilogy Care

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Carer Gateway - Benevolent Society

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Playgroup NSW Sydney Knitting Nannas & Friends Wrap with Love

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Be Connected - eSafety Commission ID Support NSW Norton

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Acorn Stairlifts

#### Sports Zone

Denise-Dance for Seniors
Table Tennis New South Wales Incorporated

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