

COVID-19: NATIONAL SENIORS SENDS CARE TO VICTORIA

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National Seniors Australia is sending Care Packages to older Australians in Victoria to help them avoid COVID-19.

Australia's peak advocacy and consumer organisation for seniors is aiming to send 1,000 care packages into the state, while it's under lockdown.

The first 200 packages have already gone to National Seniors members in Victorian hotspots and the remainder to be sent to people who have been in contact with our COVID-19 support line for well-being checks.

National Seniors General Manager Chris Grice has called on all Australians to lend a hand.

"We want to show our fellow Australians in Victoria that we care and offer some practical assistance during their time of need," he said.

"However, as a not for profit organisation, our dollar can only go so far. We are asking all Australians to show their care by donating \$20 to pay for a Care Package."

National Seniors has teamed up with Pandemic Protect to send the packages.

Each Care Package includes:

- 5 x Face- Surgical Masks
- 2 x 50 ml Hand Sanitisers
- 2 x Alcohol Wipes Packs (10 wipes in a pack)
- A personalised letter from our CEO, Professor John McCallum with details on the Older Person's COVID-19 Support Line.

Chris Grice says if more Australians donate then more packages can be rolled out.

"This is a great way of showing vulnerable Australians in COVID-19 hotspots that we're with them and we want to help," he said.

To find out more, simply visit <https://nationalseniors.com.au/news/latest/we-re-sending-our-care-to-victoria>

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Chris Grice is available for comment, call 0488 047 380 to arrange an interview