



MS Funded Respite Services catering to people living with MS

Multiple Sclerosis Limited (MSL) acknowledges the importance of respite for the carer, family and significant other who support the person who is living with MS. MSL has established collaborative partnerships with several service providers with the aim of providing respite to as many people with MS as possible.

MSL continues to forge new community partnerships to enable more options and flexibility in respite.

The MS Society in Victoria currently has 3 established partnerships providing facility- based respite. Staff within the services are experienced and sensitive to the care and support required by people with MS and continue to build their understanding through participation in on going learning.

Each facility based service offers a different respite experience with a common objective of ensuring a safe and sociable environment and a positive experience for the individual their primary carer and family.

The facility based respites services are located in:

- Williamstown, (operated by Paraquad)
- Beaumaris, (operated by Australian Home Care Services)
- Ocean Grove, (operated by Karingal)
- Watsonia, (operated by the MS Society)

In addition to facility- based respite, MSL can provide flexible funds to employ services to provide episodes of respite to support the individual with a disability, their family and carer through short-term and time limited breaks. The respite can support the individual at home or in an alternative family home or holiday destination or through community activities with trained staff. The in-home respite helps to support and maintain the strength of the family unit.