Dogs4Dementia, *Paws for thought…*

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HammondCare
An independent Christian charity
A dog - companion, friend, protector and life-changer. Dogs add a dimension to our lives that otherwise would just be a vacant spot. They work for us, entertain us, love us, keep us company and change our lives.

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Dogs4Dementia

• Program funded by Australian Government

• Led by the Dementia Centre, HammondCare in partnership with -- Assistance Dogs Australia (ADA).
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Expected outcomes of program:

• Routine and reminders
• Social interaction
• Emotional support
• Physical activity
• Anchoring
• Family carer support

_Potential to allow the person living with dementia to remain at home for longer_
Process

1. Expressions of Interest
2. Participant Selection
3. Dog Selection
4. Training Program
5. Dog Placement
6. Settling-in Period
7. Home Visits
8. Ongoing Support
9. Graduation
Our Participants
Our Dogs
Outcomes

• 10 dogs placed
• 2 participants withdrew
• 2 participants entered care
• 2 participants completed program
• 4 participants currently active
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