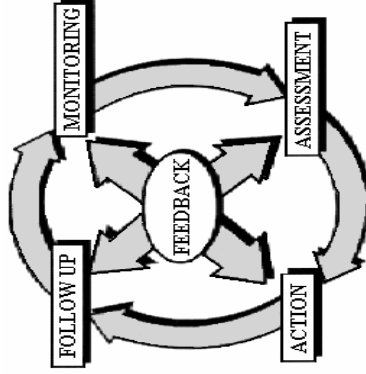


**ACCREDITATION HELPS MAINTAIN QUALITY....
WHICH LEADS TO A BETTER LIFESTYLE FOR OUR RESIDENTS/CLIENTS**

“To achieve excellence in the promotion of health and in the provision of aged care and emergency services to the community of Cobden and district.”

The Quality Improvement Program within our facility has developed over the past 10 years and we now have an efficient and effective system that reflects the ongoing continuous improvement throughout our facility. Quality is the corner stone to any facility and Accreditation is the process where quality is checked via the many and varied evidence trails.
The cycle of continuous improvement is now becoming part of every day work practice for most staff: by aiming to do the right thing, the right way, on time, as well as striving for improvement, it will ensure that we continue to provide excellence in health and Aged Care.



Abbreviations
 ACHS - Australian Council on Healthcare Standards
 CDHS - Cobden District Health Services
 ESD - Emergency Stabilisation Department
 HL - Heytesbury Lodge Hostel
 LB - Lovely Banks Nursing Home

ACCREDITATION TIME LINE TO DATE

MONTH YEAR	OCTOBER 1993	OCTOBER 1996	JUNE 1998	OCTOBER 1999	JUNE 2000	SEPTEMBER 2002	MARCH 2003	MARCH 2006	JUNE 2006	SEPTEMBER 2006	AUGUST 2008	Mid 2009
PLACE	Cobden Bush Nursing Hospital	Cobden Bush Nursing Hospital	ACUTE HOSPITAL CLOSED	CDHS Inc. ESD	CDHS Inc. HL LB	CDHS Inc. ESD	CDHS Inc. HL LB	CDHS Inc. HL LB	CDHS Inc. CACPs Packages	CDHS Inc. ESD	CDHS Inc. EDS	CDHS Inc. HL LB
ACCREDITATION PROGRAM	ACHS EQUIP	ACHS EQUIP	Facility now named CDHS Inc. comprised of 60 Aged Care beds with an ESD and Community Services.	ACHS EQUIP	Accreditation under the C'wealth Aged Care Standards Agency	ACHS EQUIP	Accreditation under the C'wealth Aged Care Standards Agency	Accreditation Under the C'wealth Aged Care Standards Agency	C'wealth Dept. of Health and Ageing Quality Reporting Process	ACHS EQUIP	ACHS EQUIP Periodic Review	Accreditation under the C'wealth Aged Care Standards Agency
ACCREDITATION STATUS	3 years	3 years		3 years	3 years	4 years	3 years	3 years	3 years	4 years	Continuing Accred. Status granted	

Working with different systems and programs is very difficult and certainly does not foster a rationalised approach to accreditation for staff, patients and residents. Unfortunately, we have to work within these government systems to remain viable.

As with many other rural health and aged care facilities, we are proud to be a multi-faceted facility, yet at the present time we are having to work and pay for multi—accreditation and ongoing compliance requirements, which put unnecessary pressure on our staff and allocated budget.

Management believe that the most sensible way to go would be to combine ALL services under ONE accreditation. This is the direction we must go so as to utilise our monetary and physical resources as effectively as possible and give even more to the improvement of residents lifestyles.