

CHECKLIST

Joining the Verily Connect virtual dementia friendly network

Local champions team

Identify the people who are most interested in making the local community dementia-friendly and joining an online network

Invite people who are in the local dementia friends' group or carer support group

Meet to discuss strategy and share tasks

- Fundraising
- Information collection (about services and supports)
- Promotion activities

Collect information about local services and supports using the Verily Connect services database template (see verilyconnect.org.au)

Submit collected information about services and supports to verilyconnect@latrobe.edu.au

Verily Connect Technology Learning Hub

Identify a place for the Hub in the local community (e.g. at the local health service or library or neighbourhood house or volunteer organisation)

- Does the space have reliable and low-cost/free wi-fi?
- Is there a cost to use the space and who will pay the cost?
- Is there an opportunity for private conversation?
- Is the space accessible for all, including older people and people with disability?
- Is there nearby public transport and/or accessible parking?

Identify and obtain resources to stock the Hub

- Internet-accessible devices – e.g. desktop computer, laptop computer, tablet, smartphone
- Books, articles
- Dementia resources for people to look at or borrow – e.g. day clock, orientation board, companion pet, puzzles/games, talking photo album

Build a community of volunteers

Identify and gain commitment from a local organisation that provides volunteer governance (e.g. health service, library, volunteer organisation) to be the governing body for Verily Connect volunteers

Advertise for and recruit volunteers

Induct volunteers into volunteering role with local governance organisation

Arrange for volunteers to complete Verily Connect online volunteer training

Match volunteers with carers who need support

Promote Verily Connect in the local community

Meet with key community members

- Local council
- Service providers (e.g. health staff, aged care staff)
- Library
- Neighbourhood house
- Service club representatives
- Other community groups

Advertise

- Local newspaper
- Community newsletter
- Radio
- Social media
- Letterbox drop
- Community noticeboards

Host a community meeting or community event

Attend meetings of community groups

- Senior Citizens' club
- Carers' group
- Service club meetings (e.g. RSL, Lions, Probus, Country Women's Association)

Attend community events

- Dementia Awareness Month
- National Carers Week
- National Volunteer Week