

## FOR PROSPECTIVE RESIDENTS

## Medical Treatment and Planning Decisions Act – Summary

If you haven't already and you have decision making capacity, it's time to consider:

- Developing an Advance Care Directive (Values or Instructional);
- Appointing a Medical Treatment Decision Maker (if you have not appointed a Medical Power of Attorney pre-12<sup>th</sup> March 2018); and / or
- Appointing a Support Person

Why complete a *Values* Advance Care Directive?

This will help those making decisions about your care to understand your wishes if you lose capacity to make decisions in the future.

Why complete an Instructional Advance Care Directive?

The directive will make binding decisions consenting to, or refusing medical treatment offered to you in the future. You should only complete the form if you know what medical treatment you want or do not want in the future.

Why appoint a Medical Treatment Decision Maker?

This person would have legal authority to make medical treatment decisions for you if you are unable to do so in the future. If you do not appoint a Medical Treatment Decision Maker, then a family member will be asked to make decisions for you in the event you are unable to do so.

Why appoint a Support Person?

This gives authority to the support person to obtain health information on your behalf to assist you in making decisions. However, a Support Person cannot make decisions for you.

We encourage you to complete an Advance Care Directive (Values or Instructional) and/or appoint a Medical Treatment Decision Maker **prior** to your admission to Glengollan Village.

We also encourage you to speak to the Office of the Public Advocate and seek independent legal advice if you wish to find out more information about these decisions.

If you are unable to supply an Advance Care Directive prior to admission, then family will be given an Advance Care Preference Form to complete on admission.

**Margie Hepner** 

Chief Executive Officer