

# FINANCIAL MATTERS

## Caring has many costs that stretch the budget.



Dain's stroke left him unable to work. This had a significant impact on his household's income. Suddenly the family was not able to pay all of their bills. Rather than panic, they sat down and discussed their options. A social worker helped Dain's wife, Peta, to look at some options. This included getting financial advice to rework their budget. Peta also looked at what financial help was available. Peta was then able to put together a plan and set about making simple changes they could all cope with.



When Genevieve fell ill, Max took it upon himself to take care of all her medical bills, but it wasn't long before Max found it difficult to make ends meet. He found it hard to manage all the extra work around the house that Genevieve had always done. Max decided to apply for a carer's allowance. He could see that this extra money would help to provide Genevieve with the care she deserved.



Jiao's grandfather needed to have oxygen at home for his advanced lung disease. She was shocked at the ongoing costs of his care. She knew that her grandfather couldn't afford to continue to take his medicines and have oxygen on his pension. Jiao found out about sources of help so that her grandfather could balance his budget. It was important that his ongoing well-being was supported.

There is a lot to consider when managing your finances or those of someone you care for.

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