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## Good news for local pensioners

If you are an age or disability pensioner in the Toowoomba region then YellowBridge QLD has good news for you.

The local, not-for-profit organisation delivers the government-funded Home Assist Secure program and wants more people to benefit from the available assistance.

“We have funding available and we want as many people as possible to know about it,” YellowBridge QLD Home Services General Manager Maria Sloane said.

The program provides financial assistance to people who receive a government age or disability pension to make their homes safe and secure.

“It’s all about helping people to stay living in their own homes for as long as possible,” Ms Sloane said.

“Feeling safe at home is a major priority for our clients so this program helps make their homes safe, secure and accessible.”

“As more people choose to stay in their own home they will inevitably need to adjust it to suit their changing needs.”

According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, 90 percent of Australians aged over 65 want to stay in their current home, rather than move into an aged care or residential facility.

Home Assist Secure helps people install, repair and maintain most items related to home safety such as screens, locks, lights, doors and smoke alarms.

It also covers minor modifications that might be needed to improve accessibility around the home such as grab rails, step ramps and bathroom screen removal.

“If we can let every age and disability pensioner in the Toowoomba region know about Home Assist Secure, then that will make us very happy,” Ms Sloane said.

To find out more about Home Assist Secure phone YellowBridge QLD on 1300 882 764.

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***YellowBridge QLD is a local, independent, not-for-profit organisation that provides housing, disability support, youth and home services across the Darling Downs.***