

# Tovertafel

## FAQ Overview

Tovertafel is truly a wonderful inclusive technology that provides joyful activity with physical and cognitive benefits and unlike so many activities, is in our view low risk from an infection control point of view. We are, very excited to now be able to offer this amazing technology in Australia and New Zealand to help enhance the opportunity for happier daily experiences for so many people living in care.

We have provided an overview of its functions and benefits and [click here](#) for a range of videos showing the Tovertafel at play.

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**While visits to care homes are currently restricted due to Corona virus, we have worked out some creative options so that facilities can still have the opportunity to learn enough about the technology to make purchasing decisions for their residents.**

**We have several options:**

- 1. We can arrange for you to visit one of our shops for a private appointment to see the Tovertafel demonstrated and have the chance to play with it yourself.** Call us for your nearest location. All infection control measures will be in place and gloves and masks supplied. (we have them set up at most of our shops.)
- 2. You can dial in to a remote demonstration** where our Team member will run you through the features while you watch them over a Skype, Teams, Zoom or other connection so you can see the operation of the Tovertafel and ask questions throughout – almost as good as if you were together going through the features.
- 3. Onsite Tovertafel demonstrations can only be “link-guided” at the moment as we are not allowed to enter care facilities. To do this we would courier a Tovertafel, along with a demonstration stand directly to your care home and then via an online video link we will remotely take you through the set up and run the demonstration from afar.** After the demonstration we would arrange collection of the demo Tovertafel and stand.

As well as the fun and joy that playing Tovertafel (Magic Table) can bring, this wonderful therapeutic, social and enriching activity provides great support for residents and care staff, helping to occupy and keep spirits up in these disruptive times and in the absence of family visits and other usual activities.

Please find all the information attached and below to explain more about this wonderful innovation and see if it might be of interest to your organisation. We would be very happy to “demonstrate” it to you through one of the modes above. An onsite (**Option 3**) demo would give your residents the opportunity to experience it for themselves, and other options can be done immediately and at least allow you to obtain all the information needed to see if it is suitable for your facility.

We are seeing some quite remarkable “transformations” and wherever we go people react in ways clearly not anticipated by their carers or families.

The exhilaration and fun experienced by engaging in this activity reinforce a positive approach to the day by residents and staff alike and the technology also offers the opportunity for multi-generational enjoyment when families are able to visit.

The ability to engage at whatever level you are comfortable with, no specific language or need for specific abilities, means that this is an activity that can be set up to suit nearly everybody. In our experience, it is rare to find an activity that has the ability to engage 8 or more people at a time, and it is so motivating, intuitive and safe that if the attending staff member needs to focus on something away from the activity for a short time people can keep playing independently.



## What is the Tovertafel?

- The Tovertafel is a box, hung from the ceiling, above the table. In the box are, among other things, a high-quality projector, infrared sensors, a loudspeaker, and a processor, that work together to project the interactive games onto the table.
  - With a single press of the button, you turn on the Tovertafel and begin the activity.
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## What is included in the purchase?

- The Tovertafel Unit
  - 4 mounting plates (providing the option to use your Tovertafel in 4 locations where the mounting plate and power point are available)
  - Remote control
  - 8 pre-loaded games (and variants within these) *Plus the “Easter Game” from 23rd March for 4 weeks and current “Goodwill Campaign” where ALL 25 games are made available for no charge from 29th March for 8 weeks (ending 1st June 2020) to assist with happy occupation of residents while visits and other activities are restricted.*
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## What are the main benefits?

- Tovertafel provides appropriate, safe and engaging fun for residents, staff and cross-generational family members.
- Activities can change from a 1:1 staff requirement to many with 8 or more people interactively engaged with a stimulating and happy time and often many others looking on! (Currently there is a need to observe social distancing so residents can be seated appropriately separated depending on table size).
- Staff love it, so are motivated to interact with and “play” with the residents – no getting out equipment, packing up, or cleaning up involved – easy to comply infection compliance management – wiping down table and chairs as well as hand sanitisation.
- The technology only involves turning on the Remote control – the same as a TV.
- Does not need internet to operate, and is not cloud-based – the connection is only required to download updates or new games.
- Many residents who have previously shown no interest in getting involved have been observed to remain at the table for lengthy periods and be activated in ways not anticipated.

## **How much is it?**

- \$15000 this includes the kit above, delivery, and training (inclusive of GST).
  - We return after the Tovertafel installation to train the Teams and help you all to get the most out of the games, advise on different ways to interact, additional tools to add to the fun, how to manage the session for activation, relaxation, comfort, physical stimulation, etc. depending on the resident group's needs. This is all part of the service. There are no ongoing license fees.
  - Additional games are \$350 each (Introductory price for 2020 – this is a reduction from the previously advised price of \$500) and can be trialled prior to purchase if required. Not required at present with free goodwill access to ALL games
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## **Availability?**

- We are shipping the stock from the Netherlands to Australia and New Zealand on a monthly basis (commenced in February) so from order to delivery is usually possible within 1 week.
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## **What is the evidence base supporting benefits for use in dementia/cognitive impairment?**

- There are many research papers forming the evidence base for this innovative technology are available if you would like us to provide them.
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See the Tovertafel information booklet, the Operating Manual and a Summary of the games, so you can see how easy it all is to use.

It is certainly the most innovative product that we have come across to effectively improve the experience of daily life for those living with mid to late-stage dementia or moderate to severe intellectual impairment. It has social, cognitive and physical benefits all at once and is a lot of fun.

We do have Tovertafels available now to deliver, so please do not hesitate to contact us for additional information, to arrange a remote demonstration at your facility, or to order. We are advised that the opportunity to continue to ship from Europe is likely to close abruptly at some point in the future – but there is uncertainty as to when this will be. We are urging those who already are aware of their need for Tovertafel units to book them so that we can be sure to be able to fulfill your order. If shipment is ceased it is unlikely to re-commence for some time.

