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MERCY HEALTH ACQUIRES AGED CARE HOMES IN YARRAWONGA AND MYRTLEFORD

Mercy Health is pleased to announce that it has acquired two aged care homes in Victoria's North-East.

The Bentley Wood homes in Yarrowonga and Myrtleford are collectively home to more than 200 residents and are a key service in each of the regional communities.

Chief Executive of Healthy Ageing, Clare Douglas, said the acquisitions build on Mercy Health's existing aged care footprint in North-East Victoria.

"Expanding to Yarrowonga and Myrtleford is an exciting next step in Mercy Health's mission to provide compassion and care to more communities across Australia.

"Having spent some time in Yarrowonga as a child, I am delighted that Mercy Health has the opportunity to be part of the local community and deliver the personalised quality of care and lifestyle activities that define Mercy Health's mission and approach across its aged care homes."

"We are grateful to the Bentley Wood team for entrusting Mercy Health to continue providing essential aged care services in Yarrowonga and Myrtleford, and we look forward to working with staff, residents of the homes, and their families to ensure a smooth transition to Mercy Health."

Currently, Mercy Health operates 30 aged care homes across Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia. Each home offers individualised and comprehensive care options for residents, empowering them to age in place. Mercy Health also has a large Support at Home service that operates across the nation, supporting clients to age well at home, for as long as possible.

The Mercy Health organisation has operated in Australia for more than a century, and offers acute and subacute hospital care, aged care, mental health programs, specialist women's healthcare, early parenting services, palliative care, home and community care. All of Mercy Health's services are guided by the work of its founder, Catherine McAuley, to provide compassionate care to patients through all stages of life.

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ABOUT MERCY HEALTH:

Mercy Health is an organisation that operates as part of the healing ministry of the Catholic church. Founded by the Sisters of Mercy, Mercy Health is made up of approximately 10,000 staff who provide acute and



subacute hospital care, aged care, mental health programs, maternity and specialist women's health services, early parenting services, home care services and health worker training and development.

Mercy Health is proud to be recognised as an Employer of Choice for Gender Equality by the Workplace Gender Equality Agency.

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