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NEW ENGLAND-BASED AGED CARE PROVIDER ANNOUNCES SUCCESSFUL TENDER IN THE DARLING DOWNS

Award-winning regional aged care provider, McLean Care, have announced their successful tender for the purchase of CWA House in Oakey from the Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA), securing the future of high quality aged care services to the Darling Downs region.

Ongoing reforms of aged care have presented many challenges for smaller rural and remote aged care providers, in viability and sustainability, as well as the fundamental issues of service delivery. Lacking the economies of scale to ensure future sustainability, QCWA saw the sale of its Oakey facility, which includes residential aged care beds and independent living units, as the solution to continued service provision to the area, and sought out a specialist rural aged care provider, whose expertise, established resources, and community passion would ensure the future welfare of their residents, families, and staff.

"We are very pleased to announce our acquisition of CWA House in Oakey QLD, and are as absolutely committed to the longevity of rural aged care services to the Darling Downs as we are to the New England, North West and Upper Hunter regions of NSW. We will leverage the resources and expertise that we have built over more than 50 years, to ensure that this community-based not-for-profit provider remains viable in their own community." said Sue Thomson, McLean Care CEO

McLean Care established its aged care facilities and services back in the 1950's. Since then, it has remained their mission to provide the highest quality retirement and aged care lifestyle service and options to the people of their region, and they have grown to now provide care and services to over 1,000 people, in an area of over 105,000 square kilometres. Their depth of expertise, and commitment to creating local, community-based solutions for an ageing rural population made them the perfect fit for QCWA and the CWA House Management Committee.

"We proudly remain a community owned, not for profit organisation, are very active in our communities, from the local people we employ, to our participation in community activities, with groups, and local authorities and businesses, and have developed partnerships and alliances in our local region that enhance our capability to provide the best support and care available. We are looking forward to working very closely with the CWA House Management Committee, the remarkable staff at CWA House, and the broader Oakey community in this new, exciting venture."

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