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Mercy Health and Southern Cross Care (Vic) join forces

Mercy Health and Southern Cross Care (Vic) officially joined forces today (1 July 2018) creating one of the largest not-for-profit providers of aged and home care services in Australia.

The decision to explore a merger was announced in 2016, and the integration has come to fruition after 18 months of planning, preparation and collaboration.

Mercy Health Group Chief Executive Officer Adjunct Professor Stephen Cornelissen said the organisation was excited to embark on this next chapter in its mission.

“Our dedicated staff have worked tirelessly to help the organisations integrate while continuing to prioritise the needs of our residents and clients,” Adj Prof Cornelissen said.

“Our goal is to grow a more sustainable organisation from which we can continue to provide compassionate, high-quality and affordable care.”

The merger expands Mercy Health’s national aged and home care footprint. In any one year we support and care for almost 3,000 people who live in our 35 aged care homes, partner with more than 8,500 home and community care clients and maintain 409 retirement living units and apartments.

“Our years of experience will enable us to better respond to the changing needs of Australia’s ageing population and public funding arrangements,” Adj Prof Cornelissen explained.

“We’re delighted to welcome Southern Cross Care (Vic) staff to Mercy Health to help us proudly propel the missions of two outstanding Catholic organisations.”

Mercy Health Chief Operating Officer Adjunct Professor Linda Mellors said the integration has involved combining systems, people, policies and processes to support the organisation’s strategy of growth and sustainability.

“Our Southern Cross Care (Vic) teams from Shepparton to Rosebud have been outstanding during the past 18 months and have made sure our transition to one organisation has been a smooth one,” Adj Prof Mellors said.

“We have a long history of providing exceptional care, and we’re committed to continuous improvement for the benefit of our residents and clients, as well as their families and communities.”

The combined organisation achieved integration on 1 July 2018, and is now known as Mercy Health. Southern Cross Care (Vic)’s 12 aged care homes have been rebranded to Mercy Place homes with each site retaining references and recognition of the Southern Cross Care (Vic) heritage.

For the time being, home care services will continue to operate under the Southern Cross Care (Vic) brand.

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| Name as of 1 July 2018: | Previously known as: | Address |
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| Mercy Place Corben | Southern Cross Care Corben | 9-15 Brindisi Street, Mentone |
| Mercy Place Dandenong | Southern Cross Care Dandenong | 82 McCrae Street, Dandenong |
| Mercy Place Keon Park | Southern Cross Care Keon Park | 15 Tunaley Parade, Reservoir |
| Mercy Place Lynbrook | Southern Cross Care Lynbrook | 500 Evans Road, Lynbrook |
| Mercy Place Mordialloc | Southern Cross Care Mordialloc Home | 10 Brindisi Street, Mentone |
| Mercy Place Newport | Southern Cross Care Newport | 288 Melbourne Road, Newport |
| Mercy Place Nixon | Southern Cross Care Nixon Home | 27 Chute Street, Mordialloc |
| Mercy Place Northcliffe | Southern Cross Care Northcliffe Home | 10-12 Northcliffe Road, Edithvale |
| Mercy Place Rosebud | Southern Cross Care Rosebud | 14 Cairns Avenue, Rosebud |
| Mercy Place Ave Maria | Ave Maria Village | 25 Graham Street, Shepparton |
| Mercy Place Springvale | Southern Cross Care Springvale | 472 Springvale Road, Springvale South |
| Mercy Place Templestowe | Southern Cross Care Templestowe | 16 Herlihys Road, Lower Templestowe |

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