

MEDIA RELEASE

Sydney aged care facility to join Mercy Community

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Mercy Community is thrilled to announce that as of July 1, 2023, the Stella Maris Aged Care Facility in Cronulla, Sydney, will be coming under the management of Mercy Community's Aged Care Services stream.

Mercy Community CEO Fritha Radyk said this was an exciting new chapter for both organisations.

"We are eager to embark upon this new partnership with the broader Sisters of Mercy family, which we hope will feel like a home coming for the team and residents of Stella Maris," she said.

This highly-regarded aged care facility was established in 1964 and is owned by the Sisters of Mercy, Paramatta. The Cronulla site, which consists of 75 beds over three floors, has impressive 360-degree views of the Pacific Ocean in all its changing beauty. In 2013, the entire complex underwent extensive renovations to deliver state-of-the-art facilities.

The facility has a four-star rating and has recently successfully undergone accreditation and assessment against the legislated Aged Care Quality Standards (Quality Standards).

"We wish to give a very warm welcome to Stella Maris Facility Manager, Judy McMahon, and her team to Mercy Community Aged Care," Ms Radyk said.

The facility has been managed by St Vincent's Care Services for the past 12 years and serves the ageing Sisters of the Congregation, family members of the Sisters, friends of Stella Maris, residents of the local area and members of other religious congregations.

"This is a continuation of our strategy of growth in aged care to broaden our Mission of Mercy for older Australians," Ms Radyk said.

Mercy Community Aged Care spans the continuum of aged care, from home care support through to respite care, and permanent residential aged care in Townsville, Rockhampton and Brisbane.

For over 160 years, Mercy Community has been supporting families and young people, people living with disability, and the elderly through many programs and services.

Our team of over 1500 people provide support and create hope for tens of thousands of people each year. As a ministry of the Catholic Church, we are driven by our mission and values, finding inspiration in the life of Catherine McAuley and the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy.

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