

## Media Release

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### Catholic organisations unite to support older men at risk of homelessness

VMCH and Corpus Christi Community Greenvale (CCCG) are pleased to announce their intention to merge; two Catholic organisations coming together to grow their reach to support older men at risk of homelessness.

CCCG is a residential care home around 20kms north of Melbourne that provides accommodation and support for marginalised older men with a history of homelessness, complex health needs, or addiction. CCCG was founded by Mother Teresa in 1974 and then supported by the Jesuits and Sisters of Mercy under the auspices of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

VMCH Chair Julien O'Connell AO and CCCG Chair Tom Barry say VMCH and CCCG have a long history of working together, both guided by Catholic social teaching.

"We share a common mission and values to deliver compassionate care for people in need, particularly the vulnerable and marginalised," Mr O'Connell said.

"VMCH's fantastic reach and resources within the aged, disability and affordable housing and community services sectors will be an asset to CCCG residents."

Mr Barry said as Australia's housing crisis grows, it is "important to ensure CCCG's specialist work continues for those affected by homelessness and disadvantage and is strengthened within a highly experienced and well-resourced organisation".

VMCH will provide governance and operational support, with CCCG becoming part of VMCH's Residential Aged Care portfolio, supporting its mission of fulfilling the caring ministry of Jesus, by creating genuine places of belonging and compassion for all in its care.

The move also aligns directly with VMCH's strategic goal to 'grow accommodation and care services to meet the needs of marginalised and vulnerable people.'

An Oversight Committee is facilitating the merger process to ensure full engagement and transparency, with VMCH and CCCG signing a conditional Merger Implementation Agreement earlier this year.

A due diligence process is in place between both organisations, before a final recommendation will be made by both Boards. Approval will then be sought from Melbourne Archbishop Peter Comensoli later this year, with a view for the merger to take full effect by January 2024.

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## About CCCG

Corpus Christi Community, Greenvale is inspired by a determination that everyone should feel valued and supported by their society, and to age with respect and care.

Over the past 49 years, our life-changing mission has reached out to some of the most marginalised and vulnerable in the Melbourne community – and at the heart of our work, you'll find the men who had the courage to make a fresh start, amidst community, kindness and friendship.

Learn more: <https://corpuscc.org.au>

## About VMCH

Here at VMCH, our services are as diverse as the people we support.

Our values underpin the work we do. As a Catholic, for-purpose organisation, compassion, respect and inclusion aren't just words to us, they guide us in everything we do.

While we've been around for over a century, we're always moving forward. Always staying true to who we are by supporting people and families to live their best lives; providing a place to call home and spaces to learn and grow.

Our professional and compassionate teams are with you on your life journey; helping you with a wide range of support from early learning and therapy, specialist education, disability services, affordable homes, residential aged care, retirement living and at-home aged care.

