



Media Release

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Baptistcare extends residential aged care services in the South West

Baptistcare has today announced that it is pleased to be taking over Gwen Hardie Lodge and Annie Bryson McKeown Lodge aged care facilities in Albany as well as Mirambeena and Silver Vines in Margaret River, currently owned and managed by Silver Chain.

As part of the arrangement agreed upon during negotiations with Silver Chain, all staff that are currently employed at each of these sites will remain at the sites, under their current employment terms, unless they choose otherwise.

Baptistcare is dedicated to the provision of the highest quality of aged care and, therefore, will ensure that residents of each of these facilities experience minimal, if any, disruption to their services during this time.

Baptistcare has also made the commitment to ensure that no existing resident in any of the facilities would incur any increase in costs as a result of coming under the organisation's care.

Transitioning staff will be fully supported by Baptistcare during this time with available staff support services being outlined during the handover process with the Baptistcare and Silver Chain Human Resources representatives.

Chief Executive Officer Dr Lucy Morris says that Baptistcare is honoured that Silver Chain has chosen the organisation as the best fit for the facilities and services and that the organisation as a whole, is looking forward to welcoming the new staff and residents to the Baptistcare community.

'I am very glad that Baptistcare's person-centred approach to care giving has been identified by Silver Chain as a key factor in their decision', says Dr Morris.

'We are continually working hard to create a welcoming, life-enriching and collaborative environment at each of our aged care residences, for both residents and staff and as a result, each of the aged care residences under the Baptistcare umbrella have their own special sense of community,' she said.

Baptistcare currently operates 11 aged care facilities in nine different locations across Western Australia.

No other Baptistcare aged care facility or site will be affected by this purchase and will function as per usual.

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