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Long-serving CEO farewells Baptistcare

With only one other member of Baptistcare's staff having served as long with Baptistcare, at 18 and a half years at the helm, CEO Ken Ridge has decided to move on to new opportunities.

Ken has guided Baptistcare since 1990, since the organisation was known as Baptist Homes; an organisation responding to an existing need for suitable aged accommodation and nursing care. Within five years of his appointment, Baptistcare had expanded in size to own or manage seven aged care facilities in metropolitan Perth and regional WA.

The organisation has since increased the number of care facilities under the Baptistcare ensign as well as expanding their portfolio of care services to include; home-based aged care, disability services, mental health services, Pathways counselling services, and the community visitors scheme; all under the direction of Ridge.

Ken is a fellow of the Australian Institute of Management and an Associate Fellow of the Australian College of Health Service Executives. He is a Director of Baptist Care Australia, Vice-Chairperson of Aged and Community Services WA, member of the West Australian Aged Care Industry Council, member of the Transactions and Technology Reference Group, Department of Health and Ageing, Canberra and a member of the Industry Liaison Committee, Department of Health and Ageing, Perth.

Ken has also been a past Board Member of Mofflyn (Uniting Care), a past member of the Ministerial Advisory Council for Disability Services and a past member of the Disability Services Commission Committee, reviewing disability and ageing.

'It is with a sense of both reflection and excitement that I advise you that I have informed the Board of my resignation from Baptistcare. This has been a challenging decision for me to make. However, after over 18 ½ years with the organisation, it is the right time for me to move on and look to a different and new direction for my life.

I consider it to be a privilege to have worked at Baptistcare for this length of time and, during this period, I have worked with many people committed to caring for and helping others in need. I have enjoyed the opportunity of



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working for a human service organisation like Baptistcare, with its ethos, culture and values.

We can, and do, make a difference.

I want to acknowledge the support and encouragement of Board Members and staff during my employment with Baptistcare.'

Ken Ridge
Chief Executive Officer

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