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TICK OF APPROVAL FOR RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE SERVICES

Wimmera Health Care Group's residential aged care services have been successful in their application for Accreditation with the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency (ACSAA) for the next three years.

Chief Executive Chris Scott said that in May this year, the Wimmera Nursing Home and Kurrajong Lodge Hostel participated in an external survey by ACSAA. "This involved three independent surveyors spending two days with us, observing our standards of care, talking with residents, families and staff and reviewing documentation. We achieved compliance in all 44 outcomes, resulting in the Wimmera Nursing Home and Kurrajong Lodge Hostel being granted accreditation status for three years."

"Accreditation is a process initiated by the Australian Government to verify that residential aged care homes provide quality care and services for residents. All residential Aged Care Facilities (nursing homes and hostels) must be successfully accredited in order to receive funding from the Government through residential care subsidies" he said.

Mr Scott said that he was proud of the residential aged care services provided by Wimmera Health Care Group. "The accreditation outcomes send a message to the community that our management and staff are committed to excellence in residential care with a strong and continuing focus on safety and quality. It is a clear demonstration of our organisation's vision to be the leader in rural health delivering caring services with respect, reliability and integrity."

"I commend our dedicated staff at Kurrajong Lodge and the Wimmera Nursing Home, not only for their contribution throughout the assessment and evaluation process, but also for their ongoing support and commitment to quality improvement initiatives. I would also like to thank the residents and their family and friends who assisting by talking with the assessors"

"Our residents have a right to receive the best possible care and we are proud that Wimmera Health Care Group has been recognised by ACSAA for meeting standards and associated expectations" Mr Scott said.

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