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Nursing Home Accreditation

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Northeast Health Wangaratta (NHW) Wangaratta & District Nursing Home is pleased to announce that they have been awarded the maximum Aged Care Accreditation and Standards Agency (ACASA) accreditation for a period of three years.

NHW Wangaratta & District Nursing Home underwent mandatory accreditation under the Aged Care Accreditation and Standards Agency on January 31st and February 1st this year. This program assessed the care and management of the aged care facility across 44 standard outcomes, under the following 4 groups: Management Systems; Clinical Care; Resident Lifestyle and Emergency and Safety Systems.

All nursing homes in Australia must be part of the program, and this is the third such survey that Wangaratta & District Nursing Home has achieved the maximum standard required.

NHW Chief Executive Officer Mr Peter McGregor said, 'This accreditation sends a clear message to the community that NHW Nursing Home, its management and staff, are committed to excellence in health care with a strong continuing focus on safety, quality and performance. We are aware that consumers today demand a high standard of health care and we are proud that we have been recognised in meeting this expectation. I would like to commend all involved, not only in the accreditation process, but for continued efforts to continually improve our aged care residential services.'

Residential Aged Care Manager of NHW's Wangaratta & District Nursing Home, Christine Delany says "This successful accreditation caps off an exciting period for the Nursing Home. Over the last few months, there has been a commitment by NHW to improving continuity of care for our residents. This is endorsed with the appointment of Carolyn Everett RN Div1 to the position of Clinical Care Coordinator and NHW Quality Coordinator, Angela West who liaises with the Nursing Home as both the organisation's Quality Coordinator and now one day a week as the Nursing Home Manager.

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