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## Expansion of local aged care service assured as Nanyima joins with national provider Apollo Care

'Nanyima' - a 51-bed not-for-profit aged care community in rural Mirani - is joining national provider Apollo Care on 1 October 2023 to expand its aged care services to meet high demand in the region.

Located 37km west of Mackay, the thriving, not-for-profit, community-focussed aged care facility has Federal Government funding to build a memory support unit on-site but requires additional project management experience.

Rosemary Lyons, Chair of Nanyima Aged Care Inc, says the organisation's commitment to expansion was the primary driver for joining forces with a national provider.

"Apollo Care is a good fit for Nanyima as it offers the project management and governance expertise we need for the future, while allowing us to preserve our identity and connection to the community," explains Mrs Lyons.

"Nanyima was built by the community almost 30 years ago to allow locals to remain living in the Pioneer Valley as their care needs change. We're experiencing growing demand for specialist dementia care and I'm delighted that under the guidance of Apollo Care, we will soon be able to support even more locals in need.

"Our five-star rating in resident experience and compliance shows we're delivering on our purpose, thanks to the dedication of our team of staff, volunteers, allied health professionals and the support of local businesses and the community."

Apollo Care CEO Stephen Becsi OAM says he is thrilled to welcome Nanyima into the fold.

"Apollo Care is a progressive aged care provider caring for communities across Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria and we understand the unique challenges of residential aged care in regional settings like Mirani.

"Our unique vision is to protect the purpose and legacy of not-for-profit providers, such as Nanyima, that play a vital role in their local communities.



“Our innovative operating and financial models will strengthen Nanyima’s services while ensuring it retains its strong local community identity.”

“We’re impressed with Nanyima’s culture and want the staff and volunteers to keep doing exactly what they’re doing so well – providing excellent, relationship-centred care to the most vulnerable residents in their community.”

“I’m pleased to confirm we’ll commence work on the memory support unit in 2024.”

Apollo Care Alliance was built from the ground up three years ago by a team of four industry veterans with a cumulative 85 years’ experience. In addition to Stephen Becsi, formerly CEO of Bethanie, WA’s largest NFP provider, Apollo Care’s leadership team comprises Barry Ashcroft, former CEO of Domain Aged Care, now Opal; Kylie Radburn, former National Care Governance Manager at Aveo; and John Young, a leading equity capital specialist.

The other communities in Apollo Care’s alliance are in New South Wales - Bundaleer (Wauchope), Charingfield (Waverley), Harden Grange (Harden) and Vincent Court (Kempsey); Queensland - PresCare Alexandra Gardens (Rockhampton), PresCare Groundwater Lodge (Maryborough) and PresCare Yaralla Place (Maryborough); and Victoria - Yamaroo (Yackandandah).

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