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mecwacare acquires Ballan District Health and Care

Not-for-profit aged care and disability services provider mecwacare is delighted to announce that it has acquired Ballan District Health and Care, west of Melbourne.

This valuable addition to mecwacare's business will boost its well-established presence in the South West Region. It will complement a significant residential services portfolio and home care services in the Ballarat, Geelong and Warrnambool regions.

mecwacare will officially commence service provision on **Monday 1 November 2021**.

Services include:

- Two aged care homes and a retirement living village
- Community health hub featuring a GP clinic, pathology collection centre and allied health and rehabilitation services
- Home care services, home care packages and district nursing
- Opportunity shop
- Centrelink office

mecwacare Chief Executive Michele Lewis said the sale would provide long-term security and financial sustainability for the health service and local Ballan community.

"We are a very experienced organisation that has been caring for Victorians for more than 60 years," Ms Lewis said. "This is a great outcome for the Ballan community with another not-for-profit organisation providing continuity of care for residents and clients, as well as a continuation of employment and conditions for staff."

Ms Lewis said the aged care and community health precinct was an integral part of Ballan and mecwacare was committed to developing and growing services in the area – in line with its core values that were deeply embedded in the community. She said she would be working hard with the current owners and staff over the coming weeks to ensure a smooth transition.

"We are delighted to welcome the Ballan community to the mecwacare family," Ms Lewis said. "Change can be difficult, but we are a values-based, care-driven organisation that partners with our communities to provide high-quality, safe and genuine care."

mecwacare is proudly a not-for-profit, non-denominational charitable organisation that provides residential, community and in-home nursing, care and support services.

Ballan District Health and Care will continue to manage the health service until November 1, 2021.

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