

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### MOU means improved aged care services for Dunsborough

In November last year, leading Perth-based retirement and aged care provider SwanCare Group announced its intention to develop a new retirement community in Dunsborough which will be known as Dunsborough Park.

At the time of that announcement, SwanCare Group Chief Executive William Marshall explained that a strong working relationship had already been formed with Capecare who have been operating aged care services in the South West region for many years.

On Tuesday 6 March 2007, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by SwanCare Group Chairman, Colin Murphy and Capecare Chairman, John Reid which officially formalised the cooperative relationship between the two organisations.

CEO William Marshall said that in early discussions on the future relationship between the two organisations, it was discovered that as well as both being non-profit and non-denominational service providers, both Capecare and SwanCare Group were established in 1961 and had recently undergone a change of name. Capecare may be more familiar to people as the former Ray Village Aged Services and SwanCare Group was originally established in Bentley as Swan Cottage Homes.

"The signing of the MOU establishes a collaborative connection between SwanCare Group and Capecare in order to maximise the potential for establishing a first-class holistic approach to service delivery for the community of Dunsborough and surrounding areas."

Essentially, the scope of the MOU covers the notion of establishing a mutually agreeable partnership around the development and provision of services in the region including:

- Development of the new Dunsborough Park retirement community;
- The continued delivery of a range of in-home community care services;
- The development of a comprehensive Day Centre for seniors at an appropriate site; and
- Links from the proposed Day Centre to services operated by both SwanCare Group and Capecare in Dunsborough and surrounding areas.

"The signing of this MOU marks another milestone for both SwanCare Group and Capecare in the development of significant services to older Western Australians living in the South West. We very much look forward to working cooperatively with Capecare to ensure we deliver a holistic approach to seniors' accommodation and aged care services for the people of the region" said Mr Marshall.

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