

MEDIA STATEMENT
ANGLICAN CARE'S
STORM VILLAGE GIVEN THE ALL CLEAR

Anglican Care acknowledges the **COVID-19** (Coronavirus) Crisis is far from over but we received a glimmer of hope earlier this week.

Following recommendations of the population health unit the COVID-19 precautionary lockdown at Storm Village Taree was **lifted** effective Tuesday, 14th April 2020.

"We have tested residents and employees with signs and symptoms of the virus in line with the Department of Health recommendations. All employees and residents tested have returned negative results," said Anglican Care CEO Colin Osborne.

"We are also very pleased to report the two confirmed employee cases are progressing in a positive manner; one employee has now tested **negative**, and the second employee is continuing to recover at home. This positive news has certainly lifted morale not only in Taree but across the Anglican Care family," he said.

Anglican Care will continue to assess and monitor all residents, consumers and employees for signs and symptoms of acute respiratory illness and will continue to be vigilant to ensure the continued health and safety of those within our care.

Although the precautionary lockdown for COVID-19 is over at Storm Village, Anglican Care will continue to restrict all general visitors to ensure we continue to protect our residents from the spread of the virus.

CEO of Anglican Care, Colin Osborne, was last week at pains to acknowledge Anglican Care is very aware they are at the front line of the COVID-19 pandemic and reassured the community everything is being done to protect our most vulnerable citizens.

"This has been, and continues to be, an extremely difficult time for everyone working in Aged Care and most recently at Storm Village. I would like to sincerely thank, acknowledge and commend our employees and management for their hard work in preventing the spread of the virus within Storm Village," he said.

Across all facilities and locations, Anglican Care has been diligent in implementing risk management plans to protect our vulnerable residents and consumers living in the community, including the use of personal protective equipment in line with Department of Health guidelines. We continue to educate all of our staff to ensure a heightened awareness of infection control practices.

Anglican Care remains grateful for the support and assistance from our residents, consumers, families, employees and, in particular, from NSW Health. The health and safety of our residents, consumers, retirement living residents and employees remains our highest priority and we ask that the privacy of our employees and Anglican Care's many facilities be respected at this time.

ABOUT ANGLICAN CARE:

Established 1956, the organisation operates in the Hunter, Central Coast and Mid Coast regions of NSW, providing a complete range of services from community and home care to retirement living, residential, respite, palliative and dementia care to in excess of 1,400 older people by over 1000 staff members. (Please note: we are not a part of, nor associated with Anglicare. The incorrect naming of our organisation can cause considerable confusion and angst)