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## BUNDALEER'S RURAL REVOLUTION

Bundaleer Care Services today announced the purchase of Rural Home Nursing Service ensuring the continued diversification of their Home and Community Care services across the Mid-North Coast and further development within the New England region.

Rural Home Nursing Service is the longest running accredited nursing service in the Hastings Valley area, and has been in operation since 1995.

Bundaleer Home and Community Care has been a key player in the Wauchope region for many years.

Bundaleer Managing Director, Gareth Norman says that alignment with Rural Home Nursing, whose passionate staff are dedicated to delivering excellent service, was a natural progression, especially since the Rural Home Nursing vision is aligned so closely with Bundaleer's core values.

"This is the first step in our strategic growth plan, which will ultimately result in greater choice, improved healthcare services, increased opportunities and more jobs for our community.

"Living in a regional area doesn't mean that quality care should be hard to come by. Our vision to provide high-quality care has now been enhanced for the people of Wauchope, the wider community of the Mid-North Coast and indeed Tamworth and surrounding areas."

Linda Martin, Manager of Community Healthcare Pathways says that "Combined the two organisations will continue to employ 246 staff, supporting more than 600 people throughout New England and the Mid North Coast.

"In addition to retirement, residential care and home care packages, Bundaleer will now be in a position to offer broader support to Veterans and people with disabilities through an array of government funded packages and privately funded services."

Mrs Martin was also happy to confirm that for existing clients, their ongoing care would continue 'business as usual'. "The workforce behind both organisations will, without question, be maintained. So we can guarantee that the understanding and relationships that have fostered over time between clients and carers will carry on without change. This is something that we recognise as being intrinsic to the success of the partnership and in line with our shared organisational values based around respect.

"We are committed to meeting the care needs of the Mid-North Coast and New England communities. For more information on the services and packages that we can offer, we encourage you to visit our website – [www.bundaleer.org.au](http://www.bundaleer.org.au) – or contact our team on 02 6586 9490."

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