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Samarinda announces merger plans with BASScare

In response to a number of significant and ongoing challenges in the aged care sector, the Committee of the Association of Samarinda Ashburton Aged Services has reviewed its options to ensure that Samarinda continues to provide services to its community clients and Samarinda Lodge residents into the future.

As a result, the Association has determined Samarinda is no longer in a sustainable financial position to continue providing services and has recommended merging with another local provider.

Boroondara Aged Services Society (BASScare), another local and independent not-for-profit organisation, has been identified as the most suitable organisation to merge with.

BASScare, which began in 1956 and provides integrated aged care services, is in a position to continue Samarinda's programs and services.

A merger with BASScare will create a combined entity with the financial strength and human capital to sustain and grow the provision of care services to both our communities.

This will ensure we can best serve our Samarinda Lodge residents, community clients, staff, and the local community of the City of Boroondara and its surrounding municipalities.

To that end, all of Samarinda's services and programs will be incorporated into the BASScare structure, however Samarinda's services and programs will continue to operate under the Samarinda brand.

Samarinda and BASScare's Board of Directors – subject to the Association's member's approval at a Special General Meeting in late March – have agreed that their operations should continue under one organisation.

We will provide an update on the outcome following this meeting.

For more information, please contact Mark Zentgraf, Samarinda's CEO, on 0413 696 776 or email markz@saas.org.au

Yours sincerely,

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