

Caring for the community

IN WHAT shapes as a major boost to the local economy and health services. Jimboomba will welcome a brand new, state-of-the-art aged care facility in February.

Jimboomba Community Aged Care, operated by Signature Care, is a purpose-built 144-bed facility offering offering 24/7 care for the elderly.

All 144 beds are single with ensuite, and 36 of these rooms are designated for dementia care and broken down into two 18-bed units, with specialist staff working in them. Both units boast great outdoor spaces and can cater for couples with multiple adjoining rooms, which can be set up as either two separate bedrooms, or as a lounge and bedroom.

The centre has a fully functioning café, hair salon, GP consulting room, private dining/function room for the use of families, a cinema, a men's room and multiple activity rooms.

There is also a variety of rooms available ranging from the fully government-subsidised resident through to premium rooms, with a nine-



EXCITING TIMES: Graeme Croft, Managing Director of Signature Care, and General Manager Operations Queensland Dawn Roodenrys outside the soon to be opened Jimboomba Community Aged Care facility.

square metre walk-in robe.

"We are focusing on the aged persons in our community that require that extra level of support they cannot get at home," Jimboomba Community Aged Care Gen-

eral Manager Operations Queensland Dawn Roodenrys said. "We are also taking lots of transfers of local residents who have had to take up rooms in nursing homes outside of the area."

"We are a family-owned business, with a family-based focus. Our philosophy is simply to provide the care we would want, and expect, for our own mothers. We already have 20 permanent bookings

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Jimboomba Community Aged Care has a very comprehensive Covid plan in place, which begins at the front door.

"Our technology is such that our screening tool takes the temperature of every person entering the building, and it prevents the doors opening if a high temperature is recorded," Mrs Roodenrys said.

The facility will employ upwards of 200 people.

"We have already held discussions with one of the local schools to provide a partnership with their students to complete their training in areas of care and hospitality," Mrs Roodenrys said.

Graeme Croft is the Managing Director of Signature Care, and the sister company Croft Developments and has

been in this industry for over 35 years. Jimboomba is the second home to open in the group.

"Our first home opened in Melbourne in November," Mrs Roodenrys said.

"We have another home opening in Narangba, Brisbane in March, and have 15 more across the country to construct and operate."

Jimboomba Community Aged Care is located at 21 East Street, Jimboomba, and has begun taking booked appointments to show display rooms. First residents will be welcomed on February 15, with an open day set down for February 6, depending on Covid advice.

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