Accreditation Decision

**Decision to re-accredit service following a site audit**

**Service and approved provider details**

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| **Name of service:** | Blue Care Star of the Sea Elders Village |
| **RACS ID:** | 5373 |
| **Name of approved provider:** | The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Q.) |
| **Address details:** | Waiben Esplanade THURSDAY ISLAND QLD 4875 |
| **Date of site audit:** | 22 October 2019 to 24 October 2019 |

**Summary of decision**

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| **Decision made on:** | 09 December 2019 | |
| **Decision made by**: | Authorised delegate of the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commissioner (Commissioner) under section 76 of the *Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Act 2018* to decide under section 41 of the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Rules 2018 (Rules) about the accreditation of a service. | |
| **Decision:** | To re-accredit the service under section 41 of the Rules. | |
| **Further period of accreditation:** | 27 December 2019 to 27 December 2022 | |
| **Assessment of performance with the Aged Care Quality Standards** | | |
| Standard 1 Consumer dignity and choice | | Met |
| Requirement 1(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 1(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 1(3)(c) | | Met |
| Requirement 1(3)(d) | | Met |
| Requirement 1(3)(e) | | Met |
| Requirement 1(3)(f) | | Met |
| Standard 2 Ongoing assessment and planning with consumers | | Met |
| Requirement 2(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 2(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 2(3)(c) | | Met |
| Requirement 2(3)(d) | | Met |
| Requirement 2(3)(e) | | Met |
| Standard 3 Personal care and clinical care | | Met |
| Requirement 3(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 3(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 3(3)(c) | | Met |
| Requirement 3(3)(d) | | Met |
| Requirement 3(3)(e) | | Met |
| Requirement 3(3)(f) | | Met |
| Requirement 3(3)(g) | | Met |
| Standard 4 Services and supports for daily living | | Met |
| Requirement 4(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 4(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 4(3)(c) | | Met |
| Requirement 4(3)(d) | | Met |
| Requirement 4(3)(e) | | Met |
| Requirement 4(3)(f) | | Met |
| Requirement 4(3)(g) | | Met |
| Standard 5 Organisation’s service environment | | Met |
| Requirement 5(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 5(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 5(3)(c) | | Met |
| Standard 6 Feedback and complaints | | Met |
| Requirement 6(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 6(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 6(3)(c) | | Met |
| Requirement 6(3)(d) | | Met |
| Standard 7 Human resources | | Met |
| Requirement 7(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 7(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 7(3)(c) | | Met |
| Requirement 7(3)(d) | | Met |
| Requirement 7(3)(e) | | Met |
| Standard 8 Organisational governance | | Met |
| Requirement 8(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 8(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 8(3)(c) | | Met |
| Requirement 8(3)(d) | | Met |
| Requirement 8(3)(e) | | Met |

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Site Audit Performance   
Assessment Report

The Commission makes the decision taking into account this site audit report, any response by the provider, and any other relevant information.

The met/not met recommendations made by the Assessment Team in this site audit report may differ from the findings in the decision.

## Introduction

**This is the report of an assessment of Blue Care Star of the Sea Elders Village (the Service) conducted from 22 October 2019 to 24 October 2019.**

**This assessment was conducted for the purposes of assessing the provider’s performance in relation to the Service against the Aged Care Quality Standards (the Quality Standards) in accordance with the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Rules 2018.**

This report contains detailed findings about the performance assessment of the Service against each Quality Standard and the requirements within each Quality Standard. The Quality Standard and assessed requirements are rated as either Met or Not Met.

A Met rating for the Quality Standard means that all requirements of that Quality Standard have been assessed and rated as Met

A Not Met rating for the Quality Standard means that one or more requirements of that Quality Standard has been assessed and one or more of those requirements have been rated as Not Met.

There will be no rating of the Quality Standard if only some of the requirements have been assessed and those requirements have been rated as Met.

This Report is to be read in conjunction with the Quality Standards.

## Assessment Details

The assessment was informed by a site assessment, observations at the service, review of documents and interviews with staff, consumers/representatives and others.

The following interviews were undertaken:

| **Type** | **Number** |
| --- | --- |
| Cleaner | 1 |
| Endorsed enrolled nurse | 2 |
| Lifestyle staff | 1 |
| Chef | 1 |
| Consumers | 4 |
| Residential Service Manager | 1 |
| Registered nurse | 1 |
| Representatives | 1 |
| Care staff | 6 |
| Enrolled nurse | 1 |

## Detailed findings

This section covers information about the assessment of the provider’s performance, in relation to the service, against each of the requirements of the Quality Standards that were assessed.

### Standard 1: Consumer dignity and choice Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I am treated with dignity and respect, and can maintain my identity. I can make informed choices about my care and services, and live the life I choose.

#### Organisation statement:

2. The organisation:

(a) has a culture of inclusion and respect for consumers; and

(b) supports consumers to exercise choice and independence; and

(c) respects consumers’ privacy.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 1:

Overall consumers confirmed that they are treated with dignity and respect, can maintain their identity, make informed choices about their care and services and live the life they choose.

For example:

* Consumers interviewed said staff make them feel respected and value their Torres Strait Islander culture and individual identities.
* They provided examples of how care and services are provided in a way that is culturally safe for them, such as the inclusion of Islander food on the menu, recognition of appropriate gender and family relationships in providing care and meeting preferences for culturally relevant activities. They confirmed through examples that staff know what is important to them and support them to maintain family and community links of significance.
* Consumers provided positive feedback about support provided to be independent, to exercise choice and make decisions. They said they have sufficient information to assist with this. Where a consumer’s choice involves risk, such as requesting traditionally caught foods or smoking, consumers said staff respected their wishes in a way that also considered the risk.
* Consumers said their personal privacy is respected, including through knocking on doors prior to entry, closing their door when requested and ensuring appropriate privacy during care provision.

To understand the consumer’s experience and how the organisation understands and applies the requirements within this Standard, the Assessment Team sampled the experience of consumers, asking them about the requirements, reviewing their care planning documentation (for alignment with the feedback from consumers) and testing staff understanding and application of the requirements under this Standard. The team also examined relevant documentation and drew relevant information from other consumer interviews and the assessment of other Standards.

* Staff interviews and review of care documentation demonstrated the service knows its consumers well and supports consumers to receive individual care, maintain relationships important to them and make choices and decisions. Staff described how they facilitate engagement by consumers with the community and their cultural heritage, support family members to participate in the life of the service and undertake consultation regarding aspects of care and services of importance to consumers. Care planning documents, meeting minutes and surveys identified the service understands and supports consumer choice.

The Assessment Team found that 6 of 6 specific requirements were met.

#### Requirements:

##### Standard 1 Requirement 3(a) Met

The organisation demonstrates that each consumer is treated with dignity and respect, with their identity, culture and diversity valued.

##### Standard 1 Requirement 3(b) Met

The organisation demonstrates that care and services are culturally safe.

##### Standard 1 Requirement 3(c) Met

The organisation demonstrates that each consumer is supported to exercise choice and independence, including to:

(i) make decisions about their own care and the way care and services are delivered; and

(ii) make decisions about when family, friends, carers or others should be involved in their care; and

(iii) communicate their decisions; and

(iv) make connections with others and maintain relationships of choice, including intimate relationships.

##### Standard 1 Requirement 3(d) Met

The organisation demonstrates that each consumer is supported to take risks to enable them to live the best life they can.

##### Standard 1 Requirement 3(e) Met

The organisation demonstrates that information provided to each consumer is current, accurate and timely, and communicated in a way that is clear, easy to understand and enables them to exercise choice.

##### Standard 1 Requirement 3(f) Met

The organisation demonstrates that each consumer’s privacy is respected and personal information is kept confidential.

### Standard 2: Ongoing assessment and planning with consumers Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I am a partner in ongoing assessment and planning that helps me get the care and services I need for my health and well-being.

#### Organisation statement:

2. The organisation undertakes initial and ongoing assessment and planning for care and services in partnership with the consumer. Assessment and planning has a focus on optimising health and well-being in accordance with the consumer’s needs, goals and preferences.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 2:

Overall consumers confirmed that they feel like partners in the ongoing assessment and planning of their care and services. For example:

* Consumers interviewed reported being involved in the initial and ongoing planning of their care and also that they have ready access to their care plan.
* They confirmed the service seeks input from others who contribute to their care including their medical practitioner and family members.

To understand the consumer’s experience and how the organisation understands and applies the requirements within this Standard, the Assessment Team sampled the experience of consumers – reviewing their care planning documents in detail, asking consumers about how they are involved in care planning, and interviewing staff about how they use care planning documents and review them on an ongoing basis.

* Each of the care plans reviewed showed they have been developed in consultation with the consumer and/or their representative and that they have been reviewed regularly and updated when changes have been required.

The Assessment Team found that 5 of 5 specific requirements were met.

#### Requirements:

##### Standard 2 Requirement 3(a) Met

The organisation demonstrates that assessment and planning, including consideration of risks to the consumer’s health and well-being, informs the delivery of safe and effective care and services.

##### Standard 2 Requirement 3(b) Met

The organisation demonstrates that assessment and planning identifies and addresses the consumer’s current needs, goals and preferences, including advance care planning and end of life planning if the consumer wishes.

##### Standard 2 Requirement 3(c) Met

The organisation demonstrates that assessment and planning:

(i) is based on ongoing partnership with the consumer and others that the consumer wishes to involve in assessment, planning and review of the consumer’s care and services; and

(ii) includes other organisations, and individuals and providers of other care and services, that are involved in the care of the consumer.

##### Standard 2 Requirement 3(d) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the outcomes of assessment and planning are effectively communicated to the consumer and documented in a care and services plan that is readily available to the consumer, and where care and services are provided.

##### Standard 2 Requirement 3(e) Met

The organisation demonstrates that care and services are reviewed regularly for effectiveness, and when circumstances change or when incidents impact on the needs, goals or preferences of the consumer.

### Standard 3: Personal care and clinical care Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I get personal care, clinical care, or both personal care and clinical care, that is safe and right for me.

#### Organisation statement:

2. The organisation delivers safe and effective personal care, clinical care, or both personal care and clinical care, in accordance with the consumer’s needs, goals and preferences to optimise health and well-being

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 3:

Overall consumers consider that they receive personal care and clinical care that is safe and right for them.

For example:

* Consumers interviewed agreed the staff meet their healthcare needs and that they have access to a doctor or other health professional when they need it
* Consumers gave examples of how staff ensured the care they receive was right for them. This included regularly asking them about their care and the way it is delivered.

To understand the consumer’s experience and how the organisation understands and applies the requirements within this Standard, the Assessment Team sampled the experience of consumers – their care plans and assessments were reviewed and staff were asked about how they ensure the delivery of safe and effective care for consumers and consumers. The team also examined relevant documents.

* Each of the care plans reviewed indicated the delivery of safe and effective care and the involvement of other health professionals.
* Staff described reported they have opportunities for continuing education and demonstrated an understanding of the steps they can take to minimise infections.

The Assessment Team found that 7 of 7 specific requirements were met.

#### Requirements:

##### Standard 3 Requirement 3(a) Met

The organisation demonstrates that each consumer gets safe and effective personal care, clinical care, or both personal care and clinical care, that:

(i) is best practice and

(ii) is tailored to their needs and

(iii) optimises their health and well-being.

##### Standard 3 Requirement 3(b) Met

The organisation demonstrates that effective management of high impact or high prevalence risks associated with the care of each consumer.

##### Standard 3 Requirement 3(c) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the needs, goals and preferences of consumers nearing the end of life are recognised and addressed, their comfort maximised and their dignity preserved.

##### Standard 3 Requirement 3(d) Met

The organisation demonstrates that deterioration or change of a consumer’s mental health, cognitive or physical function, capacity or condition is recognised and responded to in a timely manner.

##### Standard 3 Requirement 3(e) Met

The organisation demonstrates that information about the consumer’s condition, needs and preferences is documented and communicated within the organisation, and with others where responsibility for care is shared.

##### Standard 3 Requirement 3(f) Met

The organisation demonstrates that timely and appropriate referrals to individuals, other organisations and providers of other care and services.

##### Standard 3 Requirement 3(g) Met

The organisation demonstrates that minimisation of infection related risks through implementing:

(i) standard and transmission based precautions to prevent and control infection; and

(ii) practices to promote appropriate antibiotic prescribing and use to support optimal care and reduce the risk of increasing resistance to antibiotics.

### Standard 4: Services and supports for daily living Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I get the services and supports for daily living that are important for my health and well-being and that enable me to do the things I want to do.

#### Organisation statement:

2. The organisation provides safe and effective services and supports for daily living that optimise the consumer’s independence, health, well-being and quality of life.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 4:

Overall consumers confirm that they get the services and supports for daily living that are important for their health and well-being and that enable them to do the things they want to do.

For example:

* Consumers interviewed confirmed they are supported by the service to undertake lifestyle activities of interest to them within the service and outside in the community.
* Consumers interviewed confirmed they are supported to maintain contact with family and friends who are important to them who live on the Island, the outer islands and the mainland.
* Consumers interviewed advised they enjoy the food offered, including the traditional meals and that they are able to provide feedback and have input into the service’s menu.
* Consumers interviewed enjoy the additional lifestyle support they receive from other health services and community groups.

To understand the consumer’s experience and how the organisation understands and applies the requirements within this Standard, the Assessment Team sampled the experience of consumers – observations were made by the team, consumers were asked about the things they like to do and how these things are enabled or supported by the service and staff were asked about their understanding and application of the requirements. The team also examined relevant documents.

* Consumers living at the service are supported to participate in community cultural and lifestyle celebrations and events.

The Assessment Team found that 7 of 7 specific requirements were met.

#### Requirements:

##### Standard 4 Requirement 3(a) Met

The organisation demonstrates that each consumer gets safe and effective services and supports for daily living that meet the consumer’s needs, goals and preferences and optimise their independence, health, well-being and quality of life.

##### Standard 4 Requirement 3(b) Met

The organisation demonstrates that services and supports for daily living promote each consumer’s emotional, spiritual and psychological well-being.

##### Standard 4 Requirement 3(c) Met

The organisation demonstrates that services and supports for daily living assist each consumer to:

(i) participate in their community within and outside the organisation’s service environment; and

(ii) have social and personal relationships; and

(iii) do the things of interest to them.

##### Standard 4 Requirement 3(d) Met

The organisation demonstrates that information about the consumer’s condition, needs and preferences is communicated within the organisation, and with others where responsibility for care is shared.

##### Standard 4 Requirement 3(e) Met

The organisation demonstrates that timely and appropriate referrals to individuals, other organisations and providers of other care and services.

##### Standard 4 Requirement 3(f) Met

The organisation demonstrates that where meals are provided, they are varied and of suitable quality and quantity.

##### Standard 4 Requirement 3(g) Met

The organisation demonstrates that where equipment is provided, it is safe, suitable, clean and well maintained.

### Standard 5: Organisation’s service environment Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I feel I belong and I am safe and comfortable in the organisation’s service environment.

#### Organisation statement:

2. The organisation provides a safe and comfortable service environment that promotes the consumer’s independence, function and enjoyment.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 5:

Overall consumers indicated that they feel they belong in the service and feel safe and comfortable in the service environment.

For example:

* Consumers interviewed confirmed they can freely and safely access indoor and outdoor areas and feel safe living at the service. Consumers who require staff assistance to access outdoor areas said staff support them to do this.
* Consumers interviewed confirmed the environment is decorated and furnished in a style which reflects the Island’s lifestyle and culture. Consumers said they enjoy sitting in the communal area which has expansive views of the ocean and islands, which is important and meaningful to them.
* Consumers interviewed confirmed that the service is clean and well maintained.

To understand the consumer’s experience and how the organisation understands and applies the requirements within this Standard, the Assessment Team observed the service environment, spoke with consumers about their experience of the service environment and interviewed care staff about the suitability and safety of equipment. The team also examined relevant documents.

* The Assessment Team observed the environment to be welcoming with a large and central communal living area with panoramic views of the Torres Strait and outer islands. Artwork displayed is reflective of the island lifestyle and consumers can furnish their rooms with personal items. Consumers have access to clean and maintained indoor and outdoor living areas.

The Assessment Team found that 3 of 3 specific requirements were met.

#### Requirements:

##### Standard 5 Requirement 3(a) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the service environment is welcoming and easy to understand, and optimises each consumer’s sense of belonging, independence, interaction and function.

##### Standard 5 Requirement 3(b) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the service environment:

(i) is safe, clean, well maintained and comfortable; and

(ii) enables consumers to move freely, both indoors and outdoors.

##### Standard 5 Requirement 3(c) Met

The organisation demonstrates that furniture, fittings and equipment are safe, clean, well maintained and suitable for the consumer.

### Standard 6: Feedback and complaints Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I feel safe and am encouraged and supported to give feedback and make complaints. I am engaged in processes to address my feedback and complaints, and appropriate action is taken.

#### Organisation statement:

2. The organisation regularly seeks input and feedback from consumers, carers, the workforce and others and uses the input and feedback to inform continuous improvements for individual consumers and the whole organisation.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 6:

Overall consumers considered that they are encouraged and supported to give feedback and make complaints, and that appropriate action is taken.

For example:

* Consumers interviewed said they felt comfortable raising concerns and providing feedback, including at resident meetings and directly to management and staff. They also said they have family members who visit them or who are staff members, who they feel they can raise concerns with and who will address concerns for them. They felt changes had been made in response to feedback, particularly in relation to the menu and requests for specific food items.

To understand the consumer’s experience and how the organisation understands and applies the requirements within this Standard, the Assessment Team sampled the experience of consumers – asking them about how they raise complaints and the organisation’s response. The team also examined the complaints register, complaints trend analysis and tested staff understanding and application of the requirements under this Standard.

* Concerns are addressed as they arise or more formally as a complaint through an electronic risk management system. Complaints are reviewed by management, actioned and resolved. The service uses an open disclosure approach, including an apology by management, as an integral part of its complaint’s resolution process.
* Resident meetings are a key forum for consumers to provide feedback and seek change. Meeting minutes and staff interviews identified the service is responsive to feedback provided through this avenue.
* Care documentation for consumers interviewed identified changes to care and services are included in care plans in response to individual feedback, for example for meal preferences, smoking arrangements and community outings.

The Assessment Team found that 4 of 4 specific requirements were met.

#### Requirements:

##### Standard 6 Requirement 3(a) Met

The organisation demonstrates that consumers, their family, friends, carers and others are encouraged and supported to provide feedback and make complaints.

##### Standard 6 Requirement 3(b) Met

The organisation demonstrates that consumers are made aware of and have access to advocates, language services and other methods for raising and resolving complaints.

##### Standard 6 Requirement 3(c) Met

The organisation demonstrates that appropriate action is taken in response to complaints and an open disclosure process is used when things go wrong.

##### Standard 6 Requirement 3(d) Met

The organisation demonstrates that feedback and complaints are reviewed and used to improve the quality of care and services.

### Standard 7: Human resources Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I get quality care and services when I need them from people who are knowledgeable, capable and caring.

#### Organisation statement:

2. The organisation has a workforce that is sufficient, and is skilled and qualified, to provide safe, respectful and quality care and services.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 7:

Overall consumers indicated that they get quality care and services when they need them and from people who are knowledgeable, capable and caring. For example:

* Consumers interviewed confirmed that staff are kind and caring and respectful of their identity culture and diversity. They gave examples of what this means to them including in relation to being able to participate in events of cultural significance.
* Consumers interviewed felt there were sufficient staff to support care and services and stated they have confidence that staff know what they are doing.

To understand the consumer’s experience and how the organisation understands and applies the individual requirements within this Standard, the Assessment Team spoke with consumers about their experience of the staff, interviewed staff, and reviewed a range of records including staff rosters, training records and performance reviews.

* Staff interviewed reported they have enough time to complete their duties and that staff unable to attend their shifts are replaced. They reported they receive training and support from management.

The Assessment Team found that 5 of 5 specific requirements were met.

#### Requirements:

##### Standard 7 Requirement 3(a) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the workforce is planned to enable, and the number and mix of members of the workforce deployed enables, the delivery and management of safe and quality care and services.

##### Standard 7 Requirement 3(b) Met

The organisation demonstrates that workforce interactions with consumers are kind, caring and respectful of each consumer’s identity, culture and diversity.

##### Standard 7 Requirement 3(c) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the workforce is competent and the members of the workforce have the qualifications and knowledge to effectively perform their roles.

##### Standard 7 Requirement 3(d) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the workforce is recruited, trained, equipped and supported to deliver the outcomes required by these standards.

##### Standard 7 Requirement 3(e) Met

The organisation demonstrates that regular assessment, monitoring and review of the performance of each member of the workforce.

### Standard 8: Organisational governance Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I am confident the organisation is well run. I can partner in improving the delivery of care and services.

#### Organisation statement:

2. The organisation’s governing body is accountable for the delivery of safe and quality care and services.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 8:

Overall consumers indicated that the organisation is well run and that they can partner in improving the delivery of care and services. For example:

* Consumers interviewed were of the opinion the service is well run and confirmed they are involved in the development delivery and evaluation of services. For example, consumers confirmed they were consulted about the design of the new facility, and on a day to day basis they are encouraged to make suggestions to enable the service to support them to live the best life they can.

To understand how the organisation understands and applies the requirements within this Standard, the Assessment Team spoke with management and staff and reviewed relevant systems and processes relating to the organisational governance underpinning the delivery of care and services (as assessed through other Standards).

The governing body meets regularly, sets clear expectations and regularly reviews risks from an organisational and consumer perspective. There are organisation wide governance systems to support effective information management, the workforce, compliance with regulation and clinical care. The clinical governance system addresses antimicrobial stewardship, open disclosure and minimising the use of restraint.

The Assessment Team found that 5 of 5 specific requirements were met.

#### Requirements:

##### Standard 8 Requirement 3(a) Met

The organisation demonstrates that consumers are engaged in the development, delivery and evaluation of care and services and are supported in that engagement.

##### Standard 8 Requirement 3(b) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the organisation’s governing body promotes a culture of safe, inclusive and quality care and services and is accountable for their delivery.

##### Standard 8 Requirement 3(c) Met

The organisation demonstrates that effective organisation wide governance systems relating to the following:

(i) information management

(ii) continuous improvement

(iii) financial governance

(iv) workforce governance, including the assignment of clear responsibilities and accountabilities

(v) regulatory compliance

(vi) feedback and complaints

##### Standard 8 Requirement 3(d) Met

The organisation demonstrates that effective risk management systems and practices, including but not limited to the following:

(i) managing high-impact or high-prevalence risks associated with the care of consumers

(ii) identifying and responding to abuse and neglect of consumers

(iii) supporting consumers to live the best life they can

##### Standard 8 Requirement 3(e) Met

The organisation demonstrates that where clinical care is provided - a clinical governance framework, including but not limited to the following:

(i) antimicrobial stewardship

(ii) minimising the use of restraint

(iii) open disclosure