

Curtin Heritage Living  
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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Curtin Heritage Living announces successful application for labour agreement.**

Curtin Heritage Living is pleased to be the first aged care services provider in Australia to secure a labour agreement with the Commonwealth of Australia that provides a rapid entry and permanent residency pathway for Assistants in Nursing, Carers and Support Workers working in the aged care industry.

The agreement supports other providers to more easily enter an agreement with the Minister, providing a positive impact on the critical skills shortage in aged care. This agreement is a major milestone for the whole industry, and those temporary workers that have filled an essential role in caring for our elderly over several years.

Curtin Heritage Living Managing Director David Cox says:

'This labour agreement is a win for Curtin Heritage Living, our valued workforce, and the entire industry. Those who are eligible will benefit from access to secure employment opportunities in Australia, helping them to build a stable future for themselves and their families. At the same time, Curtin Heritage Living will benefit from a diverse and skilled workforce, which will help to ensure our residents receive the highest quality care possible.

From an industry perspective, we believe this agreement is a positive step toward addressing a critical shortage of skilled workers and will hopefully offer some relief to other aged care service providers. I would like to acknowledge the United Workers Union (UWU) for their initiative and their support during this process. The UWU have been instrumental in the delivery of an approved Labour Agreement, ensuring our workforce is informed and well represented.'

This agreement has also been welcomed by the UWU. Carolyn Smith, National Director Aged Care and WA State Secretary says:

'We welcome this labour agreement and believe it will help to address the chronic shortage of skilled workers in the aged care sector while providing those individuals eligible, the opportunity to secure permanent residency in Australia. UWU is glad to have worked with Curtin Heritage Living as the first aged care services provider to have this agreement in place.'

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**[About Curtin Heritage Living](#)**

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*Curtin Heritage Living is a not-for-profit, community organisation that has been providing services to older members of the western suburbs of Perth for over 40 years. Our services include independent living accommodation, home care services, residential aged care, including the provision of specialised care for people living with dementia and other higher care needs.*

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