

Media Statement



RSL Care preparations in North Queensland for Cyclone Yasi

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Statement from Ross Smith, CEO, RSL Care:

RSL Care management and staff have implemented an appropriate action plan to ensure the safety of all residents in our impacted communities in north Queensland as Cyclone Yasi approaches the coast.

Our teams have worked closely with the local Emergency Services advisors in each location and action is being taken today, following discussion overnight and this morning to ensure the safety of all our residents in the cyclone's expected path.

These RSL Care communities include: Farnorha in Cairns, Rowes Bay in Townsville, Cunningham Villas in Bowen, Bicentennial in Mackay, as well as our three associated HomeCare communities based in Cairns, Townsville and Mackay.

We are in regular contact with the appropriate authorities in each area to stay abreast of developments so we can adjust our approach to reflect the latest advice.

RSL Care communities south of Rockhampton are preparing to take additional residents from our RSL Care communities and other aged care providers from the north of the state if assistance is requested, and if further evacuations are required as weather conditions change.

The safety of all our residents is paramount, as is the safety of our people as they continue to focus on resident care, and we are confident that the plans in place are appropriate and will keep all affected safe from harm.

This status report and further general updates will be posted to the RSL Care website www.rslcare.com.au. Please check the website for further updates over the coming days.

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