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Dear Staff,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and tell you a little bit about who I am and why I am here at Whiddon Moree.

### ***About me!***

I started my nursing career as an AIN, working in a group home/aged care facility in Ryde, Sydney after obtaining a traineeship. After completing my 12-month traineeship, I had my first child and enjoyed the next two years being a fulltime mum. I soon became restless, wanting to get back into nursing and continue my studies and proceeded to complete my EEN training in Western Sydney Health, where I commenced working in the acute health sector.

I became hooked on studying and learning, completing several certificates after this, including my Emergency Nursing credentials. Throughout the birth of my second and third child, I completed my Bachelor of Nursing Studies and am currently in the process of completing my Masters in Gerontology. I believe that studying assists my knowledge and helps me understand the complex issues within aged care, as well as maturing my people skills.

I have spent the last eight years working within management in aged care within a rural location and would like to remain rural. Although there are many challenges associated with living in a rural area, there are also so many benefits for family life and community involvement.

### ***My involvement at Whiddon Moree!***

I understand that you have all seen many managers come and go at Moree and appreciate that this nurtures a culture of instability and mistrust within management. I would like to reassure you all that my objectives for this facility are both staff and resident focused, striving on providing a positive and family orientated community and workforce. I have had such wonderful feedback handed over to me from your leadership team, regarding your dedication and hard work and applaud you all for your commitment to the residents in our facility.

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I look forward to meeting each of you and am a big believer in acknowledging everyone by name. So please bear with me as I spend the next few weeks getting to know you all and putting a face to a name.

I have an open-door policy and am always up for a chat with staff. Please take the time to drop in and say hello or introduce yourself to me as I venture out on the floor, talking to staff and residents daily.

I am very excited for my journey at Whiddon Moree and look forward to working alongside you all.

Allison Groth



Director Care Services