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Australia Day honour for CHA Director

Catholic Health Australia Board Chair Paul Robertson AO has paid tribute to CHA Director Don Neander, saying “Don Neander’s inclusion in the 2019 Australia Day honours list is deserving recognition for his many years of service and leadership in Catholic health and aged care.”

Mr Neander, who lives in Queensland, was honoured with the Medal of the Order of Australia in recognition of his service to aged welfare. That includes two years as a director on the Board of Catholic Health Australia.

“Don has served as a Knight of the Southern Cross for almost 50 years. He is well respected and regarded for his selfless commitment to building the aged care capacity of the Knights. Don is the State Chair of Southern Cross Care Queensland and the National Chair of Southern Cross Care Australia,” said Mr Robertson.

In 1967, the Knights in Queensland founded Southern Cross Care Homes for the Aged Inc, as they saw a need to support the aged and the disabled. In 1978, Queensland opened its first hostel, Archbishop Duhig Court at Holland Park and in August 2001 changed the name of their aged care wing to Southern Cross Care (Qld) Ltd to reflect how the services had grown.

Southern Cross Care (Qld) now has 5 retirement villages, 11 aged care facilities and operates Community Services across South East Queensland, supporting the aged and the disabled in their own homes. [Source: <http://sccqld.com.au/about-us/>]

CHA CEO Suzanne Greenwood reflected that, “Don is a very gracious and humble person who contributes so much of his time and effort for others, and so this is richly deserved public recognition that he would never seek for himself.”

“Everyday, older Australians experience tremendous compassionate and innovative care in their homes and in aged care facilities and it is caring and dedicated people like Don Neander who make that a reality.”

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MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

Mr Donald Ian NEANDER, Cannon Hill QLD 4170

For service to aged welfare.

- Chair, Southern Cross Care Australia, since 2016.
- Chair, Southern Cross Care Queensland, since 2012.
- Board Director, Catholic Health Australia, since 2017.

Knights of the Southern Cross Queensland

- State Chairman, 1995-1997.
- Deputy State Chairman, 1991-1994.
- Junior Deputy State Chairman, 1988-1990.
- Branch Chairman, 1976-1978.
- Member, since 1970.

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