



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Builders appointed for Capecare Dunsborough**

The building contract for Capecare Dunsborough has been awarded to Perkins Builders, and construction on the \$37.5 million project is expected to start within weeks.

This will be the first aged care facility for the rapidly-growing Dunsborough community, and will comprise an 80-bed residential care facility for people with high physical needs in a dementia-enabling environment, palliative care, 21 independent living apartments with complimentary and allied health services, new premises for the Dunsborough Country Women's Association (CWA), a playground, café and landscaped gardens.

Capecare CEO Stephen Carmody said this was a significant milestone for the long-awaited project.

"The need for an aged care facility in Dunsborough has been discussed for more than 30 years, so to reach this point of awarding the building contract for Capecare Dunsborough is extremely exciting," he said.

"Perkins Builders provided a comprehensive and detailed tender that satisfied our requirements, our board and funding partners.

"They are a long-standing West Australian builder, with a great capacity to source local construction trades and workers, and we look forward to seeing this project through with them," he said.

Perkins Builders' Managing Director Dan Perkins said that the company was honoured to be chosen as the construction partner to deliver the new Capecare Dunsborough.

"Perkins Builders is passionate about supporting investment in the south west. We're excited to be delivering this project for Capecare and to play our part in realising the benefits this great facility will deliver to the local community in Dunsborough and surrounding areas."

Member for Forrest Nola Marino said she was pleased to see the Federal Government's \$7.1 million investment in the project put to good use.

"I am pleased to hear that a local building company in Perkins Builders has been awarded the contract for this important project," she said.

"I strongly believe that local procurement is vital for projects in the South West to boost local jobs and the economy.

"I have been a strong supporter of this project given how important it is for the people of Dunsborough and the broader South West."

Regional Development Minister Alannah MacTiernan said the State Government's \$2.5 million investment was delivering wins for the community before the project was even completed.

"Not only will this project cater for the accommodation needs of Dunsborough's older residents, allowing more people to age in the community they call home where they are surrounded by their support networks, but the project will also create jobs during construction," Minister MacTiernan said.

“The South West is home to very capable businesses and it’s great to see one of these awarded the building project for Armstrong Village. Congratulations to Capecare for embracing the McGowan Government’s commitment to ensuring local content is maximised.”

Capecare Dunsborough was designed by Gary Batt & Associates Architects, leaders in Aged Care design within Western Australia, in consultation with de Fiddes Design, renowned nationally as dementia design specialists.

The facility will employ approximately 60 people full time over the course of the project development and approximately 530 people during the construction phase of the project. The project is set to be completed in mid 2021.

The project is made possible thanks to funding from both the Federal Government’s Building Better Regions fund and the State Government’s Regional Aged Accommodation Program.

For more information on Capecare Dunsborough, visit <https://capecare.com.au/independent-living/new-dunsborough-aged-care-village/>.

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**About Capecare**

Capecare has provided aged care services in the Capes region for more than 50 years. The locally managed not-for-profit entity owns and operates Busselton’s Ray Village with 55 independent living units and 118 residential care beds; Strelly Adult Day Centre, Ray Lodge Community Respite Centre, along with the soon-to-be-built Capecare Dunsborough. It also provides [comprehensive community services into the home](#).

**About Perkins Construction**

Perkins Builders is a local privately owned construction company that has operated in and around the south west of WA for over 50 years and has built many of the region’s buildings and infrastructure. Perkins Builders has been a significant trainer and employer of people over that period of time and provided consistent work for a large number of subcontract businesses. Perkins Builders is an integral part of the south west community.