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## **JETA GARDENS MEDIA STATEMENT FOR 7.30 ABC TV**

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### **Covid Outbreak Management**

The COVID outbreak at Jeta Gardens is now under control. COVID numbers have reduced to zero on-site and 1 in hospital, which is a strong and confident position to be in.

PCR testing remains in place and no new cases have occurred since 9 February 2022.

We expect the results from Friday's PCR screening will provide the inter-agency Outbreak Management Team (including the Public Health Unit, Federal Health, and Aged Care Quality & Safety Commission) with the confidence to confirm Outbreak Closure.

All required infection control procedures such as daily RAT testing of staff and visitors remain in place and our expectations and hopes are that we will be on track to receive clearance from the Public Health Unit in coming days.

The appointed Nurse Advisor (current to 3 June 2022) and our Consultant Gerontologist have noted there are no clinical risks with any residents at Jeta Gardens that are out of normal aged care operations or concerns.

Jeta Gardens is cooperating and communicating, and will continue to, daily with the Aged Care Quality & Safety Commission.

As Jeta Gardens is currently part of the ongoing investigation, all specific COVID-19 information and details around outbreak management are being passed onto the Aged Care Quality & Safety Commission. Once this investigation concludes, this information will be available to the public, and media.

Jeta Gardens cannot comment on specific matters during an ongoing investigation.

We will not comment on specific medical matters related to our residents as this is private and confidential information.

All residents at Jeta Gardens are provided with social, emotional, and physical care and support. Clinical nurses and our appointed Nurse Advisors are currently managing residents on a day-to-day basis. There have been no complaints or reports from residents regarding mental health concerns or deterioration.

No residents are confined to their rooms and communal spaces are fully functioning abiding by the State Government COVID-19 rules and regulations.



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## **Moving Forward**

The health and wellbeing of the elders in our care at Jeta Gardens, along with our staff and the community at large is always our priority, including during this COVID pandemic.

Aged care facilities across Queensland have been impacted by the COVID pandemic, and we at Jeta Gardens are no exception.

We are very thankful for the support provided by the various government agencies and specialist advisors involved in our outbreak management. We remain committed to delivering the best care for the Jeta Gardens community and are confident in our push towards success.

There has been a momentous effort by all involved, our staff, our specialist advisors including the nurse advisor team and Gerontologist Dr Drew Dwyer to ensure Jeta Gardens is able to come through this.

The Jeta Gardens community has experienced and learned a lot to date, and we remain committed to delivering the best care for the Jeta Gardens community and are confident in our push towards success.

## **Questions in relation to Lottie Meek**

CEO Wesley Carter has reached out to the family and will be meeting with them in coming days.

“We are very sorry that this family was not given the opportunity to pack up Lottie’s personal items. Lottie was a long-term resident of Jeta Gardens and I apologise that what her family experienced at the time of Lottie’s passing was not as it should have been. We apologise unreservedly for any distress this caused.”



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