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Media Announcement

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Froniditha Care firmly positioned atop of Australia's aged care providers at national ACSA Awards

Australia's Greek community has reason to be proud this week following the outstanding recognition not-for-profit aged care provider Froniditha Care received at the national Aged and Community Services Australia (ACSA) Awards 2019.

After winning the state awards in June this year in the categories of Service Innovation and Individual Contribution, Froniditha Care was thrust into the aged care limelight as the Victorian candidate for two national awards.

The Lifestyle and Activity Program of the organisation's residential care facility in Clayton South was recognised on Tuesday 8 October for its innovative and person-centred culturally sensitive program.

Personal carer at Froniditha Care's STORGI facility in Lower Templestowe, Khoryom 'Tut' Nyuon, took centre stage on Wednesday 9 October for his individual contribution, which has had a profound positive impact on the elderly Greeks he cares for.

Jim Scantsonihas, Acting CEO: *"Though neither candidate secured top prize, to be acknowledged at the national level amongst the industry's leading providers is a feat in itself. It is an endorsement at the highest level of the work Froniditha Care does for the elderly Greeks it cares for in the community."*

Tut is recognised as an exceptional Personal Care Assistant (PCA) whose positive presence at Froniditha Care's residential care facility in Templestowe has made a positive impact to the wellbeing of aged care residents easing anxiety and isolation. A refugee from South Sudan, Tut learnt conversational Greek to better communicate with the Greek Australian residents and broken down prejudice in the community.

Clayton's Lifestyle and Activities Team has introduced a truly innovative program to support its 150 elderly Greek residents. The eight-person team works collaboratively to produce an innovative and meaningful program that celebrates the residents' deep traditions and history, makes them feel valued and comfortable to pass on their wisdom, promotes physical activity and mental wellbeing and keeps them connected to their community. Initiatives include a karakiozi theatre, traditional costume-making, intergenerational initiatives and culturally sensitive music therapy.

For more information on this story or to conduct interviews with Froniditha Care stakeholders, please contact Zoe Angeli, Executive Manager for Public Affairs at zoe.angeli@froniditha.org or call 0418 696794.

Froniditha Care is a not-for-profit provider of culturally appropriate residential and community aged care services primarily serving the Greek community in Victoria and the broader multicultural community of regional NSW.

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