



MEDIA RELEASE

Curwoods Lawyers announces support for young Australians with high care needs

Sydney, 6 December 2017

Curwoods Lawyers (**Curwoods**) has marked the start of a new charity partnership with Youngcare by making a \$10,000 donation, which will contribute to empowering young Australians with high care needs to stay out of retirement homes through the provision of age-appropriate housing, grants and other support.

Youngcare is a not-for-profit organisation that is spearheading powerful and positive change to create a future where every young person has the independence to live the lives that they deserve.

On Tuesday, 5 December 2017, Curwoods' staff were joined by Anthony Ryan, CEO of Youngcare, and Emily Dash, an emerging writer, actor and motivational speaker and Youngcare advocate, who both spoke passionately about the importance of giving young people with high care needs and their loved ones the freedom of choice. Anthony shared stories of the profound impact of appropriate housing and grants for people with high care needs and their loved ones, while Emily drew on her own experiences with Youngcare to illustrate how their support has increased her independence – something which all young people deserve.

Curwoods has recently recruited Ella Alexander, a dedicated Pro Bono Solicitor and Head of Corporate Social Responsibility, as part of its commitment to supporting our community. Scott Kennedy, Curwoods' Managing Partner said:

"Curwoods is passionate about having a positive impact on our community. Through our Pro Bono and CSR programs, we use our skills and services to assist the most vulnerable, marginalised and disadvantaged members of our community. Ella and the other members of Curwoods' CSR Committee have been instrumental in building Curwoods' relationship with Youngcare. They have the full support of the partnership to continue developing our Pro Bono and CSR initiatives."

Ella Alexander, Curwoods' Pro Bono Solicitor and Head of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), said:

"We are proud to support Youngcare as part of our CSR program. Curwoods recognises that we are part of the wider community, and our Pro Bono and CSR programs are designed to allow our staff to give back to that community. We hope that the funds donated to Youngcare this morning will assist young people with high care needs to live their lives with dignity and autonomy."

Anthony Ryan thanked Curwoods for their support, saying:

"A huge thank you to Curwoods for their new sponsorship of Youngcare. Your corporate support will enable us to provide appropriate care and homes for young people with high care needs right throughout Australia."

As part of our CSR program, Curwoods also supports CanToo, a charity that raises funds for cancer research by encouraging improved health and wellbeing in the community, The Grace Centre for Newborn Care at Westmead Children's Hospital, an intensive care unit for newborn babies and the Rotary Club of Sydney Youth Committee, which supports programs for young people in the community. Curwoods also has a formal pro bono



program through which our lawyers use their skills to assist disadvantaged members of our community.

About Curwoods

Curwoods Lawyers (Curwoods) is an Australian legal firm with 40 years' experience providing commercial and insurance legal advice to local, regional and international clients. Our 15 partners and 170+ employees have a reputation for finding creative and innovative solutions to legal problems. We see ourselves as an extension of our clients and their brand, and partner with them to understand their drivers and deliver legally sound, commercially relevant outcomes.

Through our Pro Bono and CSR programs, we use our skills and services to assist vulnerable, marginalised and disadvantaged members of our community.

For more information:

Gillian Griffiths

Marketing and Communications Executive

T +61 2 8023 7993

M +61 430 420 093

E gillian.griffiths@curwoods.com.au

Jacqueline Lyson

Head of Marketing and Communications

T +61 2 8023 7943

M + 61 437 342 528

E jacqueline.lyson@curwoods.com.au