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**OCEANIA HEALTHCARE APPOINTS DR FRANCES HUGHES AS GENERAL MANAGER NURSING & CLINICAL STRATEGY**

Oceania Healthcare has announced the appointment of Dr Frances Hughes as General Manager Nursing & Clinical Strategy. Dr Hughes will be starting in the role in mid-October 2019.

Dr Hughes has over 30 years' nursing experience and has held senior management and nursing positions on a global level, most notably as the Chief Executive of the International Council of Nurses, based in Geneva. She has also held chief nurse positions in both New Zealand and Australia, executive leadership positions in health services, non-governmental organisations and in the public service across New Zealand, Australia and the Pacific Islands. From 2005 to 2011, Dr Hughes worked for the World Health Organisation in the Pacific region, delivering on WHO agenda for mental health. Dr Hughes is currently the Director of Strategic Global Initiatives for CGFNS International, a USA based organisation, and serves on boards in Queensland, Rwanda and Switzerland.

Dr Hughes is a Registered Nurse and holds a BA, MA and Doctorate in Nursing. She was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to mental health in 2005.

Oceania Healthcare Chief Executive Officer, Earl Gasparich said "We are delighted to have Frances join us at Oceania Healthcare. She brings extraordinary nursing expertise to our business and her skills and experience will lift our service offering to residents to a new level, as well as enhancing innovation in the provision of care to our residents. We are looking forward to Frances' contribution to the future success of Oceania Healthcare."

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Oceania Healthcare Limited is New Zealand's third largest residential aged care provider and sixth largest retirement village operator. Oceania Healthcare has a total of 2,654 beds, suites and units located at 46 sites in the North and South Islands.

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