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### **BRIGHTWATER DELIGHTS IN RECEIVING A 'HIGHLY COMMENDED' AWARD AT THE 2007 WA TRAINING AWARDS**

Brightwater has great pleasure and excitement at announcing the achievement of "Highly Commended" award in the prestigious 2007 WA Large Employer of the Year Training Award.

Dr Penny Flett, Chief Executive Officer, says: "Achieving this status in such a distinguished award recognises all the efforts, over many years, by many Brightwater people, to become a training and development provider of excellence. We do this, not only for our staff, but to encourage our care industry in both state and national arenas."

Brightwater offers all of its employees an extensive range of education and training options, from traineeships, study days and on site training to professional development courses, corporate orientation and scholarships. This is coordinated through an extensive planning process both at the strategic and operational levels to ensure the needs of the organisation's staff, residents and clients are met at all times.

Therese De Luce, Training and Development Manager, adds: "Brightwater's commitment to training is outstanding and staff constantly thank me for the opportunities Brightwater has given them to further their professional and career development."

Dr Penny Flett continues: "Brightwater places great emphasis on growing our people, to ensure that all our services are delivered to the highest possible standard. We're extremely proud that the WA Training Awards have recognised Brightwater as a leading training provider in Western Australia."

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Brightwater Care group is one of the largest providers of residential care in Western Australia, with over 20 facilities located from Joondalup to Mandurah. We offer services for older people, younger people with disabilities and an extensive At Home Service to people of all ages in need of support. A part of the WA community since 1901, Brightwater has developed an enviable reputation for service, flexibility and innovation, which is affirmed through its strong values: Care, Learning, Innovation and People.

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