
Media Release

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Resthaven Mt Gambier Taking Shape

Resthaven Chief Executive Officer, Richard Hearn, said today, 'Resthaven's new \$20 million, 71 room residential aged care facility in Elizabeth Street, Mt Gambier is really taking shape.'

'It will provide much needed support and care for older people, as well as create approximately 100 long term local jobs.' Richard said.

'It is very exciting to see the construction work progressing, with completion of the first floor slab recently. Internal wall framing and associated 'first fix' of services is progressing on both floors. This work on site is complemented by offsite work, including construction of windows and joinery by local tradespeople.'

'Completion of the construction phase is now scheduled for April 2011, after which installation of soft furnishings will commence.'

'So that we are ready to start operations at the site in mid 2011, we will commence preliminary recruitment shortly. The first position we will be advertising is that of a Manager.'

'This early start is to ensure that the person we recruit as manager has time to become familiar with Resthaven's values and commitment to quality aged care, as well as familiarising themselves with our organisation wide computer-based care planning, competency based systems and processes.'

'The role requires effective leadership skills and a commitment to better practice and continuous improvement.'

'We are also encouraging the study of aged care nursing, through the Resthaven 75th Anniversary Undergraduate Second Year Nursing Scholarships. One scholarship is available at Mt Gambier for a full-time student undertaking their second year of the Bachelor of Nursing program.'

'For several years, Resthaven has been providing in home care and support services for older people and their carers throughout the Limestone Coast. The residential facility in Mt Gambier will complement these services.'

Established in 1935, Resthaven Incorporated is respected for the delivery of high quality, responsive care services for older South Australians.

Resthaven currently operates residential aged care facilities at nine locations, offering accommodation to more than 1,000 older people.

A range of in home community care and support options are offered throughout metropolitan Adelaide, the Adelaide Hills, Murraylands and across the Limestone Coast, with more than 6,000 clients benefiting from these services. Resthaven employs approximately 1,500 staff, who are supported by 400 volunteers.

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