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Resthaven Mount Gambier Underway

‘Following several months of site preparation, we are delighted that today, the first concrete will be poured for Resthaven’s new \$20 million Mt Gambier facility at 24 Elizabeth Street, Mount Gambier,’ announced Resthaven Chief Executive Officer, Richard Hearn.

‘In total, there will be approximately 2,000 tons of concrete poured for the foundations of the facility, which will include 71 rooms.’

‘Due for completion early next year, the residential aged care facility, adjacent to the Mt Gambier Uniting Church, will offer care and support services for older South Australians and alleviate long waiting times for aged care. Mt Gambier has been identified as an areas of identified high need by the Australian Government.’

‘The proposed development is a socially, heritage, environmentally and architecturally responsible and appropriate response to the future use of this site. The project is of significant scale, providing not only immediate economic benefit to Mount Gambier, but a legacy of lasting social infrastructure and high quality built form.’

‘The concrete pour today marks an important milestone in the development. This project will significantly boost the local economy, provide much needed support and care for older people in the area, as well as create approximately 100 long term jobs.’ Richard said. ‘We will be seeking expressions of interest, both for places in the facility and employment, from October this year.’

Resthaven has been providing community services throughout the Limestone Coast for several years and the residential facility will complement these services.’

‘We support people who need assistance with day to day tasks such as washing, cooking, cleaning, and medication management, as well as coordinated support for carers of any age who care for frail or disabled people aged 60 or over. As each person’s individual needs are different, services are structured according to their abilities and interests.’

Resthaven currently operates residential aged care facilities at nine locations, offering accommodation to more than 1,000 older people. Resthaven employs approximately 1,500 staff, who are supported by 400 volunteers.

A range of in home community care and support options are offered throughout metropolitan Adelaide, the Adelaide Hills, Murraylands, Riverland and across the Limestone Coast, with more than 6,000 clients benefiting from these services. For more information visit the website at www.resthaven.asn.au.

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