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Pt Elliot

Established in 1935, Resthaven Incorporated is respected for the delivery of high quality, responsive assistance and support for older people and their carers. Resthaven's services extend across metropolitan Adelaide, the Adelaide Hills, Murraylands, Limestone Coast and in the Riverland.

At Resthaven's nine residential locations, care and support is provided to 1,000 older people. In addition, in-home care and support is provided for around 7,000 people through a range of Community Services.

'Last year, Resthaven purchased the old Pt Elliot Primary School site, as we identified it as an ideal location from which to offer our comprehensive range of services for older people,' Richard Hearn, Resthaven Chief Executive Officer, announced today.

'Unfortunately, at this point in time, we are not able to give any firm idea about when any services will be available. We have conducted significant consultation and research into the needs of the region, and we have applied for funding from the Australian Government, but there is no guarantee that we will be successful in being allocated aged care places. In the interim, we are committed to working and developing strong relationships with the local community.'

The population planning approach adopted by the Australian Government indicates that the Alexandrina coastal and Victor Harbor regions require additional aged care places to cater for the needs of the population, and to support older people remaining in the area.

'The aged care industry as a whole is watching the current political health and aged care debate very closely. Clearly the demographics indicate there is strong demand for growth in the aged care sector, but a review of the current funding arrangements is essential to ensure that providers are able to viably operate and provide high quality care.'

'The industry faces a number of challenges, including the cost of construction of state of the art facilities, funding and availability of appropriately qualified, skilled staff, noting the critical role that health practitioners play in supporting older people to remain in their local communities.'

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