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Resthaven's birthday gifts for the future - '75th Anniversary Scholarships'

This year, Resthaven is celebrating 75 years of outstanding care and support for older people and their carers. Resthaven's Board has specifically approved a number of activities to celebrate this significant milestone. These include offering scholarships at each of South Australia's three universities to encourage nursing students to work in the growth area of aged care.

Resthaven CEO, Richard Hearn, says, 'Resthaven's investment in the 75th anniversary scholarships will have lasting benefits.

'The objective is to affirm to students the importance of working with older people; it is good work that makes a significant contribution to the community. Older people have shaped this nation and deserve quality care and support from highly skilled and dedicated staff.'

The tertiary scholarships include:

Flinders University:

- **Eight Scholarships and one Post Graduate Research Scholarship in Disaster Management**

There are seven undergraduate and one post-graduate (Master of Nursing Science - Nurse Practitioner) scholarships available for the period 2011-2014.

In addition, a *Resthaven Research Scholarship* has been established to support a suitably qualified graduate to carry out a program of study in disaster management in residential aged care facilities and older people in the community. This will lead to the award of Doctor of Philosophy. The successful applicant will undertake a PhD under the supervision of Dr Paul Arbon at Flinders University in the School of Nursing and Midwifery. The aim is to increase expertise and knowledge in how best to manage disasters in the community, such as bushfire and their effect on older people, through the doctorate level research project under this internationally renowned expert.

University of Adelaide:

- **Ten scholarships for full time nursing students**

Eight undergraduate and two postgraduate scholarships (Master of Nursing Science - Nurse Practitioner) for students in their second and final year of nursing at the University of Adelaide are available over the period 2011-2014. They are the first for the University's Discipline of Nursing program.

University of South Australia:

- **Eleven new nursing scholarships**

Resthaven will support seven undergraduate scholarships for second year nursing students with a genuine interest in aged care, each of \$10,000 over two years and two single nursing grants of \$5000 for third year students. One of the scholarships will support a student at the Mt Gambier campus.

In addition, Resthaven has funded a **Master of Nursing Science (Nurse Practitioner) Scholarship** and a **Perpetual Scholarship for Indigenous Nurses**.

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University of South Australia (cont.)

The Resthaven Board is particularly committed to providing practical support to encourage indigenous Australians. They have established a perpetual undergraduate nursing scholarship for an indigenous student to develop their clinical nursing skills in order to be able to work within the broader community.

The first ***Resthaven 75th Anniversary Undergraduate Indigenous Nursing Scholarship*** will be available in 2011 and will provide \$10,000 over two years for an indigenous nursing student. Upon the graduation of each successful recipient, another scholarship will be available.

‘Celebrating and affirming that older people are valued and respected is very important, as is affirming the good and essential work of staff, volunteers, carers and family members,’ Richard said.

‘We hope that the scholarships will encourage students to consider the rewards of working with older people.’

For details about the scholarships, visit the university websites:

For further information about the Flinders University Post Graduate Scholarship, contact Dr Paul Arbon at paul.arbon@flinders.edu.au or by phone on (08) 82013558 or visit:

http://www.flinders.edu.au/scholarships-system/main-display-scholarship-details.cfm?scholarship_id=3255

University of Adelaide: For more information go to www.adelaide.edu.au/scholarships

University of South Australia: Visit <http://www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship/default.asp>

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