
Media Release

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Resthaven Port Elliot topic of conversation

Tonight, at 8.00 pm, the Port Elliot Branch of the National Trust of South Australia will meet at the RSL Building, The Strand, Port Elliot to hear guest speakers from Resthaven talk about the new Resthaven residential aged care facility proposal for the site of the old primary school at 50 North Terrace.

Lynn Openshaw, Resthaven's Service Development Coordinator, and Andrew Davies, Manager, Resthaven Building and Property Services, will speak to the group about the proposal. They will discuss the draft plans for the site, which are currently being finalised prior to lodgement for Planning Approval and release for public comment.

Lynn says, 'There will be a community consultation process associated with council submissions.'

'Earlier this week I met with members of the PEACH group (Port Elliot Aged Care Housing group) that was formed in 2003 to advocate for an aged care facility at Port Elliot, and assured them they will have an opportunity for comment.'

'Resthaven's application in the 2009-10 Aged Care Approvals Round for aged care places in Port Elliot was successful. This means that Resthaven can build a new aged care facility on the old Primary School site', Resthaven Chief Executive Officer, Richard Hearn, said.

'Resthaven has been allocated 92 aged care places – 57 high care and 35 low care.'

'The new places are allocated by the Department of Health and Ageing. 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.'

'Prior to making an application for places, we conducted significant consultation and research into the needs of the region, and identified Pt Elliot as an ideal location for future development to offer services for older people.'

'We are committed to working and developing strong relationships with the local community.'

Established in 1935, Resthaven Incorporated a not-for-profit aged care community service of the Uniting Church, 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. A new residential site is due to open in Mount Gambier in July. ENDS/