
Media Release

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Resthaven Mt Gambier Opens next week

Resthaven Chief Executive Officer, Richard Hearn, said today, 'We are excited that Resthaven's new \$20 million, 70 room residential aged care facility in Elizabeth Street, Mt Gambier is nearly ready to open.'

'We plan to commence operations at the site on 4 July 2011.'

'The facility will provide much needed support and care for older people in need of high or low dependency aged care (55 high: 15 low). Services include a secure dementia unit (15 places) and respite accommodation. All rooms are single with their own ensuite bathroom and window. There are a number of courtyard gardens, a hall, lounge areas, hairdressing salon, internet café, chapel space and many other features.'

'The facility will be open to the public tomorrow, Wednesday 29 June, from 11 am – 3 pm.'

'We are currently training staff to orientate them and to become familiar with Resthaven's values and commitment to quality aged care, as well as learning our organisation wide computer-based care planning, competency based systems and processes.'

'Approximately 100 staff will work across a 7 day a week / 24 hours a day roster when fully operational.'

'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 operates residential aged care facilities at ten locations, including Mount Gambier, 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 1,600 staff, who are supported by 450 volunteers.

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