

Opening doors to new careers

Resthaven provides welcome care and support to older people across the Fleurieu Peninsula and Murraylands.

CEO, Darren Birbeck, says, 'Due to ongoing expansion, we are looking for people from all walks of life to support older people to live independently in their own homes, and in our residential aged care home.'

'Roles in the community include everything from Home Support Workers, Nurses, Coordinators and Allied Health professionals, while in residential care, Personal Care Workers, Nurses and hospitality and catering positions are available.'

'If you are looking for a career change where you can really make a difference, aged care may be for you.'

'I have personally found aged care to be a fulfilling and rewarding place to work. It is a growing sector with a strong future,' Darren says.

'It also provides many opportunities for career development.'

'A prime example of the opportunities available is Simon Blair, Manager Residential Services at Resthaven Port Elliot, at 3 Frederik Street, Port Elliot.'

Simon explains, 'I started working here in January 2020 as Care Coordinator, then that same year in November, I was appointed to Manager Residential Services.'

'At Resthaven, our staff are supported and provided the opportunity to progress where possible.'



Simon Blair

'It is a fantastic place to work, and I encourage anyone who is considering a position here to go for it.'

This sentiment is echoed by Melayni Bovaird-Cations, who benefited from a Resthaven scholarship to complete her Bachelor of Occupational Therapy at UniSA – and is now working as an Occupational Therapist at Resthaven Murray Bridge, Hills & Fleurieu Community Services at 37 Swanport Road, Murray Bridge, as well as the Strathalbyn and Port Elliot outreach offices.



Melayni Bovaird-Cations

Melayni says, 'I was keen to continue working with older people, and support them in living well by doing the everyday things they want and need to do, in both good and ill health.'

'A clinical placement with Resthaven Murray Bridge, Hills and Fleurieu Community Services, where I experienced working within a fantastic team who does exactly this, cemented my desire to work at Resthaven.'

'Working for a well-respected, dynamic organisation, that embodies its values at every level, is important.'

'I say a big thank you to Resthaven, for the opportunities and experiences I have enjoyed as I embark on my dream career as an OT in aged care.'

Resthaven offers new and encore career opportunities for people who share our values of trust, dignity and choice, and want to make a difference in the quality of life of older people.

To check out the wide range of long term, full-time, part-time and casual opportunities currently available across the Fleurieu, and South Australia, visit the Resthaven careers page:

<https://www.resthaven.asn.au/volunteering-careers/careers/>

Every day, Resthaven shares the lives and wisdom of older people and their carers, being one of only a select few aged care providers in Australia offering the full range of aged care service options.



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