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An aged care service provider has experienced growth in the wake of the Royal Commission into Aged Care, which resulted in the release of thousands more home care packages. The initiative resulted in the release of 80,000 new home care packages over two years in 2021/22, with a further 9500 released last year.

Resthaven executive manager community services and retirement living, Mel Ottaway said the extra home care packages meant there was continued strong demand for services, resulting in the decision to create two separate regional services.

"Resthaven Murray Bridge, Hills & Fleurieu Community Services covers a very large geographical area, with five offices," she said.

"The team has done an amazing job supporting clients across the region.

"However, with continued demand it is now time to create two regional services: Resthaven Murray Mallee Hills Community Services, and Resthaven Fleurieu Community Services."

Ms Ottaway said the move would have minimal impact on those already accessing services, with both services expected to be fully operational by July 1.

"The sites will continue to work closely together to deliver outstanding care and support to older people and their carers throughout the regions," she said.

Established in 1935, Resthaven is a South Australian not-for-profit aged care community service associated with the Uniting Church in Australia.