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Fleurieu growth expands Resthaven's services

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Resthaven's new Murray Mallee Hills Manager Kimberley Lord with Fleurieu Manager Tanya Boakes.

Growth across the Fleurieu is seeing Resthaven expand its range of aged care service options, with its Murray Bridge and Hills and Fleurieu service to be split into two services this month.

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

The group provides services throughout metropolitan Adelaide, the Adelaide Hills, Murraylands, Riverland, Fleurieu Peninsula, lower Barossa region and the Limestone Coast of South Australia.

Resthaven's Murray Bridge, Hills and Fleurieu Community Service was one of its biggest, but continued growth has prompted changes.

"Resthaven Murray Bridge, Hills & Fleurieu Community Services covers a very large geographical area, with five offices – in Murray Bridge, Strathalbyn, Goolwa, Port Elliot and Victor Harbor," Executive Manager Community Services, Mel Ottoway, said.

"The team has done an amazing job supporting clients across the region, however, it is now time to create two regional services – Resthaven Fleurieu Community Services, and Resthaven Murray Mallee Hills

Community Services.

"Tanya Boakes has been appointed as the new manager in the Fleurieu, and Kimberley Lord as the new manager for Murray Mallee Hills.

"Both Tanya and Kimberley are well-known locals, having worked in management roles with Resthaven Murray Bridge, Hills and Fleurieu Community Services for several years."

The move will have minimal impact on the older people who are supported by Resthaven, as the organisation will undergo a gradual division, aiming to have operations fully separated by July 1, 2024.

"We are excited for this new chapter in Resthaven's community service, and wish Tanya and Kimberley well in their new roles," Ms Ottoway said.

"Resthaven Murray Mallee Hills Community Services will continue to operate out of the custom-built office at 37 Swanport Road, Murray Bridge, adjacent to the residential aged care home.

"The office at 9 Rankine Street, Strathalbyn, will become the Resthaven Fleurieu Community Services main office, with outreach offices in Goolwa, Port Elliot, and Victor Harbor.



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“The sites will continue to work closely together to deliver outstanding care and services to older people throughout the regions.”