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Resthaven to deliver Alexandrina's aged-care services

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Alexandrina Council are pleased to celebrate the final transition to Resthaven as the new provider for aged care services and support in the Alexandrina region. A welcome event was held for community members on Monday, 28 June at the Strathalbyn Community Centre with around seventy people attending.

After 35 years of provided support for people to remain living independently in their own homes Alexandrina Council will hand the reins over to Resthaven from 1 July 2021. These ongoing services are funded by the Department of Health as part of the Commonwealth Home Support Services Program (CHSP), with a number of providers across the region.

The transition to Resthaven will ensure the funding and services remain in the Alexandrina Council region, with a continued presence in both Strathalbyn and Goolwa, supporting existing and future clients.

Mayor Keith Parkes commented that our volunteers have provided valuable support in various roles which includes individual support, facilitating group programs, gardening and driving residents to local appointments and shopping.

"Alexandrina Council want to acknowledge and sincerely thank all our volunteers for their contribution to the program and the people it has supported in our community.

We are pleased to celebrate this important transition and Council staff have worked hard over the last 18 month period to ensure a smooth transition for clients to Resthaven and the continuation of many social programs," he said.

Alexandrina Council has also sought to ensure existing fitness and wellness classes continue to be accessible through establishing a partnership with the YMCA. These classes will now be added to the suite of classes on offer to residents in Strathalbyn and Goolwa.

Chief Executive Officer, Glenn Rappensberg said that Resthaven is well placed and has an extensive history of providing trusted services to support people to age well in the community.

“Council will continue to play an active role to ensure the community has access to high-quality aged care services in years to come through our A2040 strategic plan, and advocacy roles in the aged and disability sector,” Mr Rappensberg said.

Community members requiring further information or support can contact Resthaven directly or Council on 8555 7000. Council’s Aged Care Transition information is available to view on the website at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/transition