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Announcing the new provider of Alexandrina's aged-care services

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Alexandrina Council is pleased to announce a new provider for Council's Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP).

Council currently receives funding from the Federal Government for the CHSP, enabling the provision of services to support eligible residents including minor home modifications, home maintenance and gardening, domestic assistance in the Strathalbyn area, transport and social support.

The Federal Government's 'Aged Care Reforms' are changing the way aged care will be funded, structured and managed into the future. Council reviewed the reform agenda and examined potential impacts of the changes to determine the best way forward for the community. As a result, Council's delivery of CHSP services will conclude on 30 June 2021.

The Department of Human Services were in charge of selecting a new provider and has recently appointed Resthaven Inc. to deliver these CHSP services from 1 July 2021.

Mayor Keith Parkes is pleased with the announcement, considering Resthaven's positive local reputation and proud history.

"Resthaven is well established in our local community, with offices currently located in Strathalbyn and Port Elliot, and has an extensive history of providing trusted services to support people to age well in the community.

"Our team is committed to working closely with Resthaven to support people who access these services so as to ensure a smooth transition," he said.

Resthaven's Executive Manager Community Services, Sue McKechnie, responded, saying "as a trusted, leading provider of aged-care services in South Australia, Resthaven welcomes this opportunity to expand our capacity to support people to age well across the Fleurieu. Our team look forward to working together with the Alexandrina community."

"Resthaven is one of a select few aged-care providers to offer the full range of aged care support, with in-home care and support services, a wellness centre, retirement living and residential aged care all available in the Fleurieu," she said.

Community members requiring further information or support can contact Council's Community Connect Team at Goolwa on 8555 7000. Council's transition plans and further information is available to view on the website at alexandrina.sa.gov.au/transition