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Aged care industry can offer opportunities for Holden workers

South Australian not-for-profit care provider ACH Group hopes it can help retrenched Holden workers find jobs in South Australia in the wake of the Holden closure this week.

The organisation, which employs 1700 staff, offers careers in health and community service roles including support and care workers and nursing, as well as a range of other positions across finance, IT, procurement, catering, people and culture, marketing, allied health and fitness.

ACH Group recruits approximately 350 new staff each year. Current positions available include care and support workers, garden and maintenance officers and the organisation will shortly be focusing on the recruitment of IT professionals and customer service staff.

ACH Group CEO Ray Creen said ACH Group was a leading South Australian not-for-profit aged care organisation with a diverse workforce.

“We are a growing organisation with a range of projects set to come online in coming years, particularly in the north and south of Adelaide,” Mr Creen said. “Our passionate employees share the belief that people should be respected and supported to live good lives, and we are open to welcoming new staff who also share that belief.”

Salisbury Downs resident Lan Tran lost her job when Clipsal closed its Nuriootpa factory in 2009. The Vietnamese migrant had worked full-time at the factory for 22 years, making circuit boards and assembling power units.

After retraining in aged care, she gained permanent employment at ACH Group in 2010 as a carer at its Highercombe facility in Hope Valley.

Owen McClymont joined ACH Group in 2014 after a 25-year career as a welder making farm machinery and armoured vehicles for BAE.

He retrained as a care worker and is happy in his new career at ViTA, Daw Park.

“It was a huge change for me after working in manufacturing for so many years,” he said. “But now I love it; I enjoy getting to know people and I find it really rewarding. It’s worked out really well for me.”

ACH Group will proudly exhibit at the SA Government initiative JOBEX at the Adelaide Convention Centre on 10 and 11 November. There, along with other emerging and growth industries, job opportunities at ACH Group will be showcased.

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At ACH Group we believe growing older is akin to turning a new page and with it comes a sense of great anticipation and optimism.

Our focus on innovation and services that respond to changing needs reflects our desire to shift the way the community thinks about older people.

ACH Group's 1700 specialist staff and hundreds of volunteers share our belief that older people should be valued and respected, connected to their communities and in control of their lives. This mindset drives our every action to empower older people, to support them to lead a good life and continue to make a contribution to family, community and society.

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