

Media Release

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ACH Group to further upgrade residential care homes

ACH Group is set to invest more than \$1 million to upgrade its residential care homes at McLaren Vale and Rostrevor.

The upgrades are set to commence in August and will include a new reception and welcoming entry at Colton Court, McLaren Vale, and a new gym and café that will be open to the public at Milpara, Rostrevor.

Leading Adelaide architect Walter Brooke, whose portfolio includes the Adelaide Oval redevelopment, Australian Federal Police headquarters and ACH Group's ViTA facility, has been appointed to design the projects. Well regarded South Australian firm, Marshall Brougham, will undertake construction.

Colton Court residential care home at McLaren Vale will also be upgraded to include a new reception area and welcoming entry, undercover drop-off zone for residents and visitors, refurbished walkways and improved storage units.

ACH Group CEO Frank Weits says the upgrades are in line with ACH Group's Healthy Ageing approach which aims to make it as easy as possible for residents to remain physically, mentally and socially active.

"We want to ensure that our residential care offerings continue to offer innovative models of care and the best in modern facilities to support people to live well as they age," Mr Weits says. "New gyms will support active ageing, cafes open to the public will foster community connection and an innovative studio apartment at Rostrevor will pioneer small scale living within residential care."

Anthony Balsamo, Associate Director from Walter Brooke Architecture, describes the design vision for the upgrades as having a strong focus on improving the health and wellbeing of all residents. "The refurbishments will bring further amenity to each home and further encourage people to enjoy and spend time together in multiple newly appointed communal spaces," says Mr Balsamo.

Each stage of the projects will be carefully staged to minimise disruption to residents, staff and volunteers during the construction phase, expected to occur between August and the end of the year.

A not-for-profit organisation established since 1952, ACH Group operates eight fully accredited residential care homes across Adelaide and the Fleurieu each with their own signature features and strong links with the community.

Further details about each project, and artist's impressions, are available on request.

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About ACH Group

ACH Group is a not-for-profit aged care organisation that has been offering services to support good lives for older people in South Australia since 1952.

As well as accommodation options across Adelaide, the Fleurieu Peninsula and East Melbourne, the group offers a range of health, wellbeing, respite and support services, help at home and social activities.

Our 1700 specialist staff and hundreds of volunteers share the belief that older people should be valued and respected, connected to their communities and in control of their lives.

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