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Affordable retirement living with city buzz – now selling

Consistent with its long history of supporting older South Australians through affordable housing options, ACH Group has extended its retirement living offering with 16 *Spence on Light* apartments in the heart of Adelaide.

Stage One apartments are now selling, featuring modern contemporary designs with sweeping views across Light Square to the Adelaide Hills in the east or sunset views across St Vincent Gulf to the west.

The \$25 million development completed in June 2020, includes 16 apartments to support older people with limited housing options to access new homes that will allow them to comfortably age in place, in a location that is central to work and social opportunities.

CEO Frank Weits, says ACH Group was founded 68 years ago to support pensioners, post-war migrants, war veterans and their widows by pioneering new housing models for older people, in particular those who were disadvantaged.

“Retirement living operators must find new ways of doing things, to provide greater choice and better match our residents’ preferences” he explains.

The city based *Spence on Light* apartments offer an alternative to ACH Group’s other 900 retirement living units which are traditionally located in suburbs across Adelaide. This is where the differences end though, as these apartments, just like other ACH Group retirement living communities will offer a worry-free lifestyle with maintenance chores taken care of, leaving residents more time to spend on the activities they enjoy.

Priced from \$138,000, the secure one-bedroom apartments feature quality fixtures and fittings, light-filled open plan living and alfresco balconies with views galore. Plus, a city lifestyle is only a short walk away with shops, cafes, public transport, Central Market, the new RAH and Adelaide’s green parklands right on the doorstep.

Selected apartments are designed for fully accessible living and have been awarded a Platinum Liveable Housing Design rating.

Mr Weits said today there was a lack of affordable housing for older people, particularly women, in the inner-Adelaide area. “We are delighted to take this opportunity to support older people as we continue ACH Group’s tradition of challenging traditional service models and finding new ways to support people to live well as they age.”

Spence on Light is an innovative affordable housing partnership between ACH Group, Housing Choices South Australia and SA Housing Authority.

Located at 69 Light Square Adelaide, in the former heritage-listed Mission Hall building, the *Spence on Light* development honours the name of Catherine Helen Spence, a renowned Adelaide suffragist and social reformer.

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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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