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\$824,000 grant assists new housing for Barossa aged community

A \$3 million project to construct 12 supported housing units in the Barossa is set to create new jobs and provide a new housing option for the region's aged community.

Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock said the single bedroom units – to be built at the Barossa Village aged care facility in Nuriootpa – will help keep elderly couples together and provide independence for single people, while maintaining links to its residential and community care services.

“This project will fill a gap in current services in the Barossa area, especially for couples where one partner has dementia or significant mobility issues,” Mr Brock said.

“An \$824,000 State Government Regional Development Fund grant will assist in the development of the new facilities, which will create more than 100 jobs during construction, as well as 15 ongoing full time positions by 2019-20.

“In addition to the 12 units, a multi-purpose day clinic will also be established which will house allied health professionals for both Barossa Village residents and the community in general.

“The economic benefits of this project will flow through the region, generating business growth opportunities and workforce development as more health professionals and related staff are drawn to the area.

“The housing will also attract residents into the region to access this specific type of support,” Mr Brock said.

Minister for Ageing, Zoe Bettison welcomed the project saying it would help older South Australians in the region to remain active and engaged in the community.

“With South Australians living longer than ever before, it's important people enjoy these extra year's and remain active and engaged with their community,” she said.

“This new development will not only provide modern medical and care options, it will also help to promote active ageing which is a great result for older people living in and around the Barossa.”

Simon Newbold, General Manager, Corporate & Retirement Services of Barossa Village said an important aspect of the project was that the facilities would be dementia-friendly with the site layout based on latest global research and innovation in community design.

“Barossa Village is a community-owned not-for-profit organisation that has provided aged care services in the Barossa and associated regions for more than 50 years,” Mr Newbold said.

“We will be able to keep couples together to improve their quality of life by linking our residential and community care through an innovative purpose-built small housing community located next to the aged care facility.

“This will give people choices and allow them to remain active in the community for longer periods.

“This state-of-the-art model for care of the elderly will deliver the standards of care that our older generation fully deserves.”

This project supports the State Government’s economic priorities of ‘A globally recognised leader in health research, ageing and related services and products’ and ‘Growth through innovation’.

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