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Human-ness in Aged Care Refurbishment - Opening By Hon Christopher Pyne

The Murray Mudge aged care facility at Glenelg is opening its refurbished premises today at 2.00pm.

Date: Friday 19th October 2007.
Time: 2.00 pm
Address: Raymond Grove, Glenelg (off Moseley St)
Official Opening by: Hon Christopher Pyne, Minister for Ageing

Murray Mudge is a residential hostel providing 60 units that was first opened in 1968, nearly 40 years ago.

In keeping with a commitment to providing best practice services, UnitingCare Wesley Adelaide has undertaken a major refurbishment of the facility to ensure that it 'best practice'.

"Residents were actively involved in planning the refurbishment, and continue to be involved, and they talked about the importance of "Human-ness" – the things that make us unique and valued as individuals," said Sue Park, Chief Executive Officer.

Aspects of the refurbish that enhance human-ness include:

- Keeping in touch with family – a suite is available for family visitors to stay in.
- Having freedom and independence
- Having choice – meals for example are provided in dining rooms set up to be restaurant like, with each dining room offering different times and menus and residents being able to go to whichever dining area suits at the time.
- Hobbies are encouraged and there is a shed, particularly for male residents, tending the vegetable / herb garden is very popular as is monopoly.

"Other significant aspects of the refurbishment include best practice dementia care and individualised support and care. At a time when some question the quality of age care services, Murray Mudge is the sort of facility that I would like to live in," concluded Ms Park.

Further Comment

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