

Media Release

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Community spirit alive at Fairways

Staff at RSL Care Fairways Retirement Community today congratulated a special intake of work experience students who recently completed Certificate III in Aged Care as part of a community based trainee program.

RSL Care Lifestyle Manager Craig Yeates said RSL Care was pleased to support the program run by the Not-For-Profit organisation, IMPACT Make Your Mark, which supports disadvantaged people through a range of training services and programs, including Aged Care.

RSL Care Fairways is thrilled to support this wonderful local community training and employment initiative, Mr Yeates said.

It not only helps to give people the skills and qualifications that can lead to employment, it also serves as a valuable source of recruitment for an industry that is calling out for skilled workers.

Each year, RSL Care Fairways supports several intakes of students from IMPACT. Over the three week vocational placement students gain hands-on experience in all areas of Aged Care including Low Care, High Care, Dementia Care and Palliative Care.

Students work alongside a RSL Care staff member, not in place of a staff member. They learn the tasks that a Personal Care Worker would perform, from changing bed linen to assisting with food service and showering.

At RSL Care, we always encourage students who graduate from our various training programs with IMPACT, TAFE or Central Queensland University, to consider employment at any of our 29 sites, Mr Yeates said.

Three students from IMPACT who recently graduated with their Certificate III in Aged Care, funded by the Australian Government's Productivity Places Program under the Queensland Government's Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative, have since joined the RSL Care Fairways team working as Personal Care Workers.

Over the four years that RSL Care has partnered with IMPACT, Fairways has supported students in various areas, not only clinical. Fairways also has graduates working in the areas of hotel services and administration. They make a valuable contribution to our team.

RSL Care Fairways Retirement Community is located on the north side of Bundaberg. It includes 76 one, two and three-bedroom villas; a 110 bed residential care facility with three levels of care as well as Extra Service. For more information about Fairways please call 07 4131 6400.

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