

# Media Release

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### More aged care jobs for Cairns

RSL Care Farnohra Retirement Community's \$10.3m extensions to its residential care facility, due to open in June 2009, will create up to 60 full and part time permanent jobs for the Cairns community as well as an additional 60 residential aged care beds.

"At least 40 workers have been directly involved in the construction of the facility with others involved in materials supply and construction support. When the new wing is complete, up to 60 full and part time permanent jobs will be created to boost the flagging economy, which is being impacted by the global economic crisis," said Ross Smith, CEO, RSL Care.

RSL Care will soon be recruiting additional staff to boost its existing workforce of approximately 3000 across Queensland and NSW.

"Whilst the highest need will be for care workers, experienced hospitality workers will also be required," said Ross Smith, CEO, RSL Care.

Farnohra Retirement Community provides fully integrated residential care including low, high and dementia care and respite services. The new wing will offer an additional 60 residential care beds catering for low and secure dementia care and **RSL Care Premium** high care.

The community is staffed by a team of nursing, personal care and therapy specialists who encourage a caring and friendly environment. The light and airy airconditioned and ensuited rooms feature built-in robes, telephone and provision for television with communal areas including kitchen, lounge, dining room, TV and outdoor areas.

"This state of the art building and equipment will facilitate a high standard of individualised resident care" said Mr Smith.

**Applications for employment or care places at Farnohra Retirement Community are currently being accepted. For more information please call (07) 4051 5805 or visit [www.rslcare.com.au](http://www.rslcare.com.au)**

At home assistance from RSL Care **HomeCare** is also available to people in the Cairns community. For further information about RSL Care **HomeCare** please phone 1300 796 111.

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