

# Media Release

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### RSL caring for their mates at Milford Grange

In a generous act of caring for their mates, Ipswich RSL Sub-Branch and Ipswich Railway RSL Sub-Branch this morning presented first of two buses donated to Milford Grange Retirement Community in a handover ceremony held at Milford Grange, Eastern Heights, Ipswich.

Phil Gilbert, President, Ipswich RSL Sub Branch and Ray Watherson, President, Ipswich Railway RSL Sub Branch officiated the event, in the presence of members from their respective RSL Sub Branches as well as RSL Care Board of Directors, dignitaries from RSL (QLD) State Branch, RSL Sub Branches in the region and Milford Grange builders, 50Plus.

50Plus Business Development Manager, Jason Eldering also presented a cheque to RSL Girl in a Million entrant Rebekah Belle to assist with fundraising to support the RSL.

RSL Care CEO, Ross Smith thanked the Ipswich RSL Sub-Branch and Ipswich Railway RSL Sub-Branch for their generous donation.

“A community bus will foster community spirit allowing Milford Grange residents the joy of social outings and convenience for their day-to-day needs such as transport to the local shops and to appointments” said Mr Smith.

“RSL Care is committed to building state of the art retirement communities to accommodate and care for our ex-service men and women as well as the wider community and look forward to a continued strong relationship with the RSL in providing more lifestyle choices for the ex-service and general community” said Mr Smith.

The Ipswich community will benefit from this \$35 million development when Milford Grange residential aged care facility opens its doors in June 2009, providing 64 low care and high care beds. Applications are currently being invited. For more information Milford Grange Retirement Community or to book an appointment please call the **Lifestyle Manager, Judy Lewis on 1300 614 923**.

Stage one of the co-located retirement village comprising 30 independent living villas welcomed its first residents in February 2009.

Master planned to include 61 independent living villas and 120 residential aged care beds, Milford Grange will significantly boost the retirement living and aged care options available in the region.

Following the bus handover ceremony, the guests were offered with the opportunity for a sneak preview of particular sections of this state-of-the-art facility.

In addition to RSL Care **HomeCare** currently services some 250 clients in their own home within the Ipswich and West Moreton area” said Mr Smith.

Milford Grange Retirement Community is a joint initiative between RSL Care and Queensland Country Women’s Association (QCWA). Whilst RSL Care and QCWA have interests in the facility, RSL Care has well developed aged care and retirement village experience and has accepted the responsibility for the provision of the services on the site. RSL and QCWA members are integral to our society and we encourage them to expand their activities by including the Milford Grange Retirement Community.

RSL Care is one of Australia’s most respected not-for-profit providers of **HomeCare**, retirement living and residential care to the ex-service and general community. From simple beginnings in 1936, RSL Care now provides a range of **HomeCare** services to more than 22,000 people and accommodates over 4,500 people in 27 retirement communities in Queensland and New South Wales.