

Media Release

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Capricorn Coast welcomes new Retirement Community

Sunset Ridge Retirement Community at Zilzie, Emu Park, a joint initiative with RSL Care and the QCWA, was officially opened today by Mrs Marian Mudra, State President, Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA) and Doug Formby, State President, RSL QLD Branch. Almost 100 people were in attendance with a Catafalque Guard from the 31-42 Royal Queensland Regiment (RQR) in Rockhampton included in the formal proceedings.

Located approximately 48km East of Rockhampton, Sunset Ridge Retirement Community will significantly increase the availability of aged care on the Capricorn Coast. The \$45m development is master-planned to include 100 independent living villas, resort style social facilities and a 120 bed residential aged care complex accommodating low, high and secure dementia care. The new facility has also provided a number of new jobs to the local and surrounding communities with some job opportunities still available.

"This new facility will allow RSL Care to provide a more comprehensive range of aged care services to the community in addition to RSL Care **HomeCare** which is already available" said Ross Smith, Chief Executive Officer, RSL Care.

Early next year, Sunset Ridge will also offer **RSL Care Premium**, an extra services option for those who can afford a little extra luxury. **RSL Care Premium** provides more choice in enhanced accommodation, dining and personal services, with the same quality care for which RSL Care is renowned.

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

Stage One of independent living at Sunset Ridge will include 25 villas and is expected to be ready for resident occupancy early 2009. The community facilities will also be constructed in Stage One.

Independent living villas include two bedroom and two bedroom plus study, environmentally friendly designs with independence, privacy, security and value for money in mind. The resort style facilities include a solar heated pool and spa, shaded barbeque area, auditorium, billiards room, library and hairdresser.

The independent living villa sales launch will be held this Wednesday 3rd December at the Sunset Ridge community club between 10am-12noon. For more information, please contact Jenny Horn on (07) 4925 4011.

At home assistance from RSL **HomeCare** will also be available to residents living independently at Sunset Ridge, as well as to the wider community. For further information about RSL Care **HomeCare** please phone 1300 796 111.

For more information about Sunset Ridge Retirement Community or employment opportunities, please call 1800 669 146 or visit www.rslcare.com.au

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 26 retirement communities in Queensland and New South Wales.