

# ROTARY HOUSE REFURBISHMENT



## *Residents and Families Update*



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### Introducing **Westering** NORTH ADELAIDE Rotary House Care Suites



**You are invited to tour the newly refurbished wing on Level Two of Rotary House.**

**The architecturally designed care suites, along with revitalised sitting areas, library, games room, and refined dining space, are available to view.**

Please join us on Thursday 24 April 2025

Feel free to drop in at your convenience  
between 1:30pm and 3:30pm

Level Two - enter next to the Nurse's Station.

We hope to see you there.





## *Residents and Families Update*

Dear residents, families and representatives,

As we put the finishing touches on Stage One of the refurbishment, we are delighted to invite you to come along on Thursday 24 April to tour the newly refurbished wing on Level Two of Rotary House.

The refurbishment was created using co-design principles and has been informed by resident, family and staff feedback. The creation of a pilot suite before the refurbishment began enabled us to gather feedback and amend the design to ensure that we meet the needs and preferences of those who live and work at Rotary House.

Working with Woods Bagot architects, the new suites and spaces were thoughtfully designed to align with the National Aged Care Design Principles and Guidelines which were released by the Australian Government in 2024.

The Principles and Guidelines help support aged care homes to be safe and comfortable so that people living there can be more independent and enjoy themselves. They also aim to make workplaces safer for staff to provide high quality care. These design changes will help make aged care homes feel less like hospitals and clinics and more like places where residents can feel at home.

For example, when you see the new corridors you will notice that there are no longer handrails along the walls. This is a purposeful change, in line with the Principles and Guidelines, to help Rotary House feel more like a home. What you will notice instead is seating placed along the corridors where residents can stop and rest as needed.

You will also notice that the new dining room has shifted to a separate kitchen and dining space, connected by a servery, rather than the old open plan kitchen and dining. This is based on feedback from residents and staff that the open plan spaces would get very noisy at meal times, and is designed to create a more peaceful and enjoyable experience.

You will now start to see the name 'Westering', as these new suites are the first step in the development of the Westering North Adelaide precinct, which will bring residential care, retirement living and allied health services together in a vibrant and connected community.

We are so excited to share these new spaces with you, and hope that you can join us between 1.30pm and 3.30pm on Thursday 24 April.

### **Who can I contact for more information?**

If you have any questions or concerns, please email [RHrefurbishment@helpinghand.org.au](mailto:RHrefurbishment@helpinghand.org.au), or speak to reception.