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Rangehaven commemorates construction of new aged care facility

Toowoomba's elderly will have a wider range of lifestyle options thanks to the construction of Shalom, a state-of-the-art aged care facility in Glenvale.

The development represents the expansion and relocation of Rangehaven Nursing Home in Tourist Road, Rangeville.

The development was also given a new name, Shalom, to enable it to differentiate and move forward from the pre-existing establishment.

The meaning of Shalom refers to peace, completeness, and the welfare or safety of an individual or a group of individuals.

Shalom will be a high-end low-care aged facility featuring 100 beds and private rooms. The project is being purpose built with the aged in mind with trained staff on duty 24 hours a day, access to specialist health professionals and an on-site bus for outings and recreational pursuits.

The facility was designed by Lester Ehrlich Architects and will be built by McNab.

Rangehaven Director of Nursing June Shum acknowledged the need for an upgrade of facilities.

"We have outgrown our current facilities and are completely landlocked. Shalom will enable us to give residents more lifestyle options particularly in their twilight years," Ms Shum said.

"We're moving into a new era in aged care facilities. Shalom will feature landscaped gardens, private rooms, a coffee shop, hairdresser, physiotherapy room, library and a computer room."

Joe Joseph, proprietor of Shalom Toowoomba said, "The cost of building new facilities in aged care has increased enormously in recent times. However, we are proceeding with this project which will ensure our current and future residents have the best living options available to them."

To commemorate the construction of Shalom, a Sod Turning Ceremony to be conducted by Hon Ian McFarlane MP was held on November 14.

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“The Rangehaven redevelopment will be a valued addition to the aged care community in Toowoomba,” Mr McFarlane said.

“This project will help meet the demand for aged care places, and at the same time provide a wider range of lifestyle options for local residents.”

McNab’s Managing Director Michael McNab said Shalom would assist in providing beds for a rapidly increasing ageing population.

“This facility is wonderfully designed and will assist in satisfying the increasing demand for aged care in Toowoomba.”

“Our work in the local community is very important to us and the construction of this facility will provide residents with the high-quality of life that they deserve,” Mr McNab said.

McNab aims to deliver the facility by November 2009.

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