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THE LERWIN Residential Aged Care Facility first Annual Business Plan builds on the things that Lerwin does well and supports continued delivery of high quality, safe care to the eighty residents who call Lerwin home.

This attractive and easy to read document, was approved by Council in September after significant engagement with stakeholders, including a World Café event and ongoing feedback gathered from Lerwin's residents, representatives and our community.

The development of the Plan focused on sustained investment in aged care services, the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission requirements and reflects areas identified for improvement through the accreditation process.

Council's General Manager Corporate Servoces Tim Vonderwall said that the Lerwin Annual Business Plan 2022-23 reflects the aspirations of the Rural City of Murray Bridge Strategic Plan 2020-2024 and its objective to ensure 'high quality, affordable residential care is accessible to the community'.

"It was developed under Council's robust risk management framework with consideration of the current economic environment, resident safety and welfare, workforce planning and resourcing and changes in income funding," he said.

"Our community and the Lerwin workforce face continuing pressures surrounding consumer directed care and COVID-19. Considerable effort has been made to balance the needs and aspirations of Lerwin residents, their representatives, the Lerwin workforce (and volunteers) and the broader community.

"Council's commitment to Lerwin includes a \$7.9m operating expenditure budget, which demonstrates its dedication to the facility's financial sustainability and ensuring our community has accessible options for high quality, viable residential aged care locally."

Copies of the plan are able at www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au