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OUR AGED care residents are settling into the bright, modern surrounds of the new wing at Lerwin, following completion of Stage One of an expansion and refurbishment project.

Work has been underway since January this year to create 20 new rooms and 9 refurbished rooms in the new wing, along with upgraded bathrooms and conversion of the existing courtyard into a contemporary, spacious outdoor meeting place.

Chief Executive Officer Michael Sedgman said 29 residents had now moved into the new wing.

"This exciting milestone improves access to residential aged care in Murray Bridge and ensures modern, resident-centred support is there for local older people now and into the future," he said.

"We are proud to be building capacity and creating comfortable environments that our most vulnerable can call home."

Remaining works to be undertaken before the end of the year include converting shared rooms into five more single occupant rooms, upgrades to lounge spaces, dining areas, consulting rooms and a revamped courtyard.

Once complete, the Lerwin Aged Care Facility Expansion and Refurbishment project will increase the total number of rooms from 75 to 80, with upgraded ensuite bathrooms, accommodating a growing preference for private single occupant rooms.

Member for Barker Tony Pasin said the refurbishment was supported by a Department of Health, Aged Care Regional Rural and Remote Infrastructure Grant of \$500k.

"Our Government has a strong commitment to regional, rural and remote Australia and we understand that local aged care services face challenges that their capital city counterparts do not," he said.

"That's why our Government is helping to fund upgrades like this one, because we know how important the Lerwin facility is to the Murray Bridge community."

Lerwin is owned and operated by the Rural City of Murray Bridge, and has been serving the local community for more than 30 years by providing 24 hour support from a dedicated team of staff, offering all levels of care including dementia specific support.

For more information on the Lerwin Aged Care Facility and visitor requirements visit murraybridge.sa.gov.au