

TO: RCH RESIDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

FROM: CEO – Graham Reed

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It has been encouraging to hear that South Australia's lack of Covid-19 infections has allowed the second stage of eased restrictions to be brought forward to June 1st.

As from Monday 1st June 2020, Kafé Schulze will be open for patrons to dine in. This will be restricted to residents and visitors from our independent living community only. There will be a set menu each day and dining will be limited to a maximum of 20 people, 10 inside and 10 outside. Opening times will be Monday to Friday, 10.30 am until 3.00 pm. Meal service will be between 12 midday and 2.30 pm. Bookings are essential in order to avoid disappointment and method of payment is cashless only.

The entrance will be through the main door of Avenue Road. On arrival at Reception, your temperature will be taken and a Screening Declaration form will need to be signed. Please note you will need to provide evidence that you have received the 2020 influenza vaccine. Exit from the Kafé will be via the side door.

While on the all-important topic of food, I am delighted to advise that the LHI Board has approved the appointment of the construction company Harrold and Kite to complete the Cook Fresh and Laundry project. This project incorporates the introduction of a fresh cook system at both sites and the construction of a new production kitchen at Hope Valley, together with a new laundry within the Hope Valley RCH building and upgrade and refit of the Glynde laundry facility. Harrold and Kite Construction has been appointed based on their previous aged care experience, an understanding and ability to work with sensitivity in a home environment, the provision of a stable team approach working in partnership with LHI, and a commitment to safety.

Harrold and Kite will commence work for both sites from mid-June 2020, beginning with the new main kitchen and laundry at Hope Valley. The back of house location of the kitchen and laundry at both sites makes it possible to screen the building works from the rest of the RCH and reduce risks related to Covid19. The project will be completed over 27 weeks, with December 2020 being the scheduled completion date. This may or may not include work on the upgrade of the pantries. This part of the project involves work within resident areas of the RCH. If Covid-19 restrictions allow, work on the pantries will be incorporated within this period. Otherwise, this part of the project will be delayed until such time as it can be delivered safely.

In a difficult and troubling period, it is wonderful to share the good news that our RCH residents can look forward to enjoying a dining experience where food is cooked fresh on site and their personalised choice of food is served directly to them.

Graham Reed
CEO