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Aged Care Issues in the Spotlight at Regional Forum

Aged Care in the Yorke Peninsular and Lower North will be on the agenda at a regional forum in Port Broughton on Tuesday 20 November.

The national peak body for aged care, Leading Age Services Australia (LASA), is hosting the forum to provide information to local providers about key issues of funding, workforce, governance and the upcoming Royal Commission into Aged Care.

Yorke and Lower North had the oldest population in South Australia in 2011, with a median age of 47 years.

With continued ageing of its already elderly population and expected gains from retirement migration, it is projected that by 2036 the median age of the region's population will have increased further to between 48 and 51 years.

LASA's State Manager SA – NT, Rosetta Rosa, said the forum will provide an opportunity to get a pulse check on the challenges and growth areas for aged care services in the region and learn how LASA can help support local providers.

“We'll be providing updates on issues affecting residential aged care, home care, the Royal Commission and how LASA can provide advocacy and support for its Members in the region.

“We will also be running a session on financial risk and performance data across the aged care industry from industry analysts Stewart Brown, as well as a session on the Single Aged Care Quality Framework.

“Our regional partner Prime Super will cover superannuation and the importance of planning for long term financial security.”

Ms Rosa also pointed to the growing opportunities for careers in the aged care industry.

“The over 65 and over 85 age groups in the region are projected to increase significantly over the next two decades and beyond, so it's important that we give local providers the support they need to provide quality care and services now and in the years ahead.

“We also want to make sure that providers in the region are prepared for the Royal Commission so that the industry can give the Commission the information it needs to best understand the key issues and make informed recommendations for the future of Australia's aged care system.”

For more information about the forum visit the LASA website:
<https://lasa.asn.au/event/regionalindustryforumptbroughtonsa/>

About Leading Age Services Australia (LASA)

LASA is the national peak body representing and supporting providers of age services across residential care, home care and retirement living. Our purpose is to enable a high performing, respected, and sustainable age services industry delivering accessible, affordable, quality care and services for older Australians.

We represent providers of age services of all types and sizes located across Australia's metropolitan, regional and rural areas. Consistent with the overall industry profile, 57% of our Members are not-for-profit providers, 33% are for-profit providers and 10% are government providers.

Our diverse and representative membership gives LASA the ability to speak with credibility and authority on issues of importance to older Australians and the age services industry.

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