

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Gnowangerup builds caring capacity

Two new homes for aged people are nearing completion in Gnowangerup, strengthening the town's capacity to care for its residents.

Supported by \$150,000 of Royalties for Regions funding through the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC), the two homes will cater for people who do not require residential or aged care but who find it difficult to maintain and perform tasks associated with general housing.

Gnowangerup Homes for the Aged (GHA) Chairman Garry Beeck said the new homes, each with two bedrooms and two toilets, filled a gap in the accommodation available for elderly people in the town.

Mr Beeck said the GHA had raised almost \$120,000 for the project and also received support from the Shire of Gnowangerup.

"This development adds to the good facilities that we already have," Mr Beeck said.

"As more goes up to support people staying in Gnowangerup, it means there is more support for the town and for the local businesses."

GSDC Chief Executive Officer Bruce Manning said providing access to a range of accommodation strengthened communities.

"Strong communities provide for their residents from birth to old age," Mr Manning said.

"This development provides appropriate accommodation in Gnowangerup for seniors who need to move on from their former style of housing.



**Builder Eddie Burley, of Kendan Builders, was on hand as the interior fit-out of the Gnowangerup seniors accommodation neared completion.**



“It will help to ensure that these people can stay in Gnowangerup near family and friends, maintaining and strengthening community ties.”

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