

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **LEWIS COURT FUND SUPPORTS SAFETY AND PEACE OF MIND FOR SEAVIEW HOUSE RESIDENTS**

Residents at Seaview House Residential Care in Portland are feeling safer and more secure following the installation of a new security camera system, made possible through support from the United Way Glenelg Lewis Court Fund.

The \$3,104 grant enabled Seaview House to replace an ageing and unreliable security system, addressing concerns around resident safety and overall peace of mind for both residents and staff. The upgraded system now provides clearer coverage across the facility and has already been accessed by Victoria Police when required, contributing to broader community safety outcomes.

United Way Glenelg Executive Officer Nicole Carr said the project reflects the intent of the Lewis Court Fund to support practical, local solutions that improve quality of life.

“Feeling safe in your own home is fundamental, particularly for older members of our community,” Ms Carr said.

“This project has delivered immediate and tangible benefits for the 70 plus residents, families, staff, emergency services and neighbouring community members. It’s a good example of how locally invested funds can make a real difference.”

Seaview House Manager Lisa Hashfield said the new system has had a positive impact on day-to-day operations and resident wellbeing.

“Our previous system wasn’t working properly, and it created a level of unease,” Ms Hashfield said.

“Since installing the new cameras, there’s a much greater sense of security throughout the facility. Residents feel more at ease, staff feel supported, and we know we have a reliable system in place should it ever be needed.”

The Seaview House project is one of many supported through United Way Glenelg’s Lewis Court Fund, which reinvests local funds back into initiatives that strengthen health, wellbeing and connection across the Glenelg Shire.

Applications to the United Way Glenelg Lewis Court Fund are now open. Local organisations delivering projects that support health, education or financial stability in the Glenelg Shire are encouraged to apply. Further information are available at [www.unitedwayglenelg.com.au](http://www.unitedwayglenelg.com.au)

Photo: Lois Willians, Manager Lisa Hashfield and Frances Mizzi are all delighted they have the security cameras overlooking the carpark of Seaview House.

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