



# Media Release

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## Expanded Disability Services on the way for Broken Hill

Broken Hill residents can look forward to an exciting new era in disability services with the announcement of a new provider for the area.

Award winning, Dubbo-based disability service provider Westhaven will assume operational management of the Salvation Army's Individual Lifestyle Support Service (SAILSS) Algate House disability program from August 31 this year.

The Salvation Army's General Manager Disability Services, Major. Evonne Packer described the move as "very positive" and highlighted it will lead to strengthened, expanded disability services in the local area.

"Westhaven is a like-minded organisation which has a proven track record and demonstrated commitment to delivering disability services in regional NSW," Major. Packer said.

"It also offers Assisted Disability Employment (ADE) in Dubbo, which will enable clients to access Westhaven's extensive employment network. This is a significant benefit to clients."

Westhaven Director of Engagement Tim Sykes said the agreement was a good opportunity for the registered NDIS service provider to continue with its existing strategy to expand into western NSW.

"We are already experiencing very positive outcomes in Dubbo and Orange and we see our plan to roll out our services to Broken Hill as an ideal fit," Mr Sykes said.

CEO Andrew Everett said "we are thrilled to have reached this agreement with the Salvation Army and look forward to working closely with them during this period of transition."

Major Packer pointed out that The Salvos will continue to be a strong local presence, offering chaplaincy, spiritual, church-based and social activities to the Broken Hill community.

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