

media release

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Community based training

Locally, ac.care has received a share of funding from the recently announced State Government's Community learning Program.

ac.care will be offering the Community Learning program in Mount Gambier, Millicent and Waikerie via their Community Centres. They received funding of \$24k for Mount Gambier, \$13.6k for Millicent and \$10k for Waikerie. The aim of the courses offered under this funding will help to increase literacy and numeracy skills, confidence and self-esteem among participants. They will also increase opportunities for participation in community and the development of skills leading to employment.

Examples of courses include basic computing, using the internet, using email accounts, résumé building, Learn the Learners' book. A range of other courses will be available over the next 12 months to assist people to connect to training and employment.

ac.care's community centres are centrally located and provide a friendly and welcoming service for local people to learn new hobbies, re-engage in learning, prepare for re-entering work or education and seek emergency support in times of crisis.

"the ac.care Community Centres provide a range of learning experiences for local people with the aim to redress education, social and economic disadvantage and to assist young and mature adults back into learning and employment. We look forward to implementing the Community Learning program in Mount Gambier, Millicent and Waikerie" said Greg Were, Manager Community Service, ac.care.

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About ac.care

ac.care was formed in Mount Gambier in 1985, with one social worker, a part-time administration officer and an accommodation support worker. Today **ac.care** employs nearly 200 staff with current offices and community centres in Mount Gambier, Millicent, Naracoorte, Bordertown, Murray Bridge, Berri and Waikerie. More than 60,550 (FY07-08) people in the South East, Riverland and Murraylands of South Australia were supported through over 70 different programs and services that fall under one or more of ac.care's 7 goals: **alleviating homelessness | building communities | promoting learning | reducing poverty | sharing cultures | strengthening families | supporting children.**