

MEDIA RELEASE

NEW LIFE IN THE GRAND OLD GIRL

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Island Motel Kingscote is set to be rebuilt, with a commencement date of mid-2018.

And general manager Shannon Eves is delighted to advise residents and visitors alike that the façade of the original building will be retained as a feature of the new premises.

“The façade was built in 1911, with what is now the area containing the restaurant, and in retaining the façade, the owners and developers can move forward with the project while maintaining the best interests of the Island community,” Shannon said.

Shannon Eves came to the Island in late 2015 with his son, and his wife Phen and their daughter arrived earlier this year, with the move prompted as Shannon has family living on KI, and he has set about running the motel while the developers continue to work on putting approvals in place for the future development. At this stage, the design approval planning rules are awaiting finalisation.

“When the development starts in 2018, there will be 25 butterfly-roof villas that can each sleep four to six people; 29 terrace villas, sleeping two and four; and three VIP villas – special occasion or honeymoon suites,” Shannon said.

“The existing restaurant area, kitchens and reception will be gutted, and completely re-modelled and a conference centre will be included.”

Shannon said that they are building to 5-star standard, with a pool and landscaped gardens, a children’s play area and barbecues for guests, along with off-street parking.

He expects that a mainland builder will be appointed to the project, and already many local tradesmen have been consulted about the part they might play in the development.

“We expect during the building phase to provide upwards of 20 plus jobs,” he said.

“We currently employ 10 to 12 locals in running the motel and I expect that number will increase over time,” he said.

The Commissioner for Kangaroo Island was pleased that Island Motel Kingscote exhibited at the recent Expo at the Kingscote Town Hall.

“It is great to see an existing business with plans to rebuild and I’m particularly interested in the number of jobs being created for locals, in tourism, hospitality and building works on this project and several others,” Wendy Campana said.

Shannon invites Islanders and visitors to call in any time to meet him, and reminds locals that meals are provided during Summer – Friday night dinners and Sunday lunches, and a Thai buffet once a month.

For information go to www.islandmotelkingscote.com.au or see Island Motel Kingscote’s advertisement in this issue of The Islander.



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