



Survey looks at services for older residents

MORE technology and community services could soon be on the way for older Murraylands residents.

A three-year research project conducted by the Murray Mallee Aged Care Group is looking at what community means to older people.

The study, funded by the Federal Department of Health and Ageing, commenced in the region last year.

It is focused on the types of community services and transport people use, their connections to their local communities and the use of new technologies such as computers, email and internet.

More than 3500 surveys were distributed to residents across the Murray Mallee and Riverland.

University of Adelaide lead researcher Helen Feist said the survey would be used to adjust and improve the standard of services provided to people in aged care facilities and within their own homes.

"We're seeing if there are new technologies we can help people use to communicate with their local community and family," Ms Feist said.

Depending on the results from the surveys, residents could become a part of a pilot project trial learning to use different technologies in their own homes.

- Details: Participants can return completed surveys using the reply paid envelope supplied or if you wish to take part in the survey phone 8303 3560.