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Housing deal win-win for Marion

The transfer of 610 Housing SA homes in Mitchell Park to a community housing provider is a win-win for Marion Council and residents.

Mayor Kris Hanna said the announcement today of a deal between the State Government and Junction Australia would preserve about \$550,000 in rates for Council and pave the way for a possible upgrade of the homes.

“The transfer is an exciting opportunity for public housing residents in Mitchell Park to create a better community supported by a housing provider with 35 years’ experience,” Mr Hanna said.

“Council is looking forward to working with Junction Australia to improve the lives of people in our community.”

Mr Hanna said he was pleased Junction Australia had agreed to pay full Council rates rather than opt to accept a 75 per cent rebate for housing associations.

“Council was facing about a \$415,000 a year loss in rates from the housing transfer but will now maintain its \$550,000 revenue which it will spend on the community,” Mr Hanna said.

“I’m glad the parties listened to Council’s concerns about the loss of rates in negotiating the deal. Thank you State Government. Thank you Junction Australia.”

Mr Hanna said Junction Australia hoped to upgrade the former Housing SA homes. They have established an office on Marion Rd from which they can engage with the local community and refer people to financial, health and government services.

“The deal is a win for the community, for Council and for the local economy. Tradies will benefit immensely from any future upgrades of the homes,” Mr Hanna said.

The State Government announced plans to transfer the 610 Housing SA homes in Mitchell Park to a community housing provider in 2012/13.

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