DAW PARK

Fight for Ward 17

Groups say specialist ward must stay

Groups have vowed to continue their fight to save Ward 17, amid the government’s announcement that the Repat would be sold to private operators but remain a health precinct.

A recommendation on the fate of Ward 17 is yet to be made by an expert panel.

The TPI Association of South Australia – a service organisation for totally and permanently incapacitated ex-servicemen and women – is concerned the services will be pushed out of the Repat. TPI veterans visitation SA co-ordinator Mick Curry said the unit must remain as a stand-alone centre for veterans at Daw Park.

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**OUR PEOPLE**

**Pair set to make a mark**

Celeste Villani

**THE STRESS of Year 12 studies will not stop Mercedes College students Grace Berwald and Victoria Lindholm from joining the fight against cancer.**

The duo are among 80 high school students involved in Cancer Council SA’s Youth Ambassador Project, which encourages young people to raise awareness and funds for cancer research and prevention.

During the year they will take on three challenges including creating an awareness campaign, organising a fundraising event and making a presentation to the school community about their work.

Victoria, 17, says the project will be a big commitment but she is determined to make a difference.

“It will be challenging,” Victoria, of Springfield, says. “But it will really pay off in the long run and benefit people.”

Grace says she decided to become an ambassador because she was “really inspired” by project participants last year.

“We want to involve people of all different age groups, not just in our cohort at school,” Grace, 16, of Malvern, says.

The duo is considering holding quiz nights and bake sales but will meet next term to finalise their plans.

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