

READY TO ROCK: (From left) Dr Ayman Shenouda, Ann McCole and Allen Moller discuss the need for an aged care facility at the Rock.

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The Rock aims to raise \$1m

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"The family had the stress of him saying, 'I want to go home and be with my family', and they're telling him he couldn't."

With more than 30 per cent of The Rock's residents aged over 60, Ms McCole said the problem would only get worse.

The Rock doctor, committee member

Dr Ayman Shenouda, said the town's families were committed to each other and any separation was painful.

"Being separated can make families scared and this is the main issue," Dr Shenouda said.

Committee treasurer Allen Moller said two recent community meetings had "overwhelmingly supported" a pledge system for the appeal.

"We have already been given a bequest of \$35,000, earmarked specifically for the facility," Mr Moller said.

The committee is now looking for a building in the town to set up an opportunity shop to help raise money.

The appeal officially begins on January 1, with several fund-raising events aleady planned, including a ball, car rallies and a wine sale.