



MEDIA RELEASE

\$2.6 million to help older New England residents live at home longer

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Older people in the New England Electorate will receive extra support and care services, such as cleaning, meals, nursing care and transport, to remain living independently at home thanks to a \$2.6 million Australian Government investment.

The Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, said the funding was part of a \$240 million investment under the Commonwealth Home and Community Care (HACC) program.

“This extra funding will help expand existing services or create new ones in identified priority areas of need in the New England Electorate, Mr Joyce said.

“In New England, we know there is a real need for domestic assistance, social support, and transport, and that’s where the majority of the funding will go.

“These services are essential to older people staying safe and well and remaining connected to their community and in control of their own lives.”

“The Australian Government believes that older Australians should have the support and care they need to continue to live at home as long as they choose.”

Assistant Minister for Social Services, Mitch Fifield said “The Commonwealth HACC program provides critical basic maintenance, care and support services where most people prefer to receive it—in their own homes and communities.

“We have made sure a large portion of the funding is going towards services that meet each region’s most pressing needs,” he said.

Details of the organisations to receive funding in the 2013 Commonwealth HACC funding round for the New England Electorate and the amounts allocated are:

Armidale Care for Seniors Inc
Centre-based day care

\$65,000

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Hon **Barnaby Joyce** MP

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Social Support	\$12,420
Armidale/Uralla Meals on Wheels Inc Meals	\$88,400
Gunnedah Council Social support	\$35,621
Home Nursing Group (Armidale) Domestic assistance	\$347,800
Home maintenance	\$31,450
Social support	\$377,400
Hunter New England Local Health District Allied Health	\$289,807
Integratedliving Australia Ltd (Armidale) Meals	\$252,000
Nursing care	\$84,500
McLean Care Ltd (Inverell) Domestic assistance	\$398,160
Social support	\$310,800
Presbyterian Aged Care NSW & ACT (Walcha Community Care) Domestic assistance	\$92,632
Tamworth Meals on Wheels Inc Meals	\$86,241
Tenterfield HACC Committee Inc Meals	\$35,340
Personal care	\$72,000
The Ascent Group Australia Limited (Uralla Home & Community Care) Centre-based day care	\$5,824
Home maintenance	\$14,312
Transport	\$8,844
Total for the New England Electorate:	\$2,608,551

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