



Sharon Grierson MP
Federal Member for Newcastle

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Aged Care Approvals Announced

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, was today pleased to announce that almost \$3 million in funding will go towards the continued support of aged care services in the Newcastle area.

"As of June 2007 it was estimated that almost 12 percent of Newcastle's population were aged 70 years or older – a figure of over 16,000 people," Ms Grierson said.

"This funding, part of the Rudd Labor Government's 2008-2009 Aged Care Approvals Round and Extra Service Approvals Round, will help local aged care service providers meet the challenges of our ageing population," Ms Grierson said.

The funding will go to four aged care services providers in Newcastle – the Hippocrates Aged Care Centre, Maroba Nursing Home, the Trustees of Church Property for the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle, and the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

Funding is divided among four areas – Residential Care (\$1,815,300 in funding), Community Aged Care (\$323,000 in funding), Extended Age Care at Home (\$648,000 in funding), and EACH Dementia (\$190,560) – and will build upon the existing services already offered by the providers.

"Over the next four years, the Rudd Labor Government will provide more in aged care funding - \$44 billion – than any Australian government before it," Ms Grierson said.

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