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**WORLD ALZHEIMER'S DAY MARKED WITH
\$100k GRANT TO NEWCASTLE UNI**

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson, marked World Alzheimer's Day today with the announcement of a \$100,682 Commonwealth *Dementia Service Development Grant* to the University of Newcastle.

Ms Grierson, who is Co-Convenor of Parliamentary Friends of Dementia, congratulated the University for its commitment to research into a disease that affects over 10,000 people in the Hunter.

"I am pleased to see the University's project - *Carers of People with Dementia* - will improve our knowledge about the needs of carers, who often take on a huge burden in the management of dementia," Ms Grierson said.

The project will educate GPs about the needs of people who care for loved ones living with dementia, and to improve their linkages with local service providers and carers' organisations. It will also educate GPs about dementia diagnosis and management.

"Dementia is the largest contributor to the burden of disease in Australia due to disability at older ages, with around 200,000 people living with dementia."

"With communities all around the globe marking World Alzheimer's Day today, it is great to see research into practical solutions being undertaken right here in Newcastle."

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