



David Littleproud MP

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Better, bigger aged care service to benefit Killarney community

MARANOA MP David Littleproud said a Coalition Government grant of \$5.52 million will make it easier for our seniors to stay in their beloved Southern Downs community while continuing to receive the care they need.

“This \$5.52 million investment supports stage two of the Killarney Memorial Aged Care’s redevelopment, which is due to be completed by June 30 next year,” Mr Littleproud said.

Mr Littleproud was in Killarney today to officially launch work to redevelop and expand the Leslie Place Aged Care Persons Hostel residential aged care service.

“This investment enables the redevelopment of eight existing residential care places and the construction of an additional eight accommodation units at the Leslie Place hostel,” Mr Littleproud said.

“Aged care facilities in regional communities, like Killarney, are vital for our seniors to ensure they are able to stay as close as possible to their friends and families.

“The Coalition Government’s investment will ensure more seniors living in the Southern Downs will have access to high-quality, higher-level aged care services.”

Mr Littleproud said Killarney Memorial Aged Care would prioritise access to services for seniors in rural and remote areas as well as for those who were facing financial and social challenges.

“The additional eight aged care places will significantly boost Killarney Memorial Aged Care’s capacity to deliver quality care to local seniors and those from surrounding areas,” he said.

“This is about providing the local care our elder Australians deserve and continuing their connections with, and contributions to, our communities.”

Killarney Memorial Aged Care is undertaking a multi-stage redevelopment and expansion of its Leslie Place Aged Care Persons Hostel residential aged care service.

Killarney Memorial Aged Care, which operates the hostel, was allocated a \$5.52 million capital grant and eight additional residential aged care places under the 2016 -17 Aged Care Approvals (ACAR) round.

Across Australia, the 2016-17 ACAR round made available 10,000 residential aged care places, 475 short-term restorative care places and up to \$64 million in capital grants for aged care construction.

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