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***Golden Wattle* returns to Maranoa to support drought-affected communities**

The Australian Government has reaffirmed its commitment to rural and regional Australians with the Mobile Service Centre, *Golden Wattle*, coming to Inglewood and Karara.

Mobile Service Centres provide personalised access to government services, delivering Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support services to rural Australians.

Introduced by the Howard Government a decade ago, MSC's have helped more than 130,000 people and travelled more than 700,000 kilometres since they have been on the road.

Minister for Human Services Michael Keenan said the Mobile Service Centres provide critical information, assistance and support to rural and regional Australians in accessing a range of services, including lodging Centrelink claims, Medicare registrations and access to online services.

While *Golden Wattle* is in Maranoa, I would encourage all locals to come and meet staff from my department who will be able to help you with any questions or requests for assistance you may have.

Minister for Agriculture and Water Services and Member for Maranoa David Littleproud said *Golden Wattle* is returning to regional Queensland to support drought-affected communities.

"A Farm Household Case Officer will be on board to provide farmers with support, and a departmental social worker will be available at both sites," Minister Littleproud said.

“Staff can also assist with Farm Household Allowance claims. I encourage everyone to make the most of this opportunity.

“This is a free service and you don’t need an appointment, so come down and visit the team aboard *Golden Wattle* if you need assistance.”

Information about Department of Veterans’ Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Mobile Service Centre on locations:

Inglewood	Monday 10 September	10am to 4pm	Located in front of the Lions Park, Cunningham Highway
Karara	Tuesday 11 September	9:30am to 12:30pm	Located at Karara Tavern and Motel carpark, Cunningham Highway

For more information visit humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice or call 132 316.

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