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New flexible aged care places in Dobell

Residents in the Central Coast electorate of Dobell will benefit from a new approach in flexible aged care that will help older residents remain in their own homes for longer.

The Minister for Aged Care, the Hon. Ken Wyatt AM, MP, has today joined with Senator the Hon. Arthur Sinodinos AO, Senator for NSW, to welcome the 15 Short-Term Restorative Care places allocated to Dobell, making it the highest recipient in NSW.

These new places are part of an initial national allocation of 475 places, worth up to \$34.7 million per year, as part of the 2016–17 Aged Care Approvals Round.

“Short-Term Restorative Care increases the care options available in circumstances, for example, where older people would benefit from targeted assistance to recover from a short-term incapacity or injury,” Minister Wyatt said.

“It aims to slow functional decline in older people and improve their health and wellbeing, so they can remain independent for as long as possible and avoid prematurely entering permanent residential aged care.”

“The successful provider, ADSSI Homeliving Australia, will work directly with older people in Dobell and provide them with multi-disciplinary care packages of up to eight weeks to help them get back on their feet and improve their quality of life.”

Senator Sinodinos has welcomed the Short-Term Restorative Care place allocation in Dobell.

“There is a growing demand for flexible aged care services on the Central Coast. This new program is essential in ensuring our older residents receive the responsive and quality care they deserve,” Senator Sinodinos said.

“It means that if an older person suffers a fall at home and is approved for Short-Term Restorative Care, their care provider could arrange for physiotherapy with the support of the person’s doctor and other allied health professionals, and an assessment of their home to identify potential hazards.”

Senator Sinodinos said the eight-week time duration of each package under the program means more than 3,000 older Australians will potentially access this program through these first 475 places.

“That will increase as more places become available over the next five years,” he said.

“Older Australians want and need flexible services that will help them when they need it, and encourage independence for as long as possible, and these places will help people age well and access care on an ‘as-needs’ basis.”

Additional residential aged care places and the capital grant components of the 2016–17 Aged Care Approvals Round will be announced at a later date.

More information about the results of the 2016 Aged Care Approvals Round is available at <https://agedcare.health.gov.au/2016-17ACAR>

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