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MORE THAN \$280,000 FOR CARE SERVICES IN IPSWICH

Local Home and Community Care (HACC) services in Ipswich will receive additional operating funding of over \$140,000 and a similar amount in capital funds, Health Minister Gordon Nuttall announced today.

He said beneficiaries included Blue Care Ipswich, We Care, ALARA Association and West Moreton District Home Care Services.

"Blue Care Ipswich will receive \$28,800 in additional operating funding towards their in-home respite service," Mr Nuttall said.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan said, \$29,587 in capital funding would go to the Blue Care Ipswich Respite Care Centre to replace its bus.

"We Care will also receive capital funding – of \$111,982 - to replace its bus," Ms Nolan said.

"Blue Care and We Care's new buses will allow them to continue to get people in their care out and about and into the community.

"ALARA Association will also receive \$54,163 in additional operating funding towards their social support service.

"West Moreton District Home Care Service will get additional operating funding of \$54,164 for social support.

"The HACC Services Unit, West Moreton Health Service District, will gain \$3,766 in additional operating funding towards allied health delivery in Boonah," Ms Nolan said.

The HACC Program is a joint \$225 million Australian/State Government Program which includes services such as domestic assistance, meals, transport, home nursing, personal care, advocacy and support for carers.

Support includes centre-based day care, and a range of other services which help frail aged people and people with disabilities to maintain independence in their own homes.

“Continued improvement in Home and Community Care is a high priority for the Government over the next 12 months,” Mr Nuttall said.

“We want to ensure the highest possible standards in the delivery of these services.”