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IPSWICH HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE INCREASED

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan today said Local Home and Community Care (HACC) services in Ipswich would receive additional operating funding of more than \$710,000 and \$374,119 in capital funding.

“Blue Care Ipswich will receive an extra \$208,299 to fund a range of services including \$137,444 for allied health care specialist services and \$70,855 for respite care,” Ms Nolan said.

“Blue Care Ipswich Respite Care Centre will receive \$102,700 and Ipswich Dementia Day Respite Centre will receive \$105,728, to fund centre based day care which enables clients to participate in group activities.

“West Moreton District Home Care Service will receive \$86,654 to provide respite care to clients.”

Urban Allied Health Service West Moreton will receive \$206,805 for allied health care and an additional \$72,760 in capital funding will be provided for two new vehicles, computers and software, furniture and office equipment.

Capital funding will also be provided to:

- the Co-ordinating Organisation for the Disabled in Ipswich (\$102,000 to replace a bus)
- We Care (\$38,500 for a new bus, \$12,400 for minor building modifications, \$7,800 for furniture replacement, \$5,000 for photocopier replacement, \$2,000 for computer and software and \$3,057 for minor equipment)
- The Lyndhurst Club for Frail Aged (\$2,000 for computer and printer, \$900 to replace photocopier)
- Ozcare Ipswich Homeless Project (\$8,000 to upgrade vehicle) and;
- Luke’s Place (\$119,702 to replace two buses).

Home and Community Care is a cost share program provided by Queensland Health and the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing.

Ms Nolan said the increased funding to existing services included a 2.1 per cent increase to base funding and an increase in the Meals on Wheels funding.

“New and enhanced funding has included special need priorities such as the provision of culturally appropriate services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Australian South Sea Islander people.

“Support for carers has included an increase in in-home respite services.”