



MEDIA RELEASE

HACC FUNDING

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For immediate release

Member for Hinchinbrook, Andrew Cripps, welcomes funding for Home and Community Care services in the Hinchinbrook Electorate. Ten organisations who offer HACC services are set to share \$236,825 in funding under the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Home and Community Care (HACC) program.

The HACC program provides funding for services which support people who are frail aged, younger people with disability and their carers, who live at home and whose capacity for independent living is at risk or who are at risk of premature or inappropriate admission to long term residential care.

Approval has been granted for:

- Blue Care Cardwell Johnstone service - \$19,824
- Blue Care Ingham - 29,014
- Cardwell Meals on Wheels - \$13,000
- Hinchinbrook ATSI Home & Community Care Program - \$45,000
- Ingham Parents Support Group Incorporated - \$35,000
- Ingham Meals on Wheels - \$13,000
- Junbun Aged Care Program - \$45,112
- Mission Beach Meals on Wheels - \$13,000
- Townsville HAAC Service - Ingham - \$10,876
- Tully Meals on Wheels - 13,000

“There is a growing demand for HACC services as many people choose to stay in their own homes for as long as possible but often struggle with the demands associated with living independently,” said Mr Cripps.

It is the aim of the program to provide flexible, timely services that respond to the needs of those in need. Services include a comprehensive, coordinated and integrated range of basic maintenance and support services.

“These organisations play a vital role in the communities they support. This funding will assist in the provision of these essential services,” said Mr Cripps.

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