



Sid Sidebottom MP ... for a fair go in Braddon

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MORE RESPITE IN DEVONPORT AREA

The Rudd Labor Government is extending support to families in Devonport dealing with dementia says the Federal Member for Braddon, Sid Sidebottom.

Mr Sidebottom said Meercroft Care would receive an extra \$157,600 to extend its dementia service.

The Munnew Day Centre currently provides respite for care recipients with dementia for 6 days a week. This project will enable the service to increase respite by providing a day respite service on Sundays.

“Carers across this nation play an important role in Australian society. They dedicate so much to improve the quality of the lives of our nation’s elderly and for people with disabilities,” Mr Sidebottom said.

“Caring for someone full time is physically and emotionally demanding and carers need to be able to take deserved breaks.”

Almost 2.6 million Australians provide care for family members or friends with a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who are frail aged. Of these about 500,000 are primary carers – the people who provide the most care.

The \$157,600 is part of a \$12 million program – over two years. It is funded under the Australian Government’s commitment to carers through the National Respite for Carers Program, which is providing \$194 million in 2008-09.

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