



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

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Eliza Purton benefits from Work for the Dole Projects

RESIDENTS at Eliza Purton aged care facility in Ulverstone can now share a drink with friends in the fresh air thanks to the Rudd Government's Work for the Dole program.

Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom attended the official handover of the completed project on Friday. The works included the construction of a new outdoor decking, a new coffee kitchen and an upgrade to existing amenities.

The projects were completed in conjunction with the Rotary Club of West Ulverstone.

"Participants can be proud of the work they've completed at Eliza Purton," Mr Sidebottom said.

"They have gained valuable experience and skills in building techniques, construction and concreting – skills which are all in demand on the North-West and West Coast at present as local infrastructure projects continue to roll out.

"Residents can now sit out in the fresh air while they enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with their family and friends.

"The area is wheelchair friendly and overlooks the resident bird aviary.

"As well as the benefits to Eliza Purton residents, this project has also allowed Work for the Dole participants to develop a relationship with the local rotary club.

Mr Sidebottom said the Rudd Government had undertaken a review of employment services and would retain and significantly improve Work for the Dole.

"As part of the new employment services system Job Services Australia, which begins on July 1 this year, Work for the Dole will remain an important part of the Government's employment services, though with improvements including stronger links to training and a focus on securing work," he said.

For more information on Work for the Dole projects on the North West and West Coast visit www.jobsearch.gov.au/public/providers/wfd/.

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