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MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES
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Mr Ken O’Dowd MP
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR FLYNN

MEDIA RELEASE

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Golden Wattle hits the road to support regional Queensland

Golden Wattle is hitting the road to give people in Flynn easy access to government services.

Staff on board have delivered Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support services to almost 140,000 customers since 2016.

Golden Wattle is one of two 20 tonne trucks run by the Department of Human Services that have travelled over 800,000 kilometres and to more than 4000 communities.

Minister for Human Services Michael Keenan said *Golden Wattle* provides tailored support and information to people in rural communities.

“Mobile Service Centres reinforce the Australian Government’s commitment to delivering the best services to all Australians, regardless of where they live,” Mr Keenan said.

Member for Flynn Ken O’Dowd said *Golden Wattle* is travelling to rural and drought-affected areas in Queensland to provide extra support to our community.

“Staff on board can help with Centrelink claims, Medicare registrations and online services.

“A departmental social worker will also be on board to help people in crisis and can provide referrals to counsellors and legal services, as well as assist with financial help.

“This is a great opportunity to meet face-to-face with specialist staff.

“You don’t need an appointment, and it’s free – so anyone who needs help or has a question should visit the team aboard *Golden Wattle* next week.”

Information about Department of Veterans’ Affairs programs and associated support services is also available.

Mobile Service Centre locations:

Biggenden	Thursday 17 January	10am to 4pm	Opposite the Commercial Hotel/Motel, Victoria Street
Gin Gin	Monday 21 January	9:30am to 3pm	Opposite the Ambulance Station, Mulgrave Street
Monto	Tuesday 22 January	9am to 3pm	Near the Community Hall, Rutherford Street
Gayndah	Wednesday 23 January	9am to 4pm	In front of the Town Hall, Capper Street
Proston	Friday 25 January	9:30am to 3pm	Opposite the Library, Blake Street

For more information visit humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice or call 132 316.

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