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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **LOCAL SENIORS TO BENEFIT FROM NEW MOURA AGED CARE SERVICE**

Federal Member for Flynn, Ken O'Dowd together with the Liberal National Government has committed to more than \$400,000 in annual funding to help establish a new aged care service in Moura.

"This is great news for the people of Moura, helping ensure senior residents can remain close to family and loved ones, and connected with the community," said Member for Flynn, Ken O'Dowd.

"The new Moura Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) will begin in January 2019 at the Moura Community Hospital and will eventually deliver eight residential aged care places.

"I thank the Moura Community Advisory Group for their tireless work and the strong support from both our Government and the Central Queensland Health and Hospital Service."

The Moura funding is part of the Liberal National Government's new \$4 million annual commitment to extending Multi-Purpose Services across regional, rural and remote Australia.

Multi-Purpose Services are usually integrated with local health and community facilities, to provide care for senior Australians in communities which are unable to support stand-alone aged care facilities.

"While supporting our treasured local seniors, the new Moura aged care service will also support community cohesion and the local economy," Mr O'Dowd said.

"Happily, Australians are living longer and this means more aged care residents, who often require higher levels of care.

“This new funding will help ensure more of our senior residents can receive care locally and do not have to leave their families, to go to services a long distance away.”

Last year across the nation, more than 4,000 people received residential aged care through the 178 Multi-Purpose Services located in all States and the Northern Territory.

“Moura’s aged care service is part of our Government’s \$5 billion aged care funding boost, announced in the 2018-19 Budget,” Mr O’Dowd said.

“I am proud to be part of a Government that is deeply committed to ensuring more senior Australians have access to high quality, higher level aged care services, no matter where they choose to live.

“All Australians should have access to targeted, flexible and tailored health and aged care services. This includes looking after our senior Australians in small communities like ours.”

The \$4 million annual commitment extends our Government’s commitment to support senior Australians in regional, rural and remote areas, coming on top of the recent announcement of \$40 million in grant funding, to upgrade regional aged care homes.

The residential aged care sector is set for a further boost of \$60 million for capital works, through the Aged Care Approvals Round (ACAR), expected to be announced by April 2019.

Details of the MPS program are at <https://agedcare.health.gov.au/MPSProgram>

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