

Media Release - New aged-care building opens in Campbelltown

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The Minister for Ageing and Disability Services, Peter Primrose, today officially launched the Macarthur Diversity Services Initiative (MDSI) aged care facility in Campbelltown, along with the Member for Campbelltown, Graham West.

The new aged care facility provides services including social support, centre-based day care and transport, and is run out of a building known as 'The Manse' at 32 Lithgow Street – an old Victorian house used as the presbytery for St David's church in Campbelltown.

Mr Primrose said the NSW Government had provided \$50,000 to assist with refurbishment.

"The result of this work is a beautiful building, which is centrally located, and makes a perfect setting for supporting older people and people with a disability," Mr Primrose said.

"These kinds of community-based aged care facilities will become more and more important as the population of NSW ages."

"It is estimated that by around 2050, more than 2.4 million people will be aged 65 years or more.

"While it's good news that people are living longer and healthier lives, we also need to plan for the challenges that may come with an ageing population."

Mr West said MDSI was well-known locally for providing services including social support, centre-based day care and transport.

"This new aged-care facility will be warmly welcomed by the community, especially given its focus on improving access to services for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds," Mr West said.

“MDSI employs staff fluent in more than 15 community languages and from more than 18 cultural backgrounds. Their volunteers have equally diverse backgrounds being fluent in over 14 languages and coming from 20 different cultural backgrounds.”

MDSI was awarded a 2010 Seniors' Week Award in the category of Health and Wellbeing in recognition of its work.

In addition to aged services, MDSI provides services for children, families and young people. For more information visit:

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