



ANGLICAN CARE EMBRACE THE "BLOKES SHED" CONCEPT TO SUPPORT MALE RESIDENTS WITH DEMENTIA

Anglican Care's McIntosh Hostel, located on the main facility in Booragul, will implement a project, appropriately titled "Booragul Blokes Shed" designed to support their male residents with dementia, their families and carers.

Anglican Care, is one of the largest providers of Aged Care in the Hunter and Central Coast areas. Anglican Care was delighted to receive funding through the latest round of the Commonwealth Government's Dementia Community Support Grants Program to establish a "Blokes" shed at their McIntosh Hostel.

The member for Charlton, Greg Combet, announced on Wednesday that the Federal Government will contribute close to \$35,000 to help establish the men's shed at Anglican Care.

The aim of the project is to provide a dedicated Men's shed area for Anglican Care's male residents to enhance their wellbeing, health and quality of life. "The Booragul Bloke's Shed is a way to provide meaningful activities for all of our male residents living with dementia. The initiative will increase opportunities for conversation, camaraderie and well being ," said Kylie Jacques, Anglican Care's Marketing & Communications Manager.

"We aim to include as many men living within the Anglican Care Community as possible. Although the shed will not be open to the wider community, we hope some of our volunteers will become involved and may even involve some of the students who visit our residents," Ms Jacques said.

The shed will be built adjoined to the McIntosh Hostel; leading out from one of the activities areas by a covered walkway. It will be for use by the male residents and their families and carers associated within Anglican Care's residential care, retirement living villages, Day Therapy Centre clients, together with those receiving a Community Aged Care Package and Extended Aged Care in the Home Package.

Subject to Lake Macquarie Council Approval, the project is scheduled to commence building in July 2011, with completion in December 2011.

For more information or to arrange an interview with Anglican Care, please contact Eclipse Media, Events and PR on 02 4961 3200.

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