



## NEWS RELEASE

Sharon Bird MP  
Federal Member for Cunningham

# **\$826,000 for Wollongong carer respite services**

The Commonwealth Government has extended 555 respite and carer support service funding agreements until June 2011, including \$826,000 in funds for five Wollongong services, Federal Member for Cunningham, Sharon Bird, said today.

“The extension in funding agreements under the National Respite for Carers Program (NRCP) will give community based respite and carers support services certainty to plan and manage operations.

“The Rudd Government recognises that the local community values respite and carer services, and is committed to improving the operation of the community care sector”, Ms Bird said.

She said the following Wollongong service had funding extended:

- Illawarra Retirement Trust Day Respite Centre - \$218,000
- Indochinese Respite Care Service - \$97,121
- Interchange Illawarra Family based Flexible Respite Options - \$90,866
- Unanderra Day Care Centre - \$57,460
- Illawarra Dementia Respite Service - \$362,255

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