

# Media Release

## Andrew Broad

Member for Mallee

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### **PRIORITY FOR NEW AGED CARE PLACES IN OUR REGIONAL AREAS**

Aged care providers across the Wimmera, Mallee and Mildura regions will have priority in the upcoming Aged Care Approval Round (ACAR) with the round looking first to those in regional or remote townships.

Federal Member for Mallee, Andrew Broad said under the new ACAR announced last week an additional 13,500 residential aged care places, and 755 short term restorative care places will be provided across the country.

“This is the largest amount of places ever provided under an ACAR and it would be great to see some of those go to our fantastic aged care providers in the Mallee,”

“On top of the placings, an extra \$60 million in residential aged care capital grants will also be provided so we can ensure that our aged care residents are getting the best possible care in our patch,” Mr Broad said.

The ACAR will officially open on July 2, and while all applications are welcome, Mr Broad said those in regional or remote areas will be given special consideration above metropolitan areas.

“It is often regional communities like ours in the Wimmera, Mallee and Mildura regions that face challenges when it comes to accessing quality aged care, by ensuring our regions are put first we are making sure all Australians have access to the care they need, when they need it,” Mr Broad said.

The ACAR application period will be open for six weeks, from 2 July until 10 August, further information can be found at:

<https://agedcare.health.gov.au/funding/aged-care-approvals-round-acar/2018-19-aged-care-approvals-round>.

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