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Life-changing restorative aged care places available in the North West

The Morrison Government is delivering additional short-term restorative care places as part of the record 2018–19 Aged Care Approvals Round (ACAR), which was announced by Minister for Aged Care Ken Wyatt.

Liberal Senator for Tasmania Richard Colbeck congratulated Care Forward in Devonport for their successful application to deliver the care.

“Short-term restorative care can be life-changing, helping people remain living independently in their own homes for as long as possible and improving their health and wellbeing,” Senator Colbeck said.

“A total of four places have been allocated to this service located in North West Tasmania and will be available to help senior Australians maintain their independence and live in their community in the company of family and friends.

“Short-term restorative care is just that – helping people age well and access care when and where they need it, to restore them to independence.

“The short-term restorative care plan is designed with, and approved by, the person receiving the care and can be delivered at home, in a residential aged care home or a combination of both.”

Liberal for Braddon Gavin Pearce welcomed the commitment to aged care in the region.

“It is important that we look after our senior Australians and restorative aged care is a great way to maintain and improve quality of life.

“It is pleasing to see the commitment the Morrison Government has to securing the future of aged care in North West Tasmania.

In total, 775 new short-term restorative care places will be allocated across Australia, 350 in 2018–19, with the remaining 425 places to be allocated in 2019-20. The Liberal National Government is investing an estimated \$58 million each year in these new places. This is on top of the \$34.7 million made available by our Government for short-term restorative care in 2017–18.

Additional residential aged care places and capital grant components of the 2018–19 ACAR will be announced by April 2019.

The Liberal National Government has invested an extra \$1 billion a year in aged care services since 2013 and is continuing its record investment, with increases of more than \$5.5 billion over the next four years.

Information about the 2018–19 ACAR short-term restorative care outcomes, including details of the successful approved providers, is available at www.agedcare.health.gov.au/2018-19acar.

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