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CRAIG EMERSON

Member for Rankin

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\$9,000 BOOST FOR RESPITE SERVICES IN LOGAN CITY

Member for Rankin Craig Emerson has announced \$9,000 in funding grants for Multilink Community Services at Logan Central to help provide respite services for carers in Logan City.

Mr Emerson said: 'The funding is part of the Rudd Government's commitment to carers through the National Respite for Carers Program'.

Multilink will use this funding to purchase much-needed equipment.

Mr Peter Forday of Multilink said: 'Respite services provide valuable time-out for people who care for their friends or family members with conditions such as dementia and Alzheimer's.

'This money will greatly assist our organisation with new equipment to help entertain our clients and new furniture to seat them on during their respite care.'

Mr Emerson welcomed the decision to allocate the funding to Multilink.

'More than 4,500 people in Logan City provide care for family members or friends with a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who are aged and frail. Of these about 1,100 are primary carers – the people who provide the majority of the care.

'Respite can allow carers to go to work for a few hours, go to the shops or socialise with friends.

'This funding will help make time spent at Multilink by those people in need of care more comfortable.'

For information about respite care in your area please call Carelink on 1800 052 222 or for emergency respite outside of business hours on 1800 059 059.

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