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**Member for Rankin**

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**LOCAL AGEING GROUPS RECEIVE A BOOST**

Three local ageing groups have received additional funding under the Department of Health and Ageing's Home and Community Care Program.

Member for Rankin Craig Emerson welcomed the announcement that would allow more elderly residents to remain independent and in their homes for longer.

Blue Care Springwood, LANDS Transport and Logan & Beenleigh Districts Homme Assist/Secure will share more than \$270,000 in increased funding for their services.

Blue Care Springwood Manager Alicia Wooding said: "This increase will have a large impact of service delivery to our local customers.

"So many elderly clients want to remain in their homes but cannot remain there without assistance from ageing groups."