



## **The Hon Ken Wyatt AM, MP**

**Minister for Aged Care  
Minister for Indigenous Health  
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#### **FARM “WORK” A BONUS FOR CEDARBROOK AGED CARE RESIDENTS**

Aged Care Minister Ken Wyatt AM has praised the innovative approach taken by one of Australia’s newest residential aged care facilities, officially opened today at Mudgeeraba in Queensland.

The Cedarbrook facility is integrated within a farm where the animals are looked after by students from a local school.

“This is part of a welcome trend in Australia, where we increasingly see the activities of young Australians, from toddlers to teenagers, woven into aged care,” Minister Wyatt said.

“It is important that senior Australians, including those in aged care, are given the opportunity to take part in productive activities as much as possible.

“It can be hands-on, or providing ideas or just cheering others on, but senior Australians have a contribution to make to our communities and our local economies.

“All of us deserve respect, kindness and compassion as we grow older, and the feeling that we are valued.”

Minister Wyatt said Carinity’s farm-based The Residences at Cedarbrook, sets a fine example.

“I understand that Carinity plans to start producing honey and that residents may take part in this, and even get their names on the honey jars,” he said.

“What a great way to keep people connected, active and involved, and to encourage connections between generations.”

As the Cedarbrook project is further developed, it will include a retirement village and supported accommodation.

“This is a great concept which allows people to remain in the same locality and the same community of care as they become older and their needs, or their partners’ needs, change,” Minister Wyatt said.

“What we have before us is a truly outstanding residence, designed to support the best possible quality of life for everyone who makes it their home.”

He said aged care in Australia had expanded and changed a great deal in the recent years, with further positive changes ahead, supported by the Turnbull Government’s strong commitment to reform for the benefit of all senior Australians.

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