The Hon Ken Wyatt AM, MP

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Broken Hill residents to benefit from new Senior Lounge funding

The Turnbull Government is proud to provide more than $80,000 to further support Broken Hill’s Senior Lounge, a popular local hub for older people.

Meeting guests at the Senior Lounge today, Minister for Aged Care Ken Wyatt AM said it had grown strongly since it was established in August 2016.

“Centres like this play an important role in living longer and living better,” Minister Wyatt said.

“There is nothing like the Senior Lounge in Broken Hill. By bringing people together, it aims to improve people’s social lives and help ensure better health.

“I believe we should aim to live fulfilling lives right past 100, and keeping connected with your community is vital for wellbeing.”

The Senior Lounge is part of the Far West Home and Community Care (HACC) Services and was started by popular demand a year ago.

“While the Turnbull Government is supporting many older Australians who are choosing to stay at home longer and remain independent, it is still crucial they get out and about and have an active role in their communities,” said Minister Wyatt.

“The Senior Lounge’s growing popularity was highlighted recently, when two Christmas in July celebrations attracted 118 people.”

The Senior Lounge includes a community garden, craft activities and hairdressing services and was established with a $100,000 grant to the local HACC.

Located at the Broken Hill City Council’s North Mine Park Hall, it is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and averages 25-30 visitors a day.

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