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MEDIA RELEASE

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Windsor welcomes Minister for Aging to New England electorate

Independent Member for New England is delighted that the Federal Minister for Aging, the Hon Kevin Andrews MP will be visiting the New England electorate on Friday and Saturday this week.

Minister Andrews will be performing a number of official activities as well as holding a Roundtable Meeting with Aged Care industry representatives from across the region on Saturday afternoon in Armidale.

On Friday afternoon, the Minister will visit the McKay Nursing Home in Tamworth where he will present the Centenary Medal to Mrs Ethel Barrett aged 106 followed by a meeting with the Tamworth Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees.

On Saturday morning, the Minister will open the new 10 unit wing of the McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Facility on behalf of the Uralla Shire Council and later in the morning will open the new 11 bed extension – Fernbrook – at Autumn Lodge Village in Armidale.

He will then attend a Roundtable meeting of aged care service providers from across the region hosted by Mr Windsor at the Autumn Lodge Village in Armidale.

“It is very pleasing to have the Minister come to the Electorate and see some of the aged care facilities in the electorate and hear first hand the concerns of aged care service providers and some solutions that they have to address these concerns.

“My dealings with the Minister in Canberra have been very positive and I believe that he will receive the concerns and proposed solutions as constructive comments to help improve the quality of aged care in our communities,” Mr Windsor said.

Attached is the detailed Itinerary for the Minister’s visit

The Hon Kevin Andrews MP
Minister for Aging – Visit 9th & 10th August 2002

Itinerary

Friday 9 August 2002

- 2.00pm - 3.00pm Mr Andrews and Mr Windsor to visit McKay Nursing Home and present Mrs Ethel Barrett (age 106) with her Centenary Medal followed by afternoon tea - Lorraine Geddes 67666 988
- 3.30pm – 4.15pm Mr Andrews and Mr Windsor meeting with Tamworth Branch Association of Independent Retirees at the Small Business Centre. Bill Hely, President Ph: 6766 3196.

Saturday 10 August 2002

- 9.00am –9.45am Official opening of new 10 unit wing of the McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Facility, 39 King Street, Uralla POC Rob Fulcher/Barbara Ph: 67784606 or Rosemary Reading 0412 163 444
- 11.00am – 12 noon Official opening of new 11 bed extension – Fernbrook - at Autumn Lodge, Armidale. Michael Barry/Indra Ph: 6772 7533.
- 12noon – 1.00pm Aged Care Round Table Meeting chaired by Tony Windsor MP in the Autumn Lodge Boardroom. 50 Butler Street, Armidale
- 1.30pm Minister to depart Armidale