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Windsor welcomes funding for Bundarra hostel

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor has welcomed the announcement by the Minister for Regional Services, Local Government and Territories, the Hon Wilson Tuckey of the Federal Government's Regional Solutions Grant of \$110,000 to the Grace Munro Aged Care Facility in Bundarra.

Mr Windsor said the grant would take the facility close to fruition and is in addition to the \$150,000 grant announced last year by the Minister for Ageing, the Hon Kevin Andrews.

"I thank the Minister for Regional Services, Local Government and Territories, the Hon Wilson Tuckey for his and his staff's assistance to the Bundarra community and the Uralla Shire Council in obtaining this grant.

Minister Tuckey's advice has proved invaluable in the preparation of the final submission.

Also Mayor of Uralla, Brian Eichorn and his fellow Councillors and staff deserve high praise for their vision and efforts in providing for the aged in a small community like Bundarra.

I would particularly congratulate Clr Bruce McLean from Bundarra and the Bundarra community Committee for their persistence in putting their case to the Government.

They have indeed worked very hard and patiently to achieve this wonderful outcome," Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor believes that the Bundarra aged care facility of 11 beds will develop into a model for other small communities in caring for their aged community members.

"The example of Bundarra working in conjunction with a larger centre could well be a model for the future of aged care in country communities.

Small communities should not be disadvantaged in terms of looking after their elderly and Bundarra is to be congratulated for their commitment to this philosophy.

Bundarra is leading the way," Mr Windsor said.