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GRACE MUNRO CENTRE ACHIEVES APPROVED PROVIDER STATUS

The Member for New England, Tony Windsor said that the compassion and understanding shown by the Federal Government and the determined resolution by the local Bundarra community has secured the future of the Grace Munro Centre.

“I am delighted that there was a true spirit of intent by all parties involved and that this has combined to produce this great result.” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor said the announcement from the Department for Health and Ageing that the Bundarra Aged Care Facility has been given its own approved provider status was the second last step to independence for the Centre.

“I am confident that the last hurdle, the transfer of bed licences, will also be overcome quickly by using the same by-partisan cooperation that has achieved these good results so far,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor said that the Grace Munro Centre, opened in 2004, was the dream and aspiration of the local community. Although understanding that fluctuating bed numbers had driven the McLean Retirement Village to review their commitment to the Bundarra Centre, Mr Windsor said keeping the Centre opened was always first and foremost in the minds of the local people.

“The management of McLean Retirement Village, Uralla Shire Council and the Department of Health and Ageing are all to be commended in recognising the needs of the residents of Grace Munro and working towards an outcome that suits the Centre’s residents. It is impossible to overstate the determination and commitment of the people from the Bundarra community that has led to such a positive conclusion,” Mr Windsor said.

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