



Impact of dementia in Moree

The impact of dementia in regional Australia will be discussed when the House of Representatives Committee on Health and Ageing hold a public hearing in Moree (NSW) on Monday 27 August 2012.

Fairview Retirement Village operates Nan Crane Lodge, a dedicated, 17-room dementia facility. Representatives of Fairview will provide the Committee with an understanding of the residential care needs of people with dementia in Moree and surrounds. The facility provides a range of activities to ensure residents stay connected with their community. These include as escorted bus trips, art and craft, bowls, skittles, bingo, singing and gardening.

Committee Chair, Steve Georganas MP said that the Committee would also hear about the challenges faced by an elderly carer and also relative of a person with advanced dementia. He said that 'their experiences of caring for a person with dementia illustrates the effects on those living some distance from their nearest services and support'.

Representatives of the Local Health District, Hunter New England Health will also appear before the Committee to provide an understanding of the dementia-related supports and services available in Moree and the surrounding region.

Mr Georganas stated that 'residents of smaller communities faced the tyranny of distance and so access to fewer health services. This may mean that the ability to receive a timely diagnosis for dementia may be delayed affecting early access to appropriate services and support mechanisms'.

PROGRAM

Time	Witness
9:30am	Fairview Retirement Village
10:15am	Jill and Cecilia
11:00am	<i>Break</i>
11:15am	Hunter New England Health
12:00pm	<i>Close</i>

Venue: Moree Plains Shire Council, Committee Room, Balo Street Moree NSW

All observers welcome

The hearing will be webcast live on: www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament

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