

Media release

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Mind to deliver more services in Cairns after funding boost

Mind has been contracted to deliver a broad range of recovery focused support services in the Cairns and Hinterlands region following a funding boost announced by the Queensland State government.

Mind will now deliver help at home, as well as manage two recovery focused residential services – a Step Up Step Down service and a Community Care Unit.

Member for Cairns, Michael Healy said the Palaszczuk Government would provide \$11 million to deliver community mental health support services in Far North Queensland, ensuring people get the help they need and taking pressure off hospital emergency departments.

“I’m pleased to announce Mind Australia will support individuals living with a severe mental illness to better take part in everyday life, as well as group activities designed to increase social participation and help people develop new skills,” Mr Healy said.

Mind Australia Executive Director Operations Bronwyn Lawman said Mind Australia was delighted to be nominated as the successful tenderer for the new service that will provide community based mental health support to people in the Cairns and Hinterland/Mackay region.

“We are gratified that through this appointment, our work to support people with mental health conditions to live safely and well in their communities has been acknowledged as evidence based and of high quality,” she said.

“We’re excited to be part of the Cairns and Mackay communities and provide broader support services to people in need. Clients will receive support in the community where they live, both one-to-one support and group based groups, which will assist them to achieve their goals for improved quality of life.”

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