

Success with Aged Care Approvals Round 2017:



Monday the 5th of June, 2017.

Lithgow Aged Care Limited has had exciting news in that the Minister for Ageing, Mr Ken Wyatt announced on the 26th of May that Lithgow Aged Care Limited will receive 73 new bed licences and a capital grant of \$3.5 Million. The member for Calare, Mr Andrew Gee has supported this application since it began in 2016. Andrew was thrilled to inform the Board of Directors of the success and Lithgow Aged Care Limited is immensely grateful to him for his hard work in securing this package. The total value of this package will be \$8.7 Million.

Lithgow Aged Care's strategy has been to develop a new facility that will satisfy the increasing need for aged care residential facilities in Lithgow. Overall, the community of Lithgow is the big winner. Not only will the ageing residents of Lithgow benefit but there will be increased employment through staffing, supply and contracting services. The plans for construction have already been approved. Detailed plans will be finalised and tenders sourced in. Construction will commence in early 2018 and should take 2 to 3 years to complete.

Lithgow Aged Care currently has a facility that accommodates 95 residents. The new development will expand that number to 168 residents. Lithgow Aged Care has worked for four years on this project and has many people to thank for their support. These include the staff, management, current and former directors, members, auxiliary and the broader community. There are many people who are justifiably happy with the news from the 26th of May that Minister Wyatt announced. Lithgow City Council is also a strong support of this project. LAC is very grateful to the councillors and staff for their assistance particularly over the last three years.

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