

# MONASH LODGE SENIOR LIVING PROJECT

A COMMUNITY-LED AGED CARE SOLUTION FOR CLERMONT AND THE ISAAC REGION

## ↓ WHY IT MATTERS?

Clermont is a community that looks after its own. We support our families, our workers and our neighbours. Yet when our older residents need higher care or short term support, they are often forced to leave the community they helped build. People are travelling hundreds of kilometres away from family, friends and familiarity simply to access services that should be available at home.

This is not sustainable for families and it is not sustainable for the long term strength of the community.

The revitalisation of Monash Lodge offers a practical, community driven solution that keeps people close to home and maintains the social fabric that holds Clermont together.

## ↓ THE PROPOSAL

Belyando Enterprise Network Inc. (BENI) is leading a locally designed plan to transform the unused Monash Lodge facility into a modern aged care and transitional living service. The project includes:

- Refurbishment of Monash Lodge to provide contemporary residential and respite care.
- Construction of twelve independent living units for older residents who want to remain connected to their community, support networks and services.
- Delivery in partnership with an experienced and committed aged care provider ready to operate the service once built.

This is a shovel ready project built from community need and community leadership.

## ↓ THE CURRENT SITUATION

Clermont has no transitional or respite care, limited high care options and no dementia specific support. Smaller housing options suitable for seniors are extremely limited. The population of older residents is increasing faster than the Queensland average.

Without local aged care, families are separated, workforce stability weakens and the community loses people who want to stay. This affects the liveability and long term confidence of the town.

## ↓ COMMUNITY BENEFIT

Delivering this project will:

- Allow seniors to remain close to family and community.
- Create local employment in care, hospitality, maintenance and support services.
- Improve access to health and social care locally.
- Free up larger homes for families moving to Clermont.
- Strengthen liveability for the whole region.
- Provide a model that can be replicated in other regional communities.

Monash Lodge will support ageing in place, community connection and positive economic flow on effects for Clermont.

## → WHAT WE'RE ADVOCATING FOR

**Step 1 Finalisation** - Updated design and feasibility to confirm construction readiness. **Funding required:** \$300,000

**Step 2 Delivery** - Refurbishment of Monash Lodge and construction of twelve new independent living units. **Funding required:** Approximately 10 million dollars.

Local capability, project oversight and strong community backing are already in place. What is needed now is State and Federal partnership to deliver this essential service.

### Leading Organisation

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