



**Luke Howarth**  
Federal Member for Petrie

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**HOWARTH SECURES FUNDING FOR ASPLEYCARE**

Community organisation Aspleycare will be able to keep delivering vital emergency relief services, with Australian Government funding confirmed for an additional three and a half years.

The win came after Federal Member for Petrie Luke Howarth MP and Aspleycare volunteers rallied together to petition for the funding.

The funding of \$157,500 means Aspleycare will be able to continue providing emergency relief to thousands of people in the form of food vouchers and parcels, financial assistance and medical prescriptions.

Federal Member for Petrie Luke Howarth MP said this was a great win for the local community.

“Aspleycare President Tom Berger approached me at the end of last year, when the group’s application for funding fell through,” said Luke Howarth MP.

“Over the next few months, we worked together to find a new avenue of funding.

“The organisation is a huge part of the Aspley community, and the work they do stretches far beyond the suburb, reaching and helping people from all walks of life who are doing it tough.

“For many years now, I’ve been working hard to ensure locals have the infrastructure, resources and opportunities we need to prosper in this great country.

“I’m thrilled to have been able to help Aspleycare secure funding, so the hardworking members of this organisation can continue their vital work.”

Aspleycare was started in 1979 by volunteers from both the parish and general community and has been in operation since that time.

Aspleycare clients include: those who are hungry and those who have fallen on hard times; those who have lost their jobs; refugees; homeless men, women and children either sleeping in local parks or cars; women affected by domestic violence; those released from prison and people with medical conditions.

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