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Support for Dementia Sufferers in Monash

A community project in Monash has received funding to help support and raise awareness for people with dementia and their families, Federal Member for Chisholm Anna Burke announced today.

DRs Total Quality Management – a training service that helps aged care facilities identify their organisational system problems – will receive \$50,000 for its ‘Wellness of the Mind’ project, which will provide information on dementia to older adults and their families in the local Sri Lankan community.

Ms Burke said it is estimated that more than 245,000 Australians have dementia, and nearly one million family members and friends help care for them.

“This funding will support dementia sufferers, their families and carers in Monash’s Sri Lankan community.

“With our increasing life expectancies comes a greater possibility of dementia and other chronic diseases and complex health conditions.

“This funding is vitally important to improving awareness about dementia in the Monash community, and helping families and carers to provide support and care.

“Local organisations are key to supporting dementia sufferers, and I commend DRs TQM for attracting this funding and their continued good work in the aged care sector,” she said.

The Rudd Government has provided nearly \$225 million to the Dementia Initiative to support people with dementia, their families and carers, Ms Burke said.

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