

CAMPBELLTOWN



MDS support worker Jasmine Benjamin with Ahmad Zaidan and (right) short term accommodation coordinator Necia Allen and MDS community engagement manager Rebecca Forrester with Ahmad. Picture: Robert Pozo



Facility to help ease the stress

Service a much-needed addition

Daniel Zautsen

A NEW overnight respite facility will help alleviate stresses on those with a disability in the Campbelltown community.

The Macarthur Diversity Services Initiative facility at Primrose Cottage in the Campbelltown CBD can cater for up to four people at a time.

People registered under the National Disability Insurance Scheme are able to use the service.

MDSI chief executive officer Karin Vasquez said the service was a much-needed addition to the region.

"We identified that there was a need for some of our clients who were having long waiting periods in Campbelltown for overnight respite," she said.

"The cottage has been converted to four bedrooms and is used by our NDIS participants."

Ms Vasquez said the service helped people with a disability who might have to receive treatment in the area and needed accommodation.

"It could be for people whose carers may require a break," she said. "Or an elderly parent who ... needs to go to an appointment."

Ahmad Zaidan was the first participant to stay at Primrose Cottage and sung its praises.

"The staff are very good, they help me, and they make me so happy," he said. "I love to make my own tea ... it is so good to be independent."

Macarthur federal Labor MP Mike Freelander officially opened the facility yesterday.

Respite care



- » Primrose Cottage is a short-term accommodation service in the Campbelltown CBD
- » Offering overnight respite for people registered under the National Disability Insurance Scheme
- » For more details, visit mdsi.org.au