

BELL CARES INC. ... COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT TO SUPPORT THE SENIORS OF BELL
LOCALS CARING FOR LOCALS

Our news and update:

Numbers are growing, as is the demand for our services in other communities. We have over 30 clients now in Dalby, and Kate, our nurse, visits clients one day per week.

We are currently in negotiations to become a presence in both Dalby and Jandowae. We're not quite sure yet how that will look, but the numbers and enquiry from both town's medical centres means that we need to do something.

We will keep you posted on how this works out but we think at this stage that one day per week we will be available to speak to the folk in Jandowae and Dalby. We just have to work out the logistics. So stay tuned for Dalby Cares and Jandowae Cares.

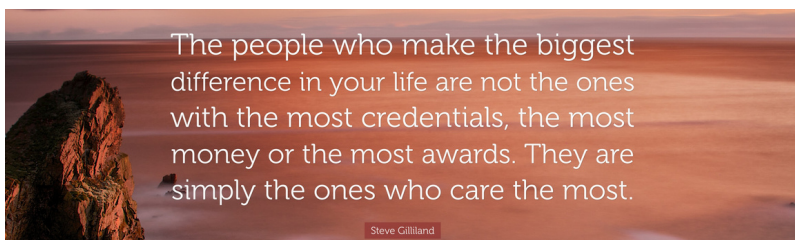
Lesley Bryce & Bell Cares feature in Address to Parliament



Mr LITTLEPROUD (Maranoa—Leader of the Nationals) (17 April 2023, 13:30pm): Bell is a tiny rural community in my electorate and, today, I rise to recognise the dedication and hard work of one of our local champions, Lesley Bryce, the founder of Bell Cares. We know that small rural towns do it tough when it comes to accessing aged care. With Lesley leading the way, this community united to address the lack of support their elderly residents were receiving from traditional home-care packages. With no local providers available and travel costs eating up their finances, Bell's most vulnerable seniors were facing big challenges. But in the spirit of resilience which defines rural Australia this community decided to take action.

Lesley Bryce had a solution to improve aged care in Bell, and that was to develop a place based model of support that would be ideal for such a tightknit rural community. This is a concept of self-managed home-care packages which tailor support to the unique needs of residents and employs local people they already know and trust as support workers.

On the ground in Bell, this approach has been a tremendous success. It's providing over 270 hours of dedicated care per month through 20 local support workers. In fact, it has been so successful that this model is expanding into other rural communities in Queensland, Western Australia and New South Wales. To Lesley and the entire community of Bell I say: congratulations on this incredible achievement and thank you for the wonderful difference you've made altogether.



The people who make the biggest difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money or the most awards. They are simply the ones who care the most.

Steve Gilliland

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STAFF PROFILE Sally Bredhauer

Sally has recently joined our Bell Cares & Mable teams and we are happy to have her on board. Sally, her husband Bob and son Archer, one of her 3 grown children, settled in Bell in May 2022 but they know the district well from their 10 years of living in the Kumbia area and through connections with other locals.

Living on a farm at the base of the beautiful Bunya Mountains, Sally has cows, chickens, pigs, sheep, dogs and has a passion for all things homegrown. She loves to cook and makes her own cheese, sour dough bread, milk straight from the cow and grows her own vegies.

With boundless energy and a great sense of humour Sally brings with her a wealth of experience, compassion, and reliability to her role. From live-in home caring in London to first-hand experiences within her family she understands the level of care and support that can be needed and strives to help her clients meet their needs.

Sally loves to work with the elderly as they have a wealth of knowledge, stories, and experiences to share, they are thankful and great to work with. When talking to her about this profile, Sally expressed that she would like to thank the Bell community for being so welcoming and making them feel at home. They are here to stay!