

The Hon Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill Minister for Multiculturalism and Minister for Disability Services

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THANK A CARER - DURING NSW CARERS WEEK

Member for Castle Hill and Minister for Disability, Ray Williams, today paid tribute to all carers and called on locals to show their support as part of National Carers Week.

A carer is someone who provides ongoing, unpaid support to people who need help because of disability, mental illness, chronic or terminal illness, dementia or frail age.

"National Carers Week runs from 15 October to 21 October. The focus this year is encouraging everyone to take a moment to thank carers for their contribution," Minister Williams said.

"They are some of the most selfless members of our community, and I call on everyone in the Castle Hill area to do their part to thank them."

There are 535 local events for carers during NSW Carers Week, including breakfasts, barbecues, pamper sessions, and day trips.

Minister Williams said the NSW Government is reinvesting \$5.6 million in funding over three years for projects under the Carer Investment Program.

"In NSW there are more than 857,000 carers who provide unpaid support to vulnerable people," he said.

"Thank you to all carers for your commitment and contribution to supporting people who need it most."

For more information on NSW Carers Week and Carers Week events, visit www.careforacarer.nsw.gov.au/

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