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Australia Recognises Aged Care Workforce

Australia's aged care workforce is being recognised today for the positive contribution its hundreds of thousands of members make to the lives of older Australians and the wider community.

Aged Care Employee Day is a national day to say thank you to the more than 365,000 dedicated people who care for and support around 1.3 million older Australians who receive care services each year.

"Aged Care Employee Day is designed to celebrate each and every team member involved in the journey of caring for older Australians," said Leading Age Services Australia CEO Sean Rooney.

"In many ways this is a challenging time for the aged care sector and sometimes we can forget the enormously positive contribution the overwhelming majority of our dedicated workforce makes to the welfare of older Australians and to our communities."

The Federal Health Minister Greg Hunt said "No matter what role you play, you do a magnificent job. Thank you for what you do to take care of our loved ones.

"I realise with the Royal Commission on these could be unsettling times. If there are cases of care which doesn't meet the standards which we each want I think it's important we find that out. But the very important message that has to come with this is, this is a sector which you should be rightly proud of what you are doing.

"What you are doing is making a massive difference."

The Shadow Minister for Ageing and Seniors Julie Collins thanked workers in aged care.

"No matter where you work, we value what you do to care for some of our most vulnerable Australians.

"I know from talking to workers that it's tough work and it's demanding work but I also know how rewarding it is. Each and every day you help improve the lives of older Australians. You should be proud of the work that you do, and the care that you give, not only to older Australians but to their families and their loved ones and carers."

Individuals and employers wishing to take part can find information and resources on the Aged Care Employee Day website here: <http://www.agedcareday.com.au/>

About Leading Age Services Australia (LASA)

LASA is the national peak body representing and supporting providers of age services across residential care, home care and retirement living. Our purpose is to enable a high

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performing, respected, and sustainable age services industry delivering accessible, affordable, quality care and services for older Australians.

We represent providers of age services of all types and sizes located across Australia's metropolitan, regional and rural areas. Consistent with the overall industry profile, 57% of our Members are not-for-profit providers, 33% are for-profit providers and 10% are government providers.

Our diverse and representative membership gives LASA the ability to speak with credibility and authority on issues of importance to older Australians and the age services industry.

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