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New office for Carers NSW in Broken Hill

On Monday 26 May the new Carers NSW Broken Hill office will be officially opened by the state member for Murray Darling, John Williams MP.

Chief Executive Officer of Carers NSW, Elena Katrakis, said the new office will allow Carers NSW to help even more carers in the Orana Far West area.

“We run two vital programs in Broken Hill for carers – the Family and Carer Mental Health Program and the Older Parent Carer program. This new office, which has a shop front allowing carers to drop in, will mean our services are accessible to a greater number of local carers,” said Ms Katrakis.

“The Family and Carer Mental Health Program provides support, advocacy and education to family and carers of people with mental health problems. We know it can be really tough for carers in this situation so our program is critical in helping them access the help and support they tell us they need,” said Ms Katrakis.

“Similarly, our Older Parent Carer program offers help and support to another group of carers who may struggle with their caring responsibilities – older carers looking after an adult child with a disability. Many of these carers have been going it alone for many years, often without access to adequate support services or breaks from caring. Our program will help them access services they may need to support them in their caring role.

“In addition Carers NSW also offers a range of services for carers including counselling, advice, publications and information and referral.

“We encourage carers to drop in to our new office which is located at 409 Argent Street, or telephone our helpful staff on 08 8087 6661 to find out more about our services,” said Ms Katrakis.

What: opening of new Broken Hill office of Carers NSW

Who can attend: all media welcome

When: Monday 26 May 2008, 10.30am

Where: 409 Argent Street, Broken Hill

Carers are family members or friends who provide unpaid care for people with a disability, mental health problem, chronic condition or who are frail aged. Carers NSW is the peak organisation for carers in New South Wales and the only state-wide organisation that has carers as its primary focus.

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