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Vinnies helping seniors with home support

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Senior residents of Roma and surrounding towns may be able to maintain their independence and stay in their own homes longer thanks to Vinnies Queensland's Home and Garden Maintenance and Travel Service.

The service helps residents to stay in their own home safely, as well as travel for shopping and attending medical appointments.

Funded by the Federal Government's Commonwealth Home Support and Aging and Aged Care Programs, the service runs in Roma, Surat, Mitchel, Yuleba, Wallumbilla, Amby, Muckadilla, Injune and St George.

"It's a unique way for eligible people to keep living where they feel most comfortable for as long as possible, said Vinnies Queensland's Commonwealth Home Support Coordinator for Roma, Emma White.

"We also provide a travel service through a voucher and booking system to help people get to appointments or get their grocery shopping done.

"The service is available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over the age of 55 and non-indigenous clients over the age 65 years who are assessed and prioritised for the help they receive."

Ms White said the service saves people the costs associated with staying in their own residence.

"The services offers assistance in a wide range of handyman, electrical, and plumbing tasks such as changing light bulbs, ceiling fan and window cleaning, smoke alarm installation and battery replacement, cleaning of gutters, tap repair and replacement and general repairs including the doors and steps and much more," she said.

"The gardening service offers lawn mowing and hedge trimming as well as garden weeding and general garden tidying.

"There may be a contribution needed to the cost of materials and a minimal service charge, but all contractor expenses are heavily subsidised by our service."

Referrals for the service are made through MY Aged Care and interested residents can visit myagedcare.gov.au or for more information phone Ms White on 0419 276 309 or email Emma.White@svdpqld.org.au

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