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## Media Release - Blackwater

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### **Access for Seniors improved**

A joint effort between the Blackwater Uniting Church, Powerlink, Duinga Shire Seniors group and the Central Highlands Regional Council will see vastly improved access and parking at its Littlefield Street centre. Deputy Mayor Cr Paul Bell said since the CHRC purchased this facility from the State Government last year the demand and usage at the centre has sky rocketed.

Council has funded an extension to the rear of the building allowing now for a number of separate activities to be carried out simultaneously. This extension at a cost of approximately \$40,000 has already shown a positive return to the community through increased participation and opportunity for new activities such as table tennis.

Cr Bell said that the Blackwater Uniting Church applied for and received a grant from our good friends at Powerlink for \$25,529.76, \$17,000 of which was to assist in the provision of offstreet car parking and access to the Littlefield Street facility. This has allowed Council to design and install car parking facilities that allow easy access for all and best use of the land available.

Mayor Cr Peter Maguire said he believes that it is critical for a council to support and work with all age groups within a community and CHRC's continued partnership with the Seniors at Littlefield Street reflects Council's objectives of building safe, strong and self reliant groups.

Mayor Peter Maguire said he was happy to see that the Littlefield Street centre was continuing to provide our Seniors with a place to participate. To keep this centre as a community centre, Council had to purchase this facility from the State Government and this investment in Blackwater Seniors reflects the confidence the CHRC has in the town and the people of Blackwater.

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