



# STUART GRIMLEY MP

Member for Western Victoria  
State Leader of Derryn Hinch's Justice Party



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Pollie Pay Rise: Lorne Aged Care Residents Benefit**

Stuart Grimley MP has given his 'pollie pay rise' for the month of November to Lorne Nursing Home at Great Ocean Road Health.

The public aged care provider were thrilled to receive the \$500 worth of items to make residents' leisure time more enjoyable.

The items will include chairs to sit on during external day trips, easels, whiteboards, acrylic paints and brushes, a diffuser with essential oils and audiobooks for residents.

Honorine Dowie, a staff member at the aged care centre, said the residents would be "thrilled" to receive the new equipment.

It was announced in September that all Victorian MPs would receive a 3.5% pay rise as a result of the Independent Remuneration Tribunal's report into politician's wages.

The Member for Western Victoria based in Torquay, has vowed to make monthly donations to organisations who reflect the key policy areas of Derryn Hinch's Justice Party. These organisations will include those dealing with vulnerable women, children and families as well as the elderly and animal welfare organisations.

Party Leader Derryn Hinch has long advocated for better conditions for aged care residents including moving an Aged Care Reform Bill in Federal Parliament in September 2018 before the The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety was called on.

The pay rise – which works out to be approximately \$5,000 per year on the base salary of a Member of Parliament – will allow 12 organisations to receive a donation of goods, vouchers or financial assistance per year.

Mr Grimley is open to recommendations for donations and refers members of the public to contact his Electorate Office to endorse organisations in Western Victoria that may benefit from these donations.

### **Quotes Attributable to Stuart Grimley MP:**

"I was so pleased to be able to provide some much-needed equipment and leisure activities for Nursing Home residents at Great Ocean Road Health.

It's really important that residents at aged care facilities such as Lorne Nursing Home have leisure activities to keep their minds active and their days filled and I was happy to provide a few things to them to help with this.

Activities like painting, day trips to various beautiful coastal locations and listening to audiobooks are great ways to keep our aged care residents busy and happy.

Aged care is something that our Party has been passionate about for years, especially ratios of staff to patients."

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