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FEDERAL MEMBER FOR NEW ENGLAND

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Added outreach services for New England

More government services are hitting the road headed to the New England in the coming few weeks as part of free community outreach sessions for rural and remote areas of the electorate.

Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, said the additional services are open to everyone and will provide a one-stop-shop information service to the local community.

“Australia is a big country and we love it because of that fact but the tyranny of distance means people living in rural communities can be isolated from the services they need and deserve,” Mr Joyce said.

“That’s why we are delivering the services to them with a number of government providers travelling the length of the New England to provide face-to-face meetings and information for local residents.”

Starting today in Manilla, the outreach sessions will be held at 10 locations in the region including Barraba, Bingara, Warialda, Inverell, Walcha, Uralla, Tenterfield, Guyra and Glen Innes.

Assistance will be available from government representatives including the Department of Human Services mobile centre, Australian Taxation Office, nbn local, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Rural Financial Counsellors, Rural Resilience Program, Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health, Local Land Services, NSW Farmers, The Salvation Army, Rotary, Friendly Faces, SafeWork NSW and TAFE NSW.

The outreach sessions will also be available to provide information from health providers, contact with local charities distributing drought relief, telecommunications support and advice on drought recovery.

There will be a business breakfast prior to some events hosted by nbn local. The session will provide information on the new nbn business solution finder, how to make sure you are on a business plan that is suitable for your needs, nbn business grade product information, tips to ensure businesses are getting the most out of their nbn internet connection, scam awareness, the new Sky Muster Plus satellite service, the ICT Channel Program and general advice about the network.

The outreach roadshow complements visits by the Golden Wattle mobile services truck which is providing assistance with Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support services in parts of the electorate.

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