



Merriwa mental health service gets \$1.3m

A MERRIWA mental health service received almost \$1.3 million in federal funding, Community Services Minister Jenny Macklin announced this month.

She said UnitingCare West's funding would be extended for three years through the personal helpers and mentors program

"UnitingCare West provides invaluable support to local people with severe mental illness, their

families and carers," Ms Macklin said.

"Personal helpers and mentors provide practical, intensive support to help people with severe mental illness set and achieve personal goals, such as finding suitable housing, looking for work or improving relationships with family and friends. They help to make a real and lasting difference in local people's lives."