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### SActa 2021-22 Annual Report coming soon

#### Advocacy

The advocacy work undertaken by SActa in conjunction with Australian Community Transport Association (ACTA) has resulted in some good news.

The Anthony Albanese government have decided to defer introducing the new Support At Home Program (SAHP) until mid-2024. They are following the recommendations made by the Royal Commission and taking the necessary time to address all concerns.

In summary, it is reassuring to know the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) Block Funding will remain until the 30th of June 2024. It is great to see that all the advocacy work initiated by several organisations including ACTA and SActa, has had impact with the new Federal Government.

We are pleased to advise extensive campaigning in July by SActa resulted in several response letters and meetings.

SActa Chair David McDonald and Communications Officer Tammy Shepherd secured a meeting with the Hon Tom Koutstantonis, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Energy and Mining on Monday 5th September. To continue advocating on behalf of members for fair and equitable transport for South Australians who are transport disadvantaged. Due to cabinet delays, we met with four of the Ministers advisers Nick Antonopoulos, Emma Kokar, Andy Excel, and Scott White. Several topics were discussed including block funding, operating costs, contract management and boundaries. Further discussions and documentation are in progress.

#### CHSP Grants

CHSP providers can now apply on the Grant Connect website for additional funding to support their service delivery, including:

GO5679 – transition support funding to assist providers adopt a payment mechanism in arrears for service delivery as part of the change from advance quarterly to monthly payments

GO5672 – ad hoc funding under for service demand, respond to unforeseen and exceptional circumstances including COVID.

Please refer to the Grant Opportunity Guidelines on the [Grants Connect website](#) for further information regarding this grant opportunity.

#### Constitution review

The new SActa Constitution has been finalised ready for adoption by passing of a resolution at the AGM being held at 12.30 pm on Tuesday the 8th of November 2022. This will be circulated to all members prior to the AGM.

#### ACTA

Based on a recent strategic review of the association and off the back of the government's most recent announcement to defer the introduction of the new SAHP until 1 July 2024, ACTA is in the process of planning to recruit a national Executive Officer position, EO ACTA. ACTA recognises the last 3 years have been most important for the future viability of the sector. However, with the extension and further consultation being required the coming 18 months will arguably be a most significant period as they work collaboratively with key stakeholders. In order, to achieve this outcome, ACTA will be seeking to create innovative partnerships with member state peaks bodies over the coming weeks to assist with this new and exciting development. We will keep you informed.

#### Dashboard Data

In consultation with Charles Mountain – Senior Manager, Road Safety – RAA we are still reviewing the “Dashboard of Community Transport Data” to measure the impact of Covid as well as a general summary of transport trends in South Australia. This has proven to be a difficult exercise with some inconsistencies with the reporting. We are currently working with the RAA to clarify these and hopefully retrieve some most useful data which we believe we can. All going well, we hope to have a report for circulation soon.

#### DHS CPN Contract Updates

The Northern Passenger Transport Network, which was auspiced by six LGA's, Mount Remarkable, Port Pirie Regional, Northern Areas Council, The Flinders Ranges Council, District Council of Orroroo Carrieton, and District Council of Peterborough rescinded administration support of CPN services, effective 1 July 2022. The service has been subcontracted to Community Care and Transport Incorporated (CARE IN MOTION).

#### Events

“My Life Choices” – [Disability, Ageing and Lifestyle Expo](#):

Plans are well under way for SActa to represent all members at this year's, “My Life Choices” – Disability, Ageing and Lifestyle Expo at the Wayville Showgrounds on Friday 28 and Saturday 29 October 2022.

We are calling for member participation and resources to share on the day. If you are unable to attend, forward copies of any brochures, information, or merchandise that you wish to have made available on the day to promote your service to Sally Allen at [sallya@communitycareandtransport.org.au](mailto:sallya@communitycareandtransport.org.au)

Yours sincerely,  
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