

MEDIA RELEASE

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RELIEF AS EXTENSION TO COMMUNITY TRANSPORT AND HOME SUPPORT FUNDING IS ANNOUNCED

The Federal Government announced in the 2017 budget that the Commonwealth Home Support Programmes (CHSP), funded by the Department of Health, are to be extended until 2020.

With contracts received by service providers on Thursday, Narrandera Shire Council will now be funded to provide Social Support, Respite, Home Maintenance and Modifications and will contribute towards Community Transport until June 30, 2020.

The Department of Health is focussing on wellness and reablement with the introduction of the annual wellness report focusing on service delivery approaches. It is designed to assist the department on how these approaches are being implemented by individual CHSP service providers, and to identify whether there are any specific gaps in understanding.

Narrandera Shire Council's services are available to eligible clients 65 years and over and 50 years and over for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Community Transport is also available to individuals that are transport disadvantaged, and can support a range of mobility needs with two wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Community Transport is not just for medical appointments, a monthly bus runs from Narrandera and Leeton to both Wagga Wagga and Griffith. There are regular Social Support trips, and the service provides access for residents of both Narrandera and Leeton Shires, to specialists in locations such as Wagga Wagga, Griffith, Albury and Canberra.

Community Transport also provide services to local or Leeton appointments including visits to the medical centre, the supermarket, hairdressers, post office, the chemist, radiology or Centrelink.

If you or someone you know would benefit from these services please contact Community Transport and Home Support on 02 6959 5555.

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