



The role of OFTA

Office for the Ageing is a division of the Department for Families and Communities. The office supports and administers a range of programs to assist older South Australians.

Improving with Age – Our Ageing Plan for South Australia

The state's ageing plan aims to ensure the needs of older people are met through five key themes:

- Enabling choice and independence
- Valuing and recognising contribution
- Providing safety, security and protection
- Delivering the right services and information
- Staying in front through research innovation and collaboration

More than \$6 million in funding has been allocated to implement projects in the plan.

Home and Community Care program

The HACC program enables various government and non-government organisations to deliver in-home support services to frail older people, people with disabilities and their carers.

The HACC program assists more than 93,000 South Australians with services such as allied health,

transport, social support, domestic assistance, home maintenance and modifications, meals and nursing.

Aged Care Assessment program

This largely Commonwealth Government funded program assesses people's ability to function independently to determine eligibility for:

- commonwealth funded residential care facilities
- community aged care package or extended aged care at home package.

Contact the Commonwealth Carelink Centre on 1800 052 222 (free call) or the Aged Care Information Line on 1800 500 852 (free call).

Grants for Seniors and Positive Ageing Development Grants

Annual grants are available to community organisations and volunteer agencies to develop initiatives and programs that encourage older people to participate in a range of activities such as culture, sports, education and recreation.

The grants are advertised once a year (usually November or December) in metropolitan and regional newspapers.

Retirement Villages Act 1987

The office assists retirement

village residents, resident committees and administering authorities by:

- Providing information and advice on matters relating to retirement villages

- Offering mediation and conciliation of disputes

- Investigation breaches of the Act.

South Australian Seniors Card

The Seniors Card is available to permanent residents of South Australia who are at least 60 years of age and not working more than 20 hours per week in paid employment.

Applications are available from Australia Post outlets or visit www.sa.gov.au/seniorscard to download a form or apply online.

As well as implementing policy, projects and programs, OFTA also:

- Advises and supports the Minister for Ageing
- Raises awareness of issues affecting older people
- Works collaboratively across Government
- Undertakes policy, planning and service development

For more information about Office for the Ageing or its programs, please ring 8207 0522, email ofta@dfc.sa.gov.au or visit the website www.sa.gov.au/seniors