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Minister for Ageing



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\$450,000 for Home and Community Care in NSW

Frail aged people, younger people with a disability, and their carers will benefit from more than \$450,000 in additional funding for community transport provided by the Home and Community Care (HACC) program in New South Wales.

The Minister for Ageing, Christopher Pyne, and the NSW Minister for Ageing and Disability Services, Kristina Keneally, today jointly announced the funding for 13 HACC projects across NSW.

Mr Pyne emphasised the important role of the HACC program in the Australian Government's aged-care policy framework.

"The HACC program provides services to support people who are frail aged, younger people with disability and their carers, who live at home and whose capacity for independent living is at risk of premature or inappropriate admission to long term residential care" he said.

Ms Keneally said that the projects funded under this package would provide additional services for older people and people with disabilities who need transport assistance to have easier access to the communities in which they live.

"These funds will enhance community transport services after hours and on weekends, enabling older people to shop, attend doctor's appointments, or go on social outings during those times," she said.

"By approving these projects, the NSW and Australian Governments are aiming to help people with functional disabilities to live as independently as possible in their own homes - which is what most want."

A table showing the funding is attached.

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NSW HACC – Community Transport Funding

Service Name	Funding	Purpose	Start Date
Northern Rivers Community Transport	\$37,600	Establish a taxi brokerage service for Aboriginal elders and older males in casino to improve access to the community and socialisation.	1/06/2007
Community Wheels	\$29,950	Establish a brokered demand responsive shuttle bus service for the HACC target population between Blacktown and Parramatta.	1/06/2007
Hastings Macleay Community Transport	\$54,500	Establish a taxi brokerage service for the HACC target population for after hours and weekend travel.	1/06/2007
Sydney Metro Community Transport	\$150,000	Employ a project officer to develop five demand responsive brokered shuttle bus services across the Sydney metro region.	1/06/2007
Shoalhaven Community Transport	\$11,050	Purchase and introduce the Qx21 software system to manage an expanded taxi brokerage scheme.	1/06/2007
Kiama Community Transport	\$8,450	Purchase and introduce the Qx21 software system to manage an expanded taxi brokerage scheme.	1/06/2007
Nyngan & Districts Community Transport	\$32,000	Establish a brokered fortnightly bus service between Cobar and Dubbo to assist HACC clients with shopping and socialisation.	1/06/2007
Orange Community Transport	\$7,000	Trial of taxi brokerage scheme for the HACC target population in Orange.	1/06/2007
Oxley Community Transport Service	\$25,000	Funds will establish and trial a weekly brokered bus service between Nundle and Tamworth.	1/06/2007
Oxley Community Transport Service	\$16,000	Funds will be used to trial a weekly brokered bus service within Barraba to assist HACC clients with shopping.	1/06/2007
Dungog & District Community Transport	\$25,000	Trial a weekly brokered bus service for the HACC target population in the remote township of Clarencetown.	1/06/2007
Dubbo Community Transport Scheme	\$13,650	This project will trial a taxi brokerage scheme to provide transport for the HACC target population outside local bus operation timetables.	1/06/2007
Snowy River Cooma Monaro Community Transport	\$47,750	Purchase and introduce the Qx21 software system to manage an expanded taxi brokerage scheme.	1/06/2007