

PROJECT TITLE: The South West Community Transport Development Program

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This program does not provide a direct transport service to clients but instead seeks to offer specialist transport development for the region. It is a program committed to the establishment and maintenance of a coordinated, effective and accessible transport system for South West Victoria. The project concentrates on three main strategies when working towards the overall objectives of the program. These are:

1. Maximising resources
 - Data base
 - Education
 - Coordination and negotiation
 - Resource Centre
2. Identifying needs
 - Networking
 - Requests
 - Brokerage
3. Service planning and development
 - Extending existing programs
 - Planning and developing new programs

HISTORY Transport is an issue that constantly arises in rural communities, this area being no exception. An interest group made up of representatives from local government, (the Shires of Moyne, Southern Grampians, Glenelg, Corangamite and the City of Warrnambool) service provider organisations and from the bus and taxi industries, developed into a Steering Committee to address the problem. This steering committee engaged the “The Sophics” consultancy group, to undertake a study which resulted in the Getting out and Getting back report. This report presented 4 models for the provision of a community transport service. One model was chosen from these and the project was successful in gaining HACC funding, hence the South West Community Transport Development program came into being in May 1999 under the auspice of the Western District Health Service. The Steering Committee became the Advisory Committee.

COLLABORATIVE PROCESS:

- Group with a common interest
- No one group has adequate resources to meet needs alone
- Focal point