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	<p>Develop options for avoiding or limiting long hospital stays, including through co-design with older people</p>	<p>A Marshall Liberal Government will reduce unnecessary transfers of residents of aged care facilities to hospital by improving care in place options, including palliative care. Older people will be engaged in co-designing the services, along with GPs, the Commonwealth and Aged Care Providers.</p> <p>We will seek to limit long hospital stays by strengthening discharge planning and by working with the Commonwealth to expedite ACAT assessments and the supply of community aged care packages.</p> <p>Our policies to extend the period of inpatient care at Modbury and Noarlunga Hospitals to 72 hours - together with further work to expand sub-acute care options – will provide many patients with the opportunity to have care closer to their homes, allow more time for their recovery and avoid unnecessary and expensive ambulance transfers to other sites.</p> <p>Our commitment to build three new facilities for older people with severe mental health issues or dementia will reduce the time many of these vulnerable elderly South Australians spend in acute hospital beds and provide them with appropriate, secure long-term accommodation as close as possible to their families and carers.</p>
	<p>Develop an approach through co-design that supports older people needing to travel to specialist services either across the city or from country areas, including access to transport, visitors' benefits, information, planning, advice and support.</p>	<p>Transforming Health has fractured the network of specialist services. For example, services formerly provided at the Repatriation General Hospital have been scattered across a number of disparate sites, requiring older South Australians to travel farther and to multiple sites to access the specialist services they need.</p> <p>A Marshall Liberal Government will work with older people to co-design enhanced travel support, for both country and city patients and their carers.</p> <p>The State Liberal Team recognises that the cost of parking a car at a public hospital can quickly become a significant expense for older patients and their families and carers, particularly when the patient needs to make frequent or prolonged visits to a particular hospital. As part of our policy to make hospital</p>

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		<p>car parking more affordable, we will introduce a new patient and carer parking scheme at all metropolitan public hospitals, with increased support for people with frequent outpatient appointments, relatives or carers of long-stay patients, and family and friends of palliative care patients.</p>
	<p>Support peer programs in SA to build awareness of vital health interventions for older people, including falls prevention, planning ahead and medication management.</p>	<p>A Marshall Liberal Government will actively promote health interventions for older people as part of our commitment to boost investment in preventative health – as outlined in our Better Prevention for a Healthy South Australia and Targeted Preventative Health policies.</p> <p>The Liberal Team recognises the impact and value of peer support programs to improve health literacy and provide individuals with an understanding of the choices available to them to better manage existing conditions and delay the onset of others.</p> <p>A Marshall Liberal Government will establish “Wellbeing SA” as a Prevention, Health Promotion and Primary Health Care agency, within SA Health. Separate from hospitals and health services, Wellbeing SA will be able to advocate for and purchase services in public health and health promotion, including peer support programs.</p>
	<p>Extend access to appropriate physical fitness programs for older people with an emphasis on access in rural and regional SA and for older low income, CALD and Aboriginal people.</p>	<p>A Marshall Liberal Government will invest \$400,000 over four years to extend the reach of the Strength for Life program for older people. A key focus of this investment will be strengthening access to programs for older people in rural and regional SA, older people from Aboriginal and CALD communities, and older people in economically disadvantaged communities.</p>
	<p>Recognise the low participation rate in Advance Care Directives (ACDs) and increase the understanding, active completion and use of ACDs by -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving community and practitioner understanding of the barriers for the completion and subsequent use of ACDs • Measuring the effectiveness of ACDs 	<p>A Marshall Liberal Government will work to raise the participation rate of South Australians in Advance Care Directives. We will do this to ensure both the rights of patients are respected and that the provision of care is in accord with the preferences of the patient.</p> <p>The State Liberal Team recognises that achieving this goal will necessitate more community and practitioner education and that for such education to be successful it will need to build on the insights from evaluations of the</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding peer education to raise community awareness among older people and their families/supporters about the value of ACDs • Encouraging health professionals to understand, respect and make active use of ACDs. 	<p>effectiveness of ACDs to date.</p> <p>We will use peer educators as part of this awareness raising initiative.</p>

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 <p data-bbox="107 639 463 692">HOUSING</p>	<p data-bbox="506 256 1106 355">Prioritise the development of a comprehensive housing strategy for disadvantaged older South Australians.</p>	<p data-bbox="1184 221 2114 320">A Marshall Liberal Government will engage AHURI to audit our state’s current housing assets and map future demands. This will drive a comprehensive strategic plan for the full spectrum of housing options for South Australians.</p>
	<p data-bbox="506 440 1106 504">Include age as a priority factor for access to public housing.</p>	<p data-bbox="1184 403 2103 502">The current guidelines for priority access are ambiguous and need to be revised. A Marshall Liberal Government will revise them in consultation with all stakeholders.</p>
	<p data-bbox="506 639 1106 703">Fund a one-stop housing support service for older people.</p>	<p data-bbox="1184 552 2114 756">South Australia’s gateway system for homelessness and housing services was introduced several years ago to provide information, support, risk assessment and counselling as well as directly connect people to other services. The advice that we have received from the sector is that it operates effectively and a Marshall Liberal government would not intend to change the existing arrangements.</p>
 <p data-bbox="107 1235 463 1287">TRANSPORT</p>	<p data-bbox="506 839 1106 903">Fund the extension of free public transport beyond off-peak times.</p>	<p data-bbox="1184 802 2114 901">The Liberal Party believes the costings that have been floating around are severely under estimated. However, we will review the current arrangements to see if there is further opportunity to expand the program.</p>
	<p data-bbox="506 951 1106 1050">Support the development of transport options for people without access to private transport to travel within and between local communities and suburbs.</p>	<p data-bbox="1184 951 2092 1050">The Liberal Party would always be keen to evaluate transport options giving those without access to private transport better public transport and connectivity opportunities.</p>
	<p data-bbox="506 1166 1106 1230">Invest in comprehensive digital literacy training, particularly for older people and in rural areas.</p>	<p data-bbox="1184 1058 2114 1198">A Marshall Liberal Government will explore implementing services at new regional and suburban hubs as places where local people can be engaged in other opportunities. Potential sites may include community centres, libraries, sporting grounds as well as new regional DV hubs.</p> <p data-bbox="1184 1238 2092 1302">We will ensure that South Australian government websites meet Universal Design guidelines so that they are fully accessible to people with disabilities.</p>
<p data-bbox="506 1382 1106 1410">Create expectations that businesses will support users</p>	<p data-bbox="1184 1350 2114 1410">The Marshall Liberal Government is focused on a transition to a digital future but recognises that the transition needs to be managed such that people who</p>	

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	to access digital information and not charge for hard copy bills or other essential information.	<p>are without internet access can still participate in government services.</p> <p>We cannot make a jump to a digital future without taking people on the journey and recognising the barriers people face when dealing with online services.</p> <p>We will move to ban exit fees on electricity contracts and support other service providers removing or reducing service fees and administrative charges.</p>

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	<p>Support initiatives with employers and recruiters to tackle employment-based age discrimination.</p>	<p>We support, value and appreciate the experience of older South Australians. We acknowledge that the average career is longer now than it was 20 years ago, with people often reskilling and changing career paths later in life.</p> <p>That is why we will establish the innovation hub to enable people to access mentors, build on established successes and focus on new ventures and opportunities in South Australia.</p> <p>Many older people are transitioning out of traditional manufacturing roles and the opportunities presented by the innovation hub will enable older South Australian's to gain the skills required to continue working, pursue a new career or work alongside South Australia's next generation of entrepreneurs.</p>
	<p>Trial a mid-career check and planning service for people aged 50 and over, focused on planning ahead, upskilling and retraining and understanding future housing and financial goals.</p>	<p>A Marshall Liberal Government is supportive of services that help older people remain in employment, retrain for new roles or upskill when new opportunities are presented.</p> <p>We know many people are now working later in life, leading to changes in financial situations, expectations and obligations. The Marshall Liberal team recognises the challenges older people may face while they continue to work, or are required to keep working in order to meet financial or lifestyle goals.</p>
	<p>Build advocacy with older people living in rural and regional SA, particularly in areas experiencing financial downturn.</p>	<p>The Liberal Party has a number of policies which will assist South Australians with their cost of living. Details are available at https://strongplan.com.au/policies/.</p>
	<p>Adopt the recommendations of the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Age Friendly SA report, including improvements to the age-friendliness of outdoor spaces, public buildings and public transport,</p>	<p>We understand the particular challenges for ageing South Australians for whom English is not their first language: as people age, one of the first things they may lose is their more recently acquired language, and it can be a lonely and alienating experience for those in nursing homes in particular who might not have linguistic capacity to communicate directly with staff, (or even that</p>

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	<p>as well as projects connecting older people of CALD backgrounds with their communities, and facilitating access to information and services.</p>	<p>the home might not have the capacity to deliver culturally familiar food or other experiences);</p> <p>Listening to local foreign language community radio stations is one way that many older South Australians from CALD backgrounds stay connected with their community, and we will maintain our support for them;</p> <p>The Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs has met with MCCA – the authors of the report – to discuss this and other matters, and we will be very keen to explore ways for a Marshall Liberal Government to support projects such as those suggested;</p> <p>One of our education policies – reinvigorating languages in schools – will hopefully help ensure that, in the years ahead, more of the workforce who engage with older CALD South Australians may be able to communicate with them effectively.</p>
	<p>Establish a community hub for older LGBTIQ South Australians.</p>	<p>The State Liberal Team recognises that people who identify as LGBTIQ may experience particular challenges and higher levels of social isolation as they age.</p> <p>The State Liberal Team is concerned at the relatively low take-up of aged-care services by the LGBTIQ community. As a first step, an incoming Marshall Liberal Government will commission, through the Office for Ageing Well, a review of aged care services and options for the LGBTIQ community.</p>

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 <p data-bbox="107 887 463 948">COST OF LIVING</p>	<p data-bbox="506 256 1099 357">Install solar panels and batteries in all public and social housing, including those intended for older people.</p>	<p data-bbox="1184 225 2121 357">A Marshall Liberal Government will need to assess the progress that has been made with the current Government’s commitments in this area before determining any possible commitment. There has not been a full conditions assessment of Housing SA properties since 2003, and this is an urgent priority.</p>
	<p data-bbox="506 438 1155 539">Provide incentives for private sector landlords to offer energy-efficient private rental for people on low incomes.</p>	<p data-bbox="1184 406 2101 469">A Marshall Liberal Government will consult with stakeholders about possible options as budgetary circumstances allow.</p>
	<p data-bbox="506 620 1151 721">Offer the electricity concession as a percentage of the electricity cost of the household rather than a flat rate.</p>	<p data-bbox="1184 588 2047 683">A Marshall Liberal Government has no plans at this stage to support this proposal however we would be prepared to consult further with all stakeholders.</p>
	<p data-bbox="506 802 1155 903">Require all government services - including health - to have strategies in place to protect people on low incomes from being exposed to fees and co-payments.</p>	<p data-bbox="1184 770 2121 865">A Marshall Liberal Government will ensure that processes are in place to avoid access to health and other services being impaired by unaffordable fees and co-payments.</p>
	<p data-bbox="506 1091 1126 1153">Work with other states and territories to establish a national framework on elder abuse.</p>	<p data-bbox="1184 952 2092 1015">A Marshall Liberal Government will work with other states and territories to establish a national framework on elder abuse.</p> <p data-bbox="1184 1058 2056 1120">We are committed to enacting an Adult Protection Act and establishing a Vulnerable Persons Agency.</p> <p data-bbox="1184 1163 2107 1257">We will also undertake a clinical audit of all State Government-run residential aged care facilities and develop quality standards for non-Commonwealth accredited sites.</p>

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	<p>Commit increased resources to campaigns and activities that counter ageism and create new opportunities for older people throughout SA.</p>	<p>A Marshall Labor Government will look to combat ageism, including through targeted campaigns and other activities, including challenging the way ageing is framed in the language and structure of the services our government delivers.</p> <p>To that end, under a Marshall Liberal Government, the <i>Office for the Ageing</i> will become the <i>Office for Ageing Well</i>.</p> <p>We will evaluate the delivery of government services provided to older South Australians to identify where, consciously or unconsciously, older South Australians get a lesser service and to identify opportunities for service improvement.</p>