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Double Award Win Strengthens Call to Protect Community Transport Funding

The Community Transport Company (TCTC) has achieved an extraordinary double win — taking home two major awards on the same night, recognising its leadership, innovation, and community impact across New South Wales.

At the Business NSW Awards at Sydney's International Convention Centre, TCTC was named Outstanding Community Organisation, while at the Community Transport Organisation (CTO) Conference in Orange, it was also awarded Large Community Transport Provider of the Year.

Chief Executive Officer Bethany Langford accepted the Business Award on behalf of all Community Transport services across NSW, noting that community transport collectively return over \$1.5 billion in social value every year to the community, taxpayers, and government.

Ms Langford also used the occasion to warn that community transport could be under threat from upcoming Aged Care Reforms, calling for the preservation of the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) for transport and meal services.

"We are an asset-heavy service — we need buses and cars in place before we can even think about providing services to our customers," she said.

"Having those cars and buses means we need an element of block funding in place just to get on the road. The Federal Government must ensure that services like ours can continue under CHSP — and that older Australians never have to choose between doing their food shopping or taking a shower."

Operating from the Queensland border to the Nambucca Valley, The Community Transport Company provides over 150,000 trips a year, supported by 200 volunteers and a fleet of 100 vehicles. It is also the first community transport organisation in Australia to operate a not-for-profit taxi network, integrating taxis and community transport under one inclusive, socially conscious model.

"These awards remind us of the importance of community transport: to make sure everyone, no matter where they live or what challenges they face, can get where they need to go." Ms Langford said. (ends)

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