

Your privacy

ARAS values confidentiality and respects your right to privacy. If you believe we have breached your privacy you can lodge a complaint by writing to the Operations Manager of ARAS and/or contacting the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, Tel 1300 363 992.

Your feedback

ARAS is committed to continually improving the quality of its service. If you are unhappy with any aspect of our service, we encourage you to raise the issue with us.

In the first instance your complaint will be handled by our Operations Manager. Alternatively, you can have it reviewed by external agencies such as OPAN (Older Persons Advocacy Network), Tel 1800 700 600 or the Health and Community Services Complaints Commissioner, Tel 1800 232 007.

Visit our website to read our Consumer Compliments, Comments and Complaints Policy and Privacy Policy.



Contact us

Office hours Mon-Fri, 9am to 5pm

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TTY 13 36 77 SSR 1300 555 727

Translating and Interpreting Service 13 14 50

Independent interpreters may be available by appointment free of charge.

ARAS is funded by the Department of Health, National Aged Care Advocacy Program and Office for Ageing Well, SA Health.

ARAS is the South Australian member of the Commonwealth funded Older Persons Advocacy Network (OPAN).



Retirement Village Advocacy



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- ARAS provides a free, confidential, independent and state-wide service to retirement village residents and their legal representatives.
- ARAS provides advocacy support and assistance for residents of retirement villages in order to assist them to voice their concerns to the village management or the administering authority.
- When a resident contacts
 ARAS, an advocate will initially
 ask questions to clarify
 matters relating to their
 retirement village residency.
 The advocate will then provide
 information on the resident's
 rights and may also provide
 direction on how the matter
 can be resolved through an
 advocacy process.









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- The resident can choose to take action themselves to address the problem, or can request an ARAS advocate to speak up on their behalf.
- The advocate will only proceed if given permission to do so and will consult with the resident throughout the process.
- Advocacy support will be provided in relation to the resident's contract, according to the Retirement Villages Act 2016 and the Retirement Villages Regulations 2017.

"The support and information we received from the ARAS Advocate was of great assistance to us. It helped us to resolve our concerns and made such a difference to have an independent person involved. We would recommend this service to others living in Retirement Villages." ARAS client

About ARAS

ARAS is a free, confidential and statewide service which has been supporting older people since 1990.

ARAS assists older people or their representatives who are:

- living in residential aged care
- receiving Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) or Home Care Package (HCP) services
- at risk of, or experiencing abuse from family or friends
- living in a retirement village.

We can arrange a time to talk to you by phone or visit you at a location convenient to you. Alternatively, you can meet us by appointment at our office.