

# Community Volunteer Taxi's

'Moving your Ageing Community'

Alison Ey – Hindmarsh Shire Council

# Community Taxi!!



# History

- Need established in 1979
- Model set up as a volunteer driven community taxi, was initiated by West Wimmera Health Service
- Was initially completely voluntary
- Service has operated as weekly service since



# How

- Service operates 3 days per week
- Pool of 23 volunteer drivers
- Use of own vehicles
- Service users are predominately HACCC clients
- For – shopping, medical and other appointments
- One volunteer rostered each day

# Practice

- Token system
- Cost
- Bookings
- Roster
- Reimbursement for drivers
- Insurance
- Meetings with drivers

# Participants

Our volunteer driver and client



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Our volunteer and client again!



# Feedback and Future

- Works well
- Appreciated
- Plans for similar system in Rainbow
- Easy to adopt in other areas
- Minimal start up and ongoing cost

# Contact

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