

MEDIA RELEASE

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ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR TRANSPORT DISADVANTAGED

On Thursday 1 March 2018, it was announced that Community Transport operators would receive a \$3 million boost for services across NSW.

Narrandera Shire Council's Community Transport service is one of the Community Transport Program (CTP) providers that will receive the new subsidy for the transport disadvantaged, which is targeting customers in regional and remote NSW.

The increase of \$22,400 will be available for two years, expiring on 30 June 2020 and will provide 689 additional trips per year, to people who have limited or no access to private or public transport due to their location, limited financial resources, or physical and/or cognitive capacities.

This boost in funding will allow Narrandera Leeton Community Transport to continue to promote social inclusion and provide access to services such as medical appointments and social activities.

With the introduction of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) earlier this year and a focus on wellness and reablement in the aged care sector, there has been an increase in demand from people once receiving services through other programs but are no longer eligible under new guidelines and assessment criteria. This extra funding is being provided to address any potential gaps in service delivery.

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Precis or Summary: Additional Funding For Transport Disadvantaged			
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