

Grants in Action in Our Community

Case Study

Gympie Medical Transport Inc



Gympie Medical Transport commenced servicing the Gympie region in February 2021. Since commencing with two cars and 15 volunteers, the organisation has now grown to six cars and 50 volunteers. There are over 700 clients and the fleet has travelled over 350,000 kilometres. This service is clearly now seen as an essential service to the community and enables many elderly residents to stay in their home and not have to relocate closer to medical services.

One of the initial cars was reaching 100,000 kilometres and was identified for replacement. GMT has also worked hard to seek sponsorship for the cars, enabling the saving to be placed into an investment account, to assist with future rotation and upgrade of cars. To meet the safety recommendations for use of fleet cars and to ensure the safety of both volunteer drivers, clients, carers and the general populous, it is paramount that GMT trade fleet cars in at 100,000km.



Project Outcomes:

The trade in of the first Gympie Medical Transport fleet car was a success. The grant of \$5000 has assisted with the financial turn over for the organisation. A new car ensures GMT have met and will continue to meet the guidelines of Department of Main Roads and Transport (DMR) to ensure safe, reliable cars for clients, volunteers and road users in general. The Gympie community will be assured that the vital service for medical transport to the community is meeting the required standards of safety needed for the ongoing supply of this service.

The trade in millage contributes to the success of this project. The need for the fleet to be on the road daily with over 800 clients shows the need for this service and the growth since inception. GMT commenced service 1 February 2021 with two cars and 15 volunteers. In February 2023 a fleet of six cars all owned by the organisation and over 60 volunteers who contribute over 1000 hrs/month in coordinating, driving, office work and car cleaning to ensure the best service for our local community members.



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volunteers

Community Grants Program 2022/2023 category:

Community Project

Amount funded: \$5,000

Category purpose: To support community led projects that increase the social wellbeing of residents in the Gympie region.

"The need for the service is growing and to complement this growth GMT has identified the need for a seventh car, in the endeavour to meet demand. We are always seeking volunteer drivers, to ensure drive numbers to avoid driver fatigue and enjoyment of the volunteering process.."

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