

## **Community and Public Transport for residents of Mapua and Districts**

**Conversation starter for “ Hot Topic” MDCA Meeting July 9 2018**

### **BRING WITH YOU TO MEETING FOR RECORDING INFORMATION/SUGGESTIONS**

In small groups, Community members to share knowledge of what is currently available ; what we would like to see available ; what we can/will do about it?

#### **1. Local transport options within Mapua & Districts**

a) *What is available now?*

- Age concern volunteer drivers
- Private arrangements
- Tasman Passenger Services – 021 0895 5364 Mon- Fri 9-5; charges related to destination

b) *What would we like to see ? ( priorities)*

c) *What shall we do about it?*

## 2 **Health / patient transport Services from Mapua & Districts**

a) *What is available now?*

- Motueka Regional Ambulance – 03/528 7645- Danny Fowler -ring on demand ( book when get medical appointment )  
\$25 for 1hour specialist appointment; \$50 for day long trip to Nelson Hospital
- Red Cross Shuttle ( from Richmond )– 05/546 5012 8.30-4pm – community based; run by volunteers; relies on user donations
- TDC Total Mobility Funding ( administered by NCC) - subsidy of \$10 or 50% of the fare(the less of the two) – needs eligibility swipe card for taxi/driving company – Age Concern Accredited for these

b) *What would we like to see ? ( priorities)*

c) *What shall we do about it?*

### 3 Other organized/planned options

- *Regional Transport Committee* : Cr Dean McNamara ( memo 2/7/18)

With the new government's policy statement (GPS) on transport signalling greater funding for public transport, we are doing further investigation on whether this means **public bus services to/from towns like Mapua or Wakefield are feasible or affordable** for council to operate.

- *NCC & TDC* – Ride and Share schemes
- *Age Concern Nelson* – 544.7624 ;Research on loneliness and isolation amongst elderly identifying lack of access to transport as significant issue

Age Connect Co-ordinator =Rafrey O'Rourke

Interested in and willing to work with/support local communities such as ours to set up local schemes with volunteer drivers/ visitors and lobby for extension of health related transport

b) *What would we like to see ? ( priorities)*

c) *What shall we do about it?*