

Transport Policy

Rationale:

There is very little public transport in the Eastern Bay of Plenty and this is one of the leading causes of isolation for people who can no longer drive, or who cannot afford a car. Acting to improve this situation must be a key element of our work.

Policy: We will highlight this issue, lobbying for better public transport. We will work alongside health and service providers and other voluntary organisations to fill in gaps in transport provision so all members have opportunities to participate in community life.

Practice:

1. We will actively lobby government agencies to improve public transport
2. We will seek funding to ensure people with limited mobility can access accessible vehicles at a reasonable cost
3. We will work alongside other organisations able to provide transport to medical appointments etc.
4. Where we support members to join a club or event we will actively look for other members of that club who can give them a lift to ensure their participation
5. Where there is no other provision we will encourage members to give lifts to one another so people can access community and health services.
6. Members giving a lift to other members will be responsible for
 - a. having a safe vehicle, with a current warrant of fitness and driver's licence
 - b. not driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol
 - c. taking all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of others: e.g. use seat belts
 - d. giving frail seniors/kaumātua plenty of time and support when getting in or out of a vehicle to avoid injury
7. Costs of transport
 - a. where a contribution towards costs is offered to a driver, members can accept this, but it must not exceed 45c a km and needs to be declared to the coordinator.
 - b. Petrol vouchers may be given to members providing transport to others at the discretion of the coordinator.

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