

Why have a Transport Development Project?

“It is a common misconception that there is no demand for travel by disabled people because trip rates are low: It is all too easy to fall into the trap of seeing no people with disabilities in a particular situation & then assuming that there is no demand from people with disabilities for the facility or service. The reality, more often than not, is that the demand is there, but the way things currently are precludes access” (Ker, 1996, p.14)

This project exists to ensure the transport needs & issues of younger people with disabilities are represented within HACC funded services & across the wider community.

Transport is essential to our day-to-day lives. For people with disabilities transport is often unavailable, unreliable, inaccessible or inappropriate. No access to transport removes opportunities to access the community— to go shopping, to work, socialise, visit friends & family, attend medical appointments. This can contribute to social isolation and exclusion, increased dependence & ill health.

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Transport Development Project

Focusing on the transport needs of **younger people with disabilities** across the Inner West to improve mobility & independence.



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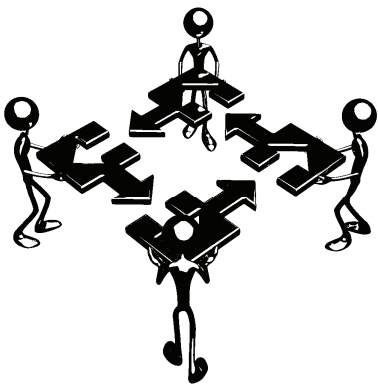
WHAT IS THE TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT?

The Transport Development Project, formerly known as the Mobility Management Project began in 2003

The project focuses on identifying & facilitating access to all modes of transport for younger people with a disability in the Inner West, as well as improving access to Community Transport services.

The project is funded by the Ministry of Transport and covers all 7 Inner West LGAs: Ashfield, Burwood, Canada Bay, Canterbury, Leichhardt, Marrickville & Strathfield.

There is one worker assigned to this project, the Transport Development Coordinator.



WHO DOES IT BENEFIT & HOW?

YOUNGER PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY, THEIR CARERS & FAMILIES

- Advocacy – on issues affecting mobility & access to transport & the wider community
- Information & Referral – on transport services & schemes, including assistance with Taxi Subsidy Applications.
- Tailoring of services to your needs – there is potential to develop travel training & flexible, responsive services.
- Documenting your needs – documenting issues about access, or lack of access, to transport & the consequences & implications it has on you.

RESIDENTS WITH LIMITED MOBILITY

- Raising awareness of transport services available
- Advocacy – on issues affecting mobility & access to transport & the wider community

LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

- Provision of information & resources
 - Central point to document unmet transport needs of younger people with disability across the Inner West region
 - Affordable bus hire
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FOCUS AREAS

The Transport Development Project is a community development project.

The 4 key areas of the project are:

- Mobility & Independence
- Information & Resources
- Transport Advocacy for YPWD
- Bus Brokerage

Identifying & understanding the issues faced by younger people with disability accessing transport throughout the Inner West gives us greater ability to advocate for improved government & non-government services across the region.

The Transport Development Coordinator is involved in a range of networks & forums, & attends relevant consultations throughout the year.

A Steering Committee, consisting of individuals & service providers, guides & revises the work & focus of the project. We welcome you to be part of this committee.

