

### **Presidents Report:**

The year has certainly flown by. I have no doubt one of the reasons is because our GMT office is seeing a marked increase in demand for services provided. This means our marketing strategy and community interaction is reaching the people who need to be informed of the great work GMT are doing.

Some interesting statistics for your information - our cars have travelled 19,267 kilometres, 478 hours and 82 trips in November alone. We will be in possession of our 5<sup>th</sup> car, due for delivery before Christmas.

Each week sees the admin volunteers answering more telephone calls, responding to queries regarding travel dates and offering advice on all things travel related including the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme which is available to eligible patients who are seeking medical appointments outside the Gympie region when the nature of the appointment is not available or offered in Gympie.

Increased transport usage also means yet another call for volunteer drivers. Our 5th car will be delivered and on the road by Christmas. If you or if you know someone who may have some free time or looking for something to fill in your days, please consider putting your hand up to become a volunteer driver. You get to meet some great people and make some new friends along the highways.

The more I hear the feedback from our clients and the fantastic support for our service by our local state and federal members of parliament, it has become evident that the need for such a service is very large within our community. As more medical services are withdrawn from our local hospital, the need for transport, at an affordable rate, to medical centres on the Sunshine Coast and Brisbane is growing. With the withdrawal of the Active Tours bus service, it now falls on the shoulders of family members and friends to transport their loved ones to their medical appointments out of Gympie. And for those who do not have that support around them, other than the taxi service (at considerable cost), we are it. Our fee is much less than the missed day's pay that a family or friend would forgo if they transported them.

Thankyou Bev Goodall

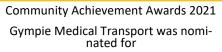
## **Grant from Roadcraft**

With successful funding from the grants received throughout the year our drivers are off to roadcraft for a one day driver course. It is a practical, low risk defensive course for adult drivers.



# **Awards**

Chamber of Commerce Hero Award Bev Goodall was presented with the Runner Up Certificate.



Awards Australia Community Group of the Year award

Awarded to Gympie Medical Transport



# <u>Statistics for</u> November 2021



**Training Hours: 8.3hrs** 

Administration Hours: 384hrs



#### **Car Stats for November:**

Car 111

115hrs, 4375 klms

Car 222

120hrs, 5421 klms

Car 333

119hrs 4616 klms

Car 444

124hrs, 4855 klms



\$1000 from Rotary \$150 Gold Coast Buffalo Lodge



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### **Fund Raising**

To raise vital funds we are running a Christmas raffle, to be drawn on the 20th December. All items were donated by various businesses and individuals. These funds support the ongoing and increasing costs to keep our cars on the road.



Car Cleaning: 15hrs

Fund Raising
Hours
10.3hrs

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