

## **Gympie Medical Transport Inc.**

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## **Presidents Report:**

Thank you all for your ongoing support of GMT.

GMT continues to provide transport a large number of community members attending medical appointments. Our service has continued to grow delivering 1213 trips during 2022-23 to 1422 trips 2023-24 year and the next year is already advancing on those numbers.

The majority of trips are to the Sunshine Coast area.

Our office continues to be busy with bookings, allocating drives, supporting our volunteers and clients while endeavouring to maintain a happy and supportive atmosphere for all.

This year we have been privileged to have assistance in the office from trainees through a Skill Centred grant. Our office now has regular staffing Monday to Friday 8 am to 12 MD.

We have been very fortunate to receive generous donations from local benefactors, clubs, sponsorships and businesses plus our many clients during the past year which ensures GMT maintain cars, upgrade vehicles appropriately - enabling us to improve our service to the local community.

Following our TMR audit last year, one of the recommendations was to commence regular training days. Training was held in June and November - a valuable time had by all who attended. This training enables our volunteers to meet each other and learn from each other plus improve our service delivery.

GMT was thrilled to be offered a fundraising opportunity with the Kandanga Hotel but unfortunately this offer was rescinded by the Hotel. I would like to thank all who assisted in making this opportunity the success it was for the short time it occurred.

In March, the committee held a special budget meeting regarding our 5 yr plan. Due to this regions growth, we aim to grow to 12 cars. Our trade-in arrangements will continue with

Madill Toyota for car replacement. We recently received replacement GMT333 and GMT 444. Our new cars are Corolla Cross Hybrids.

Ongoing advancement with GMT's HUB was discussed - where we lease - build a shed to establish a centrally located site for office and cars be together. Also establishing a communal front, communication centre plus a central area for our volunteers and clients.

Facebook has regular postings from our staff for community access.

GMT continues to grow, regardless of the Wishlist bus commencing its service. Our door to door service ensures clients are able to return home in a timely manner without having to wait around for many hours therefore impacting on their health and wellbeing.

Volunteering is out of love and compassion to help others. All our volunteers are appreciated — the hours that each gives to the service and the Gympie regional community is received with gratitude.

Our office will be closed from the 18th December to Jan 6th. Our cars will continue to transport clients to appointments during this time.

Messages can be left on our Mobile only during this time.

