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Presidents Report:

2025 has certainly moved forward rapidly for all of us.

GMT volunteers enjoyed their holiday break during December / January with renewed passion to assist the community attend their medical appointments in timely comfort.



Our drivers and clients are enjoying the luxurious comfort of the Corolla Cross Hybrid cars we have introduced to our fleet. (Over time a full fleet of Corolla Cross Hybrid cars).

Bookings continue to increase each year keeping office staff very busy. Our fees remain the same though some may increase with the new financial year. We will

continue to advise clients to claim the Patient Transport Subsidy Scheme through Gympie Hospital.

The Wishlist bus continues to service our area taking clients to Nambour and SCUH however not well supported as GMT had hoped. GMT continues to refer clients to the bus when GMT unable to provide a service. Our door to door service has not been impacted by the bus.

Since GMT commenced in Feb 2021, our cars have travelled over 1million kilometres (5,000+ trips). We have traded in 16 vehicles ensuring we meet our obligations with Transport and Main Roads safety requirements. Our volunteers have provided over 46,000 hours to this community.



Early March we celebrated our 5th birthday. A delicious cake was donated by one of our appreciative clients - for Sally and myself a former workmate from our previous lives.

Representatives from Gympie Regional Council, Tony Perrett's office, Gympie South Lions, Quota celebrated with us enjoying a time together with cake and coffee.

Sally and I have attended meetings with the Mayor, GRC councillors, and Tony Perrett MP to discuss GMT's future HUB, land availability etc.



Sally and I partook in the Parliamentary Inquiry into

Volunteering in Queensland held in Gympie. We were very privileged to speak informing the panel of Parliamentary representatives of our volunteers love and dedication assisting this community travelling to medical appointments at minimal cost in this economic time. The significant role volunteers fill in communities was noted by all groups presenting.

GMT has recently been thrilled to receive donations from QLD Hydro, RSL, private donations and Bequests.



We welcome Bendigo Bank as a sponsor for car - GMT333 – we are very grateful for the Bank’s support.

Sally continues to apply for grants which can be very challenging at times

- many hours are spent applying with little reward.

We were saddened to hear of Greig Nissen’s passing. Greig was a founding committee member of GMT. His support, knowledge and experience has been instrumental to our service.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Thea and family. RIP Greig.

We at GMT remain very committed to assisting our community. We invite anyone wishing to volunteer with our team to call into the office between 8:30 am and 12 md Monday to Friday. **Drivers are always needed.**

Bev Goodall

