



TOWN OF VINCENT

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Vincent Community Bus is Coming!

The Town of Vincent is pleased to announce that a new community bus will be delivered at the end of October to transport seniors and persons with a disability to shopping centres and on social outings.

"We are delighted that we will now be able to provide another valuable transport service for members of our community. We already offer taxi vouchers to seniors and those with disabilities to attend medical appointments and the like and we also have organised group outings for well aged seniors. This bus service will augment the services we can provide to our community as it can be used to take groups on shopping trips or on outings", enthused Mayor Nick Catania.

Community groups and agencies will be able to hire the bus to transport Vincent community members on shopping trips and social outings. A team of volunteer bus drivers will be available to drive the bus.

The 22-seat bus will also have a wheelchair lift fitted. Hire of the bus will be approved for the transport of groups to a destination within the metro area (within 100km of the Admin Centre) to participate in an activity or event which will enhance the well-being and quality of life of participants, such as shopping, attending a local concert or an organised activity.

"With \$120,000 from the North Perth Community Bank we have been able to purchase this bus. The Town will maintain the bus and manage the service, including the list of volunteer drivers. We have a Senior's Strategy and Advisory Group which is helping to ensure that this vital part of our close-knit community is looked after. Transport for seniors and those with a disability is a major issue and I am personally thrilled that we are going to be able to do even more to assist", concluded Mayor Catania.

The bus will be available for hire (at an hourly rate/bond payable) from November 2009 and community groups and agencies can book by contacting the Town.

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