

Community Transport

The purpose of community transport is to meet the needs of specific transport disadvantaged groups in the community including isolated families, frail aged, younger people with disabilities and their carers. Community transport gives access to recreation, shopping, education, medical care, social services and social contact where conventional public transport systems are not generally considered viable or appropriate. Community Transport is a HACC (Home & Community Care) programme and although fees are charged, eligible clients can receive services regardless of their capacity to pay. Check with your local Community Transport service for detailed information on the fees, variety of services and the level of physical assistance that is available.

Local Community Transport Centres

Randwick/Waverley	9369 5366
South Sydney	9319 4439
Botany	8338 8506

Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme

Provides subsidised transport by taxi for people with severe and permanent disabilities from 5 years of age onwards. The only eligibility criteria is the inability to use public transport due to the effects of a permanent disability. Successful applicants receive voucher books which are used to pay half of any metered fare up to a maximum of \$30 subsidy per trip. Any licensed taxis can be used and there is no limit on number of trips. An application will be posted to you by calling **1800 623 724**

Neighbourhood Centres

Local neighbourhood centres may also receive funding through the HACC programme to provide individual and/or group transport. Eligibility is the same as for Community Transport and a small cost may also be applicable for some services.

Local Neighbourhood Centres

The Junction Neighbourhood centre (Randwick LGA)	9349 8200
ECHO Neighbourhood Centre (Waverley LGA)	9387 2885
South East Neighbourhood Centre (Botany LGA)	8338 8506
Kings Cross Community & Information Centre (City of Sydney LGA)	9357 2164
Holdsworth Community Centre (Woollahra LGA)	9302 3600

Non Emergency Patient Transport Ambulance Service of NSW

Provides free ambulance transfer to hospitals or medical treatment centres and return home. To be eligible for this service you must be on a pension or have a condition requiring treatment en route or condition preventing access to other means of transport. Bookings for this service must be done by a Doctor or hospital staff so when a medical appointment is being made with your Doctor or at hospital, ask if this type of transport can be arranged. This service is usually in high demand and may be difficult to access.

Contact **13 12 33**

Mobility Allowance

Mobility Allowance provides financial assistance with transport costs for people with a disability who are undertaking approved activities and are unable to use public transport without substantial assistance. Approved activity includes being engaged in paid work, voluntary work, vocational training, job search activities or a combination of these activities for more than 32 hours per month. For more information contact Centrelink **13 2717**

Mobility Parking Scheme

The Roads & Traffic Authority (RTA) issues photographic license style cards at all its centres for the Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS). MPS cards entitle the bearer to vehicular parking in places marked with the disability symbol. Other parking concessions are: no charge in metered parking areas and various extensions on parking times. Minimum application age is 3 years. Applicants will need to present at the RTA for the photograph unless an exemption has been applied for through the RTA. Equivalent overseas Mobility Parking Scheme cards can be used in NSW. To be eligible you must have a physical disability affecting mobility or permanent blindness. Organisations who transport people meeting the criteria are also eligible.

Local RTA offices are located at:

Maroubra Junction - Level 1, 832 Anzac Pd.
Botany - 5 Lord St.
Bondi Junction -88 Ebley St.

Phone Contact: **13 22 13**

Sir Roden Cutler Charities

Supported transport for disabled or aged, where other transport options not available. Referrals should come through medical, hospital or other community service workers. **9362 4430**

Private Personal Transport

Community Transport and regular taxi services are limited in the physical assistance they can provide. There are many private services providing transport with an accompanying carer. Some local services are as follows:

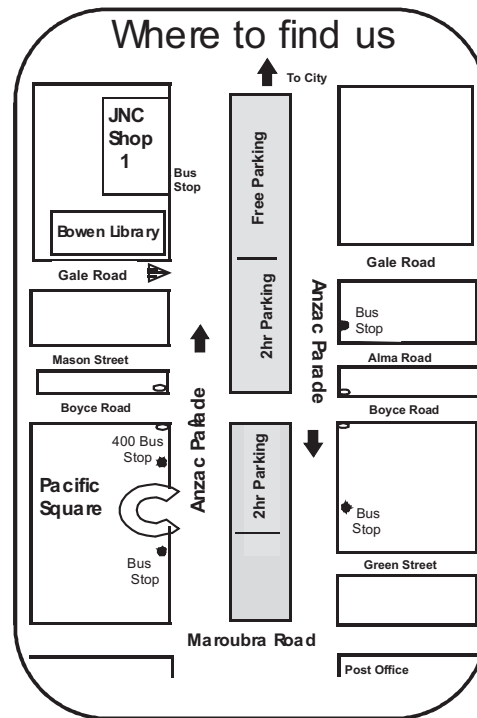
Just Better Care	9669 1965
Smartcare	1300 663 434
Silver Circle	9281 5444
Kinder Caring	1300 796 675
Essential Care	9568 1415
Home Instead	9387 4800

Handy Transport Numbers

Wheelchair Accessible Taxis	8332 0200
RSL Cabs	9581 1111
Taxis Combined	133 300
Transport Info Line	131 500

Telephone Interpreter Service (TIS)

If you have difficulty communicating with a non-English speaker TIS provides a 24hour/7 days a week translating service **131 450**



SHOP 2

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