



# ***Making the Connection***

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**Transport Connections Program**

**DPCD**



## Presentation Purpose

- Transport Connections Program overview
- Program focus 2010/11-2013/14
- Partnerships and opportunities
- Examples of funded initiatives, including Community Transport



# The Transport Connections Program

Pilot Phase, 2003-06

- ‘..address the access and mobility needs of transport disadvantaged communities and individuals in rural and regional Victoria’
- Nine pilot projects, \$2.1m
- DHS delivery
- Partners DoT, DVC, DEECD



# The Transport Connections Program

## Phase 2, 2006-10: Context

- DVC lead agency'; transition to DPCD
- Place based programs, including Community Renewal, Community Building Initiative
- 'Transport Link or Missing Link' report (VicHealth 2007):
  - 5 Community Transport program models: traditional; emerging; non-HACC; informal; innovative.



# The Transport Connections Program

Phase 2, 2006-10

- \$14.5m, 32 projects (DPCD), all rural, regional and interface municipalities
- \$4.19m, Flexible Fund (DoT), trial of new local public transport services
- Partners DPCD, DoT, DHS, DEECD



# The Transport Connections Program

**TCP today:** Phase 3, 2010/11-2013/14

- **Aim:** ‘To develop innovative and efficient responses to the needs of people with limited transport options, and to improve access to services, resources, employment and community participation opportunities.’
- \$22.8m, 34 local projects



## **Objectives:**

1. Develop innovative transport and non-transport solutions to enhance access and participation by people with limited access to transport.
2. Generate more effective and efficient use of existing transport resources.
3. Establish sustainable local and regional partnerships for delivering transport and accessibility outcomes.
4. Increase the capacity of communities to participate in decision making and priority setting activities to improve social and economic outcomes.



# The Transport Connections Program

**TCP today:** Phase 3, 2010/11-2013/14

Key features and new directions:

- Greater regional focus
- Innovation Fund
- Skills and capacity building
- Greater collaboration, across government and sectors
- Evaluation and evidence



# The Transport Connections Program

Innovative local and regional initiatives (excluding public transport):

- Community information & education
- Outreach models
- Active and sustainable transport options
- Community transport
- Car sharing/car pooling
- Virtual access models



# **TCP Community Transport Case Study**

## **Craigieburn Community Transport Service**

- 17 month pilot
- Clientele: no public/private transport access - older people, young mothers, people with a disability, outpatients
- 2 donated vehicles
- Diverse promotion/engagement strategies
- 130 registered clients, 636 trips (Sept '10 – Feb '11)
- Partners: Hume Transport Links, Hume City Council, Ford Australia, Brotherhood of St Laurence, Northern Health, Link Community Transport, Melbourne Community Foundation



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