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Government Media Statement

DAVID BARTLETT
Premier

Local Transport Solutions to Connect Communities

Premier David Bartlett today said the State Government would deliver \$1.5 million over the next three years to empower communities to meet their own transport needs.

“The 2009-2010 Budget includes \$1.5 million dollars for the Tasmanian Community Transport Trust. This fund will enable communities to purchase vehicles to provide locally based transport services.

“Statewide consultations for Tasmania’s social inclusion strategy confirmed that lack of access to transport can stand in the way of Tasmanians accessing employment, education and services.

“Transport issues can also make it difficult for people to participate in social activities,” Mr Bartlett said.

“The Community Transport Trust is an important step towards a more socially inclusive Tasmania.”

Through the trust, every Tasmanian community will be able to apply for vehicles – buses, vans, cars and others - by establishing their ongoing capacity to support their management and use in the community.

“Reliable and available community transport will support mums and dads who can’t get to the shops, elderly people stuck in their homes and remote students who need transport to educational opportunities available in larger centres.”

Communities will be invited to apply for funding in early July and can register their interest by visiting www.dpac.tas.gov.au or calling 6232 7139.

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