

Dial a Bus Gets People on the Road in Shire

The Dial a Bus service in Mornington Peninsula Shire that State Trustees has supported over the past three years grows from strength to strength. Our partner, Mornington Peninsula Shire, runs several services and our funds support the weekly service in Rosebud.

Carol Hooper, from the Shire's disability services team, said the bus helps address the isolation experienced by many older residents and people living with a disability.

"It's been great to see the passenger base on the service supported by State Trustees grown from 43 to 61 over the past year," Carol said.

"Transport is a real problem in parts of the Shire and Dial-a-Bus means that older residents and those with a disability can now the shops, the doctor, their volunteer shift or a day program," she added.

"Having access to transport is critical in helping people remain in their own home."

Passengers praise the thought and care given by the drivers who place great importance on the individual welfare of every passenger.

Transport remains the number one issue for seniors in the Shire and the Dial a Bus program, along with libraries, was cited as the best 'positive ageing' initiatives in a community survey in 2011.

"It was so gratifying to hear that we have supported such a much-needed and well-received initiative."

This is a great example of our connection with the Victorian community, and support for a service that really make a difference to people.