



**YPCT CLIENT NEWSLETTER –
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Welcome to Spring! We hope this latest Yorke Peninsula Community Transport newsletter, finds you fit and well.

The sudden ceasing of all urological, gynaecological and general surgical services from Yorketown Hospital has been a blow to the local community. The relocation of services to Wallaroo will place substantial burden on lower Yorke Peninsula residents who now face a long journey for many medical services.

Here at Yorke Peninsula Community Transport (YPCT), we are keen to let members of the public know that, as always, they are here to assist in transporting residents to appointments, not only in Wallaroo but further afield to Adelaide.

“It is disappointing that the surgery closure has occurred with little recognition of the community support for it to continue,” said YPCT Regional Manager, Julie Mason.

“For people left concerned about having to drive the distance to Wallaroo, please contact YP Community Transport as we have a variety of options that can assist you.”

YPCT offers seats on the Health Bus which travels Monday to Friday to Adelaide for appointments and a Community Bus which travels from lower YP to Wallaroo, Kadina and Moonta on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Clients can also choose to use their own cars and have the service of a volunteer driver or catch a ride in a YPCT managed vehicle. All options can be discussed with the friendly, local, YPCT customer service operators on 1300 132 932.

“We expect an increase in demand for our services especially now from SYP to Wallaroo,” Julie said. “We are always looking for volunteers not only to act as drivers but to help clean and garage vehicles or help out with letter drops and fundraising “
“We are proud of our community involvement and services so feel free to give us a call and see what we can offer you or a loved one.”



The Copper Coast Caddy is operational! Yorke Peninsula Community Transport continue to contribute to the local community by offering a range of transport options. The latest addition to the fleet is the Copper Coast Caddy, a wheelchair dedicated accessible vehicle available to clients in the Copper Coast and Port Broughton.

“Our friendly volunteer drivers are really looking forward to meeting and supporting new clients and have been trained in the appropriate use of this vehicle,” said Volunteer and Risk Coordinator, Erica Singh.

“The vehicle is not just available to our clients for medical appointments but also social and business reasons.”

The Caddy was purchased in June, after a successful grant application and plenty of fund raising by the dedicated community organisation. After customising to meet service needs and safety requirements it is now ready for use and a great addition to the current vehicles, which are used to drive clients to appointments by trained local volunteers.

“It’s especially convenient for people who use a wheelchair as there is no need to transfer into the vehicle, rather clients stay in their wheelchair and are safely belted in,” said Erica. “There’s also plenty of room for a carer to travel with the client.”

YP Community Transport are still looking for a long term place to house the vehicle in the Kadina area. If you can help, or would like to make a booking on the Copper Coast Caddy or any other service, phone the friendly staff at YPCT’s Minlaton office on 1300 132 932.



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