



## Press Release: Seeking community bus volunteers

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Do you want to give back to your community? The Age-friendly Communities Grant Program is seeking volunteer bus drivers to support the trial of a new community bus timetable from April 2018, as part of its *Better Community Buses* project.

The community bus trial is scheduled to start in April and will run for approximately six weeks. The trial will test a number of different services and timetables throughout Mount Alexander Shire.

“We strongly encourage the community to try the new services during the trial period and provide feedback,” said Amy Atkinson, Coordinator, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.

“We know improving community transport is important – particularly to older people and those without their own transport. We want any new services to meet the needs of these people,” said Ms Atkinson.

The need for improved community transport services was identified during a six month consultation period at the start of an Age-friendly Communities project across Mount Alexander Shire in late 2016.

From the consultation, the *Better Community Buses* project was established. The project is exploring how community buses can be better used to meet community need and has been working on a ‘snapshot’ of community transport services in Mount Alexander.

If you are interested in finding out more about volunteer bus driving, please contact Maldon Neighbourhood Centre on 5475 2093 or [info@maldonnc.org.au](mailto:info@maldonnc.org.au). You do not need a special driver’s licence to be a volunteer bus driver. Applied First Aid training and Driver Safety Awareness training will be provided.

*Better Community Buses* is one of four projects under the Age-friendly Communities Grants Program provided by the Victorian Government and supported by Mount Alexander Shire Council.

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For more information please contact Amy Atkinson, Maldon Neighbourhood Centre Coordinator on 5475 2093 or [info@maldonnc.org.au](mailto:info@maldonnc.org.au)