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Volunteer drivers are eager to lend hand

A HOPEFUL call for volunteer drivers has seen almost a dozen new people join a Campbellfield-based community transport group.

In September, *Hume Leader* reported on the need for more volunteers at not-for-profit organisation LINK Community Transport, which helps elderly and disabled people across nine areas of Melbourne get to and from social outings through its Out and About program.

Volunteer co-ordinator Briony Hamilton said there had been more than 20 calls expressing interest since the story, with eight people now trained and on board.

"We just got the first lot of volunteers out on the road," she said.

"Because we had volunteers doing extra days here and there, it just means we can give them a bit of a break and the new recruits can go out on the road.

"It also means we are able to service more clients than we did previously."

Mill Park man Colin Jenkins started with the group a few weeks ago after reading *Leader's* article.

The 73-year-old has done a handful of runs for members of the community, including taking them to senior citizens' clubs, cultural groups and leisure centres.

"I was always thinking of doing some volunteering somewhere down the line," Mr Jenkins said.

"It's really good. You meet a lot of different types of people.

"A lot of them are at the stage where they find it very difficult to walk sometimes, which makes it hard for them to get to where they want to go.

"This service they offer is really good — you can't go wrong."

To help, call 8358 8000 or email volunteering@lct.org.au