

# POINT COOK COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE TRANSFORMING LIVES

In December 2012, the Point Cook Community Transport service commenced service and is now transporting more than 35 clients per week. The service assists seniors, people with a disability and transport challenged locals who have trouble getting about to access essential activities in and around Point Cook and Wyndham.

The Point Cook Community Transport Service came about through a partnership between the Point Cook Community Bank® Branch in conjunction with the Victoria Government, Wyndham City Council, LINK Community Transport and Jamieson Way Community Centre to provide a new community transport service in Point Cook.

One such resident who has been using the service, Thelma Siebert said that the Point Cook Community Transport Service has changed her life. "I use the bus weekly to go to a knitting group that I teach at

the Laverton Community Centre. Being legally blind I had to resort to taxis to take me to all of my outings. Whilst it was easy to get a taxi to pick me up from my house, once I was out and wanting to return I usually had to wait an extended period for a taxi that didn't always turn up. I felt unsafe and vulnerable."

"The door to door service has given me my independence once again. I know all of the drivers by name and feel very safe whilst using the service." Ms Siebert said.

"The cost of catching taxis was certainly adding up with a return trip to the Laverton Community Centre costing \$13. Now I simply donate a gold coin for each return trip." She said.

"Point Cook Community Bank® Branch is pleased the service has commenced ensuring independence for some of our most isolated community members,"



*Thelma Siebert one of the first residents to use the service*

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