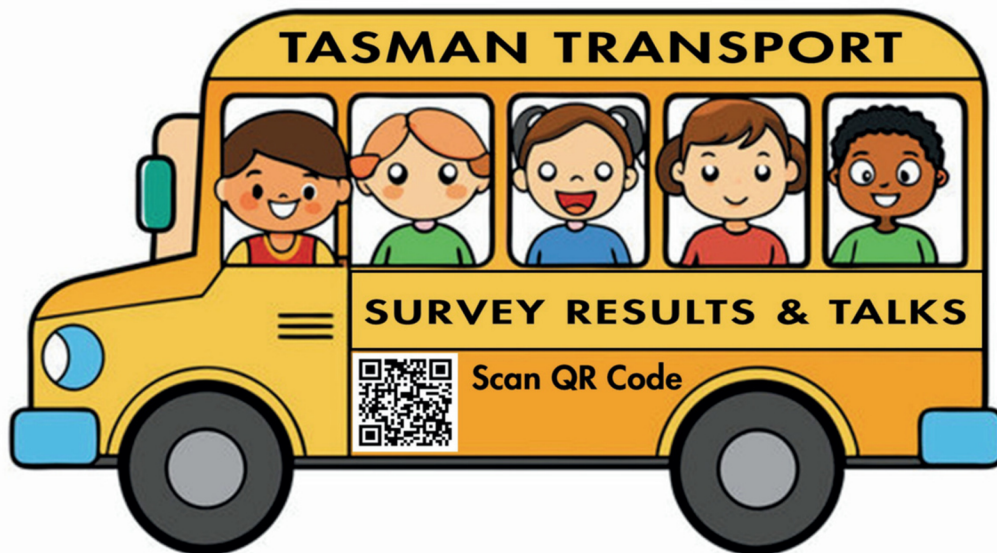


KEEPING YOU INFORMED

TRANSPORT NEWS



What's this all about?

In April 2025, Tasman Voice for Health asked locals to share their thoughts on transport in our region. Over 224 people responded to the survey, and two community workshops were held. The goal? To understand how transport affects our lives—and how we can make it better.

*Read the full Report under
"Our Stories" at
www.tasmanconnect.org.au*

What we learned: transport is a big issue

- 70% of people said transport problems stop them from doing important things & connecting.
- Many don't drive or have a car.
- Public transport is scheduled very early and late back once a day, is hard to use, especially in Winter & it's hard to travel locally.

Age Matters

- Under 18s: Want more buses for social life, jobs, and school.
- 18–45s: Need transport for work, health, and social events.
- 46–65s: Often can't or don't want to drive; need help getting to medical appointments.
- 66+: Can still drive but thinking ahead; want safer options for when they can't drive.

Why transport matters

- Get to medical appointments
- Go shopping
- Attend social events
- Find jobs or education
- Visit family and friends

What people want

Shared Community Vehicle

- 75% said they'd use a shared car or bus with a safe driver.
- Top reasons in order: medical, shopping, social connection, work & sport.

How often?

- 33% want weekly transport.
- Others prefer fortnightly or 'as needed'.

Where to?

- **Getting around the Tasman:** loop road including Nubeena, White Beach, Port Arthur, Taranna, Eaglehawk Neck, Murdunna, Koonya, Premaydena, Saltwater River.
- **Getting in & out of the Peninsula:** an additional return bus service between Nubeena and Sorell bus interchange.



Community Ideas

Work Together:

- **Talk with bus companies, schools, and tourist operators.**
- **Link Tasman buses to Sorell and Hobart services.**

Build a Ride-Share Network:

- **Use apps or noticeboards to connect drivers and passengers.**

Share Information:

- **Create a Transport Options Pamphlet.**
- **Help people register for My Aged Care and CTST services.**

Improve Infrastructure:

- **Add bus stops in Koonya, Saltwater River, and White Beach.**
- **Fix roads and add bike tracks and footpaths.**

What's next?

Tasman Council & Tasman Voice for Health are working together to:

- Keep the community updated.
- Map current transport services and gaps.
- Meet with transport providers & government to see what's possible.
- Explore new ways for delivering transport, like community buses or ride-share.
- Work out what is cost effective.
- Share which services already exist.
- Refer older residents and those with special needs to services to help access transport.

Final thoughts!

Transport in the Tasman is a Community, Business, Council & State Government issue—we all have a part to play to improve it.

Whether you're young, old, working, looking for work, retired, in business or visiting, everyone deserves safe, reliable ways to get around.

Let's keep talking, sharing, and building better transport for all.

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Need help with transport?

- **Those 65+ can register with My Aged Care to see what government supported transport services you are eligible for, like Community Transport Services Tasmania (CTST)**
My Aged Care (P) 1800 200 422 (W) myagedcare.gov.au
CTST (P) 1800 781 033 (W) ctst.org.au
- **Those 18–65 who are isolated or live in a rural area or have a health condition or disability can find out which services they are eligible for by calling the Tasmanian Community Care Referral Service on (P) 1300 769 699**
- **Visit Tasman Connect Directory at (W) tasmanconnect.org.au for local transport info. Contact us to promote your service.**
- **Drop in or phone the Dunalley or Tasman Neighbourhood Houses on (P) 6253 9000**
- **Drop in or phone reception at the Tasman Multi-Purpose Service (P) 6250 9000 in Nubeena.**