



### **Waikato Region Rural Transport Forum – Work Programme**

The meeting was updated about the forum work programme. This will be e-mailed out and people will have a chance to provide feedback. Initial feedback at the meeting suggested there needs to be more focus on areas outside of the health sector.

Linda Terry discussed her role in working with people with disabilities who are transitioning from school and highlighted their extreme transport difficulties.

### **How do we share information?**

A brief but significant discussion was held on this topic. The website idea was revisited. The working group will follow this up and share ideas with forum members. There will be an agenda item on this at the next forum.

### **Waikato Regional Council Update**

Greg Morton shares had copies of documents relating to work currently being done by Waikato Regional Council. The topic of what does improved rural transport mean was discussed. Some ideas that were shared included:

- Expand rural public transport
- Funding mechanisms are a barrier
- Percentage using public transport for comparable regions
- Lack of taxis
- Total mobility scheme
- W&C critical success factors
- Public transport on high volume roads
- Alternative transport options
- Extend definition of public transport
- Yorkshire Dales example

Discussion was held around the term ‘transport disadvantaged’.

### **East Waikato Transport Project**

Forum attendees who had participated in this project noted there had been no formal update to them.

Forum dates for the remainder of the year are:

- 11 August
- 10 November

The Chair closed the meeting at 3 pm.