



Eumundi Combined Community Organisation Ltd

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Eumundi community bus – your views please

The Community Bus in its unique Eumundi livery and its friendly bus drivers is a great positive for Eumundi and district. Its provision fulfils the highest community priority for use of car parking surpluses nominated by the three community organisations and through advertising for individual nomination of projects in 2009. Its status as a priority project was supported by the Sunshine Coast Regional Council in its annual endorsement discussions with our organisation regarding community projects. We have been mindful that projects should, wherever possible, stimulate the Eumundi micro economy and generate local employment. We have also needed to operate the bus within the strict accreditation guidelines which ensures our bus is not in competition with services for individuals provided by regular bus services, private bus operators or taxis.

Last year we twice included a questionnaire in Eumundi Green seeking community views on the use of the bus. The standout conclusion from this community consultation was that a service for locals to travel to and from Noosa Civic once a week was desired. That service is now being provided as is the Eumundi Markets shuttle bus from the Strawberry Fields on Wednesdays and Saturdays and a Friday evening courtesy service carrying locals to and from the hospitality venues in Eumundi. ECCO bears the operating costs for these as a contribution to stimulate the Eumundi micro economy and we welcome the generosity of patrons when gold coin donations are given to partially offset our costs.

We would now like to extend the use of the bus for community events as a measure of our support for the community organisation hosting these activities. If one of our three member organisations whose logos appear below sponsors an event, the costs for use of the community bus will normally be borne by ECCO, particularly if such a sponsored event is a fundraiser. We are open to requests for the use of the bus for one-off events and outings from all community groups and especially from groups who volunteer at our car parking. Examples of use might be an annual trip to purchase wool for making blankets for needy people recovering from natural disasters, bowls days to support Katie Rose Hospice or ferrying small groups of children to a divisional debating competition or community members to a fundraiser lunch or dance. ECCO will need to decide if more than a gold coin donation is needed to offset some of the costs in providing this service.

WE NEED YOU the Eumundi community to tell us whether or not we're on the right track in determining the use of the community bus. Maybe give us examples of any "grey areas" which may not as yet be well addressed. Please send your comments to info@eumundicco.com.au by 15 April.



New volunteer bus driver Beth Pilling setting off with her passengers for the Thursday Noosa Civic trip.



EHA, ECC and EDCA were the consortium which formed ECCO.