

# Part of **Our Community**

## Health Shuttle helps out

A dedicated group of volunteers are helping Horowhenua people keep medical appointments in Palmerston North.

The Horowhenua Health Transportation Trust started operations in February 2008, its aim quite simple - to operate a transport system for the people of Horowhenua to the hospital or medical facilities in Palmerston North.

The Shuttle has proved its worth. During the first year it transported 3740 people, and last year that number had grown to 10,023 people.

With the population of Horowhenua growing older, and the mix changing, it is



vital that the Health Shuttle service continues well into the future. The service operates on a donation basis and is also supported by Mid Central Health, Horizons Regional Council, local businesses, clubs and the generosity of local people.

Donations are also received from the people transported to medical facilities – this is both important and expected so that the service can be maintained.

The Shuttle's most important asset are its volunteers, more than 50 of them, who drive the vehicles, act as support crew and do relieving work in the office to ensure all runs smoothly.

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The shuttle operates five trips a day Monday to Friday from Horowhenua Health Centre – 6.30am, 9am, 11am, 1pm and 3pm. Return trips leave from the hospital in Palmerston North at 9am, 11am, 1pm, 3pm and 5pm.

Bookings are necessary to travel on the Shuttle, phone 368-5519. Health Shuttle volunteers will be out on the streets later this month raising funds and public awareness of this great service.

Health Shuttle Day is Tuesday 22 October. Venues will be the New World, Write Price, Te Takere, The Mall, The Health Centre, Post Office and the BNZ.



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