

ECP CHSP Volunteers and Community Transport Working Group

The **ECP CHSP Volunteer and Community Transport Working Group** was formed in December 2017 and first met in January 2018 to address the need identified by CHSP-funded organisations to share information about their transport programs, with a view to collaborating on training, benchmarking on standards (particularly screening procedures), and to discussing the possibility of sharing volunteer drivers across organisations.

The Working Group is a collaboration with the **Eastern Collaborative Project** under the guidance of the Eastern Collaborative Project Officer and chaired by the Program Coordinator of Volunteering SA&NT. A number of CHSP-funded organisations that fall under the Eastern are were the original members of the working group, and the group will be opened to other collaboratives and CHSP provider organisations from 2019.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Working Group will:

1. create a survey and corresponding excel spreadsheet to record general volunteer and organisational information regarding training, screening procedures and requirements from CHSP-providers that offer transport services utilising volunteers, for the purpose of sharing and analysing information.
2. design tools to facilitate the creation of partnerships between CHSP providers that offer transport services utilising volunteers, for eg. Memorandums of Understanding.
3. share relevant information at the meetings, for eg. driver education and other training and models from other associations such as the Community Passenger Network.
4. investigate the possibility of a shared volunteer driving training calendar and develop if appropriate.
5. explore strategies for implementing a wellness and reablement approach for volunteer drivers and develop accompanying training and/or resources
6. determine if the training and screening benchmarks and standards that would be required for sharing volunteers can be created and agreed upon.
7. construct a possible model or models for sharing volunteer drivers across two or more CHSP provider organisations.