



## KYOGLE COUNCIL

# M E D I A R E L E A S E

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**Date:** 5 April 2017

### **NEW DIRECT TRANSPORT SERVICE FOR KYOGLE**

Residents in Kyogle will have access to a direct transport service to Lismore thanks to a new initiative from Kyogle Taxis and Hire Cars.

#### **MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:**

**What:** Kyogle Taxis and Hire Cars will have the 'Bush Turkey Express' at the Kyogle Transport Information Day for photos and will be available for interviews.

**When:** Wednesday 12 April 2017

**Where:** Kyogle IGA

The 'Bush Turkey Express' will run on a 12 week trial basis every Wednesday and Thursday from 19 April 2017, leaving Kyogle from outside Peter's Food Hall at 7.40am to arrive in Lismore at 8.25am.

The service will then return at 5.30pm from Lismore and drop off at 6.15pm.

The service, which was developed out of Kyogle Council's Public Transport Working Group's community survey, will connect up with existing services from Lismore and open new employment and education opportunities for the Kyogle community.

Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland has welcomed the new service.

"It will benefit a broad cross section of people who have limited transport options," Cr Mulholland said.

Kon Papadopoulos from Kyogle Taxis and Hire Cars said the service would provide a much-needed boost for the town.

"Kyogle has been crying out for more public transport services. So when the idea was raised through the Kyogle Public Transport Working Group we felt we were in a position to deliver this essential service for the community," he said.

“This service will connect in with other services leaving Lismore, meaning places like Byron Bay and Ballina will become accessible to our community.

“What we heard through the survey is that there was a real desire for services that would allow people to attend TAFE or gain employment.

"This service will do that.”

Mr Papadopoulos said he hoped to extend the service to other weekdays over time, however, that would be dependent on community support and funding.

The service will operate on a booking system with limited seats available. Tickets will cost \$7.50 each way.

Anyone wishing to book a ticket can call Kyogle Taxis and Hire Cars on 0435 601 220.

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