## **Medico Transport Service**

Care Goondiwindi delivers an essential service to the residents of Goondiwindi, Boggabilla and Toomelah residents, providing transportation to attend medical, dental and allied health appointments in Goondiwindi.

It was recognised many years ago that our community was greatly disadvantaged by not having access to public transport and that this impacts significantly on some people's ability to attend essential medical services.

Care Goondiwindi has been providing the Medico Transport Service since 2008, supporting vulnerable residents with assistance to attend essential appointments in Goondiwindi. Throughout this time, Care has forged valuable relationships with the local community's Medical Practitioners, Goondiwindi Hospital, Pharmacists, Dentists and Allied Health Providers in the town. All stakeholders understand the importance of the service and the value of it to the people that use it.

This service is available to anyone that needs assistance to attend these type of appointments in Goondiwindi, it runs on a \$2 donation each way and receives funding from Darling Downs West Morton Primary Health Network.

Often the feedback is that it takes the pressure off other family members knowing that their loved ones are picked up and taken to their appointments, fully assisted, and then taken home again. Drivers have the ability to collect scripts on the way home as well to ensure that medications are provided when they are needed. The service has been used by many over the years, we average around 200 transfers per month, which is testament to the value of this service to the community.

Care Goondiwindi is currently looking for Volunteer Drivers for the Medico Service remembering it is only local, no out of town trips and a wonderful way to support and give back to your community. We provide training and support to our drivers, the service operates from 9am – 3pm Monday to Friday, however we are only looking for volunteers for Thursday and Friday. If you are interested, call Tracy on 0746700700 she would be very happy to hear from you.



Nitti appreciates her job as Medico Driver as she loves helping people and feels she is delivering an important service to the most vulnerable in our community.

Sonya said: "It just been so valuable for me and I don't know what I would do without it. The drivers and staff are amazing and just so caring."

[I believe you have the quote from Sonya]