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MEDIA RELEASE

CCCS wins place in NSW Community Transport Trial to expand access to regional education and jobs

Coast & Country Community Services (CCCS) has been selected by Transport for NSW as one of 16 community transport providers across regional NSW to take part in a new government trial expanding transport access for people seeking education, training and employment opportunities.

The trial, announced on 19 May 2026, will extend CCCS's existing community transport services to support people with limited or no access to private or public transport who need to attend face-to-face study at TAFE NSW or a Registered Training Organisation (RTO), or travel to work as an apprentice or trainee.

The contract is expected to create approximately 16 new jobs within CCCS, boosting the local economy and further strengthening the organisation's capacity to deliver community-based transport services across its regional footprint in New South Wales.

In commenting on the trial, Chief Executive Officer of Coast & Country Community Services, James Gould said, "We understand the barriers people face in regional communities, and transport is consistently one of the biggest. This trial gives us the opportunity to extend our services in a way that creates real pathways to education and employment. We'll be drawing on our experience delivering community transport across the region to make sure it works well for the people it's designed to support."

CCCS Chair, Dianne Hallett, commented that it was pleasing to see CCCS recognised as a provider of choice in this important state government initiative, noting, "This trial aligns directly with our purpose, bridging the gaps and helping people participate fully in community life. Expanding our reach to support younger people on the path to employment and training is a natural extension of the work we do every day. We look forward to the positive impact this will have across our regions."

See page 2 for details about the trial and Coast & Country Community Services.

Image attached: CCCS Vehicles

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About the Trial

The Transport for NSW community transport trial runs until 30 June 2027, with start dates varying across regions. To be eligible, individuals must:

- Have limited or no access to private or public transport
- Not already be receiving government-funded transport
- Require transport to attend face-to-face study at TAFE NSW or an RTO, or to travel to and from work as an apprentice or trainee

The trial will be tailored to local community needs and delivered by trusted local organisations. Other eligibility criteria may apply.

See more here: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/news-and-events/media-releases/community-transport-trial-boosts-access-to-education-and-jobs>

About Coast & Country Community Services

Coast & Country Community Services is a not-for-profit organisation delivering essential community services, including transport, community connection programs, NDIS support, and social participation initiatives, across multiple regions in New South Wales. CCCS exists to enable people to connect with and participate in their community, building capacity that promotes independence and quality of life.

