



**Greg Aplin MP**  
Member for Albury

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### **On Demand Public Transport set to trial here**

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin today announced the Riverina Region is one of seven new locations chosen for the NSW Government's latest On Demand transport trials, providing a whole new level of choice and flexibility for regional transport customers.

"On Demand public transport enables customers to book a vehicle like a mini bus to pick them up from home or a convenient nearby location, and take them to a local transport hub or point of interest," Mr Aplin said.

"This is public transport at a time that suits, arriving where and when people need it so they can manage their own time without being over-reliant on their car. Booking an On Demand vehicle is as easy as using a phone or making a reservation online."

The new demand-responsive service, which is expected to start in early 2019, will connect Albury with the villages of Burrumbuttock, Walla Walla and Jindera.

"We have designed this service to meet the needs of customers who wish to travel to Albury from Burrumbuttock, Walla Walla and Jindera for work, shopping, medical appointments and a range of other needs."

A standard fare will start from \$4.90 with the existing Regional Excursion Daily (RED) tickets for seniors and pensioners to be accepted.

Private operator M&M Kane will operate the service Monday to Friday between 6am and 7pm, using one passenger vehicle with the capacity to carry up to 12 passengers.

Customers can book over the phone, email, text message or through Facebook, with more details on how to book to be available ahead of the launch.

The NSW Government is currently trialing On Demand public transport pilots across Sydney and greater metropolitan areas but Mr Aplin said this latest set of trials will be different.

"By collaborating with local transport operators and local business, these trials will not only provide new transport solutions but also stimulate economic growth," Mr Aplin said.

"We've seen great success with existing trials in metropolitan areas with more than 150,000 passenger trips in less than a year and we can't wait to see these numbers grow across the state."

The overarching objective of the NSW Government's On Demand Transport Pilot Program is to test and learn new and creative transport services through the delivery of temporary pilots.

Uptake of On Demand services in NSW is one of the fastest growing in the world, with our On Demand program recognised as one of the most geographically diverse.

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