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Vital boost for branch

CAN Assist Young-Boorowa branch has been given a timely boost thanks to crucial funding received from greenslips.com.au, benefiting cancer patients across the region who rely on their cars to travel to and from treatment.

Branch President, Gail Hanigan said Can Assist Young Boorowa provides practical and financial support to people through CTP greenslips, travel, food and fuel vouchers, medications payments - and more.

"Generally, we categorise them as 'travel, treatment and accommodation' - get them there, get them treated, get them somewhere to stay, and get them home," she said.

The branches are funded entirely by local donations and fundraising events, and corporate support such as greenslips.com.au

However, since the pandemic began, fundraising has been stymied and Ms Hanigan says the branch has been relying on community donations from individuals and organisations including Rotary and a local sewing group.

"All of our money is raised in the local community - and we are eternally grateful for the support," Gail said.

"The funds from greenslips.com.au will contribute enormously, particularly for those who don't use community transport.

"Not all patients live in town, some live 50kms out of

town, so it's essential to have your own vehicle and be able to go direct to treatment. If people can go in their own vehicle, they have freedom and flexibility."

And the locals who have had the support from Can Assist know just how crucial the support is.

"The local branch helped my family through an extremely tough time last year that we will be forever grateful for," says a local family member supported by Can Assist.

"Without their assistance, it would have been a much harder time for us."

And the branch, which is run entirely by local volunteers, is keen for more volunteers to join.

"These communities would fall apart without all the volunteers," Ms Hanigan said.

"We are looking for more volunteers as well as donations."

For further information or to find out how to support Can Assist Young-Boorowa, call 6382 5441 or visit www.canassist.org.au



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