Transport Function Description

Workload of the function

Time Interval	Tasks	Workload
12 months prior to YM start		
6 months prior to YM start		
1 month prior to YM start		
1 week prior to YM start		
First 2 days of YM		
Whole of YM		
1 month after YM		
Overall workload:		
Skills required to undertake this function		
This functions works most closely with:		

Tasks included in this function

This function includes doing these tasks:

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Choosing what to provide

Transport

Transport to YM may be needed to and from airports, coach/bus stations and railway stations to the venue, particularly for our invited guests from A/NZ and the Asia West Pacific Section.

It is usually left that people find their own way to the venue unless they have a specific problem. A contact telephone needs to be staffed from two days prior to YM. It is necessary to be particularly aware of JYFs and YFs travelling alone and of the mobility impaired needing assistance.

During YM transport may be needed for particular outings. The cost of a number of taxis (including 'maxi-taxis') is sometimes cheaper than hiring a bus. Timetables need to be readily available. If a bus is to be hired the driver needs a 1B licence, although up to a 12-seater bus may be just as handy and anyone can drive them.

The Organising Committee may have a 'booking' arrangement for it/them for use by F/friends generally.

As the venue for YM 2004 was 112km from Sydney, detailed information was provided in *The Australian Friend* about train transport (the airport link train and then hourly trains from Central) and the option of taking the 'YM Coach' from the airport, Central Station or Hornsby (changed to Gordon). Unfortunately, the coach was significantly subsidised because it was only used by about 30 people Most of these could have managed quite well on the train.

What did work very well was an Avondale College 14-seater bus which met every train from Central over a 5-hour period (including Friends arriving for Standing Committee) and this was repeated in reverse at the end of YM.

It is important to make sure that claim is put in for expenses such as airport parking and mileage, especially if the majority of the work is done by a few people.

The participants themselves usually arrange **travel away from YM**. It may be an idea to put up notices a day or two before for those going to similar destinations (e.g. airport, city, etc.) to put up their names. The notices can indicate a time and place for each group to get together to make arrangements between themselves.

YM 2013 in Canberra decided not offer to meet people at airports, stations etc, but did offer to put people in touch with others likely to arrive by the same means, if they would share their travel plans with us. Few took up this offer.

Part of the work of the Help Desk involved transport. Two mini-buses were hired for the week to ferry Friends between the accommodation and meeting venue morning and evening, and to assist the children and JYFs in their outings (especially the JYF camp out of town). Volunteer drivers supplemented those already rostered for this. On the final day, the buses were used to transport groups of Friends to the airport and coach and train stations, and to take some Friends to Silver Wattle for the ensuing AVP workshop.