

# How does Ride Share work?

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What is Ride Share all about? Some people take the bus or walk to our courses but that might be more difficult for some members and anyhow travelling together promotes the friendly social linkages which are so important for our health in our age group.

Many of our courses have dealt with the impact of fossil fuels on the environment and so sharing transport to and from courses is a practical way of reducing carbon footprint.

The way it works is... when course enrolments open, a RideShare option will be available on your account page (when you log in to MyU3A on the U3A website with your membership name and number – as on your lanyard). You fill in the part about which course you want to attend and that you would like a ride. All active Ride Share requests are noted on the home webpage, and other members can offer rides by themselves logging into MyU3A."

The computer database has your address and so a request will be issued to other members who live within 1km of your home so that people on the course can respond.

Most people will have their rides arranged by themselves but if not, Course Convenors can be asked to make an announcement at the start of a course.

Ride Share will stay operational until the end of the course just in case there is an unforeseen incident which makes getting to the course difficult.

I hope this helps – if all else fails, do contact the Course Convenor by e-mail (on the course brochure) and ask for more help.