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**CONNECT: INNER WEST COMMUNITY TRANSPORT GROUP**

Ms JO HAYLEN (Summer Hill)—Connect Inner West helps older people in our community maintain their independence by providing affordable and safe community transport, a vital service during the COVID-19 pandemic. During the lockdown, many inner west seniors were isolated from their family or support network. In addition to keeping vulnerable older people connected to family and friends, Connect Inner West ensured they could safely get to medical appointments, community services and to the shopping centre when needed. More recently, Connect Inner West has also worked to foster a sense of community through the Weekend Wander Service, providing engaging social events for seniors. Seniors from the Summer Hill electorate recently enjoyed a trip to Sydney Zoo. Thank you to the General Manager Brett Andrews and all the drivers and bus assistants who have supported inner west seniors during the pandemic and for always working to assist older people to lead rich, independent lives.

