

HIT THE ROAD: Lennox Head's Avigdor Zask and Brett Belot use Northern Rivers Carpool's service to get to work in Lismore. Both have applauded the scheme for its ease of use and various benefits.

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NORTHERN RIVERS CARPOOL

- Australia's first government-funded regional carpooling initiative.
- Free online service connects carpoolers.
- Matches you with others travelling in the same direction.
- More than 1950 locals have registered.
- Register at www.nrcarpool.org.



Locals like sharing rides

THE nation's first government-funded regional carpooling scheme has gathered a strong contingent of ride-sharers.

Since 2010, about 1970 people have signed up at www.nrcarpool.org, which connects locals travelling in

the same direction.

Organisers would like to see more people reap the advantages, including saving cash, reducing environmental impact and meeting new people.

Considering the Northern Rivers' lack of public

transport, Lennox Head carpoolers Avigdor Zask and Brett Belot have found the service convenient.

"The environmental incentive is there. I wanted to meet people and it's economical," Mr Zask said.

"I'm working in Lismore

and once I was connected to people it was easy.

"I'd love to see public transport improved, but this has helped me get around in the meantime."

Recently moving to Lennox from Victoria, Mr Belot said the service was a

great way to meet new friends and learn local roads.

"It's helped me connect with people and find my way around," he said.

Northern Rivers Carpool is an initiative of six local councils.