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MAJOR BOOST TO THE TWEED BUS NETWORK

Commuters in the Tweed will benefit from a major bus network refresh, with more than 450 new additional weekly services to start from Monday, 16 December.

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Paul Toole said the new timetables would deliver improved connectivity to popular locations like Kingscliff TAFE and would see longer operating hours along key routes.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is delivering on its election commitment to improve bus services in 16 Regional Cities, with the Tweed the first to receive a major public transport boost,” Mr Toole said.

“We are supporting economic growth in our regions by improving connectivity, employment opportunities, education facilities and leading health care services.

“As we support and grow our hubs, it’s important we have the services available that meet customers’ needs. The new Tweed network will serve as a pilot program for further improvements to other regional cities.”

Member for Tweed Geoff Provest said the new bus network would change the way people moved around the region.

“I am proud that we were able to secure the Tweed as the first location for the 16 Regional Cities program,” Mr Provest said.

“Residents in the Tweed told us they wanted more reliable services and better connections to the places they want to go.

“In line with the feedback we received from the community, this new network has more services along major routes to key destinations, expanded service hours and made some routes more direct.”

The new network includes 160 extra weekly services before 7am and after 6pm and 50 new weekly services before 5am and after 9pm.

The other cities included in the 16 Regional Cities program are Wagga Wagga, Griffith, Bathurst, Parkes, Dubbo, Coffs Harbour, Albury, Nowra-Bomaderry, Queanbeyan, Lismore, Port Macquarie, Tamworth, Armidale, Orange and Grafton.

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NETWORK CHANGES:

Route 600 – Banora Point to Tweed Mall, via Tweed City and The Tweed Hospital (New route): 420 additional weekly services. Services running half-hourly through most parts of the day, with new late afternoon and evening services on weekdays and Saturday. Combines with route 601 to provide uniformly spread, 15-minute services between Tweed City and Tweed Mall, via The Tweed Hospital.

Route 601 – Kingscliff to Tweed Heads West via Tweed City, The Tweed Hospital and Coolangatta: 219 additional weekly services. Doubled frequency seven days a week, with additional late afternoon and evening services on weekdays and Saturday. Combines with route 600 to provide uniformly spread, 15-minute services between Tweed City and Tweed Mall, via The Tweed Hospital. 601 will now terminate at Tweed River Regional Museum.

Route 602 – Banora Point to Tweed City: Links with routes 600 and 604 to provide increased services between Banora Point and Tweed City, including timetabled connections to the high demand 600 and 601 services on Minjungbal Drive. 602 will now operate in both directions, rather than a one-way loop to provide a more direct path.

Route 603 – Pottsville to Tweed City via Hastings Point, Cabarita Beach, Kingscliff TAFE and Chinderah: 40 additional weekly services. Six additional trips on weekdays, and 10 additional trips on Saturdays. New timetabled connections to the high demand 600 and 601 services on Minjungbal Drive.

Route 604 – Banora Point to Tweed City via Hillcrest Avenue and Heffron Street: Six additional weekly services. Links with routes 600 and 602 to provide increased services between Banora Point and Tweed City, including timetabled connections to the high demand 600 and 601 services on Minjungbal Drive.

Route 605 – Murwillumbah to Tweed City via Tumbulgum and Lochlomond Drive: Additional return evening trips on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, as well as timetabled connections to the high demand 600 and 601 services on Minjungbal Drive. Daytime service frequency reduced to reflect demand.

Route 606 – Fingal to Tweed City via Chinderah: One service in each direction, Monday to Friday, with no weekend services (same as existing). Service reduced due to very low passenger demand.

Route 607 (Withdrawn): Modifications to routes 602 and 604, and the introduction of the higher frequency route 600 have replaced the 607. New services will connect customers with the key destinations serviced by the 607.

Route 608 – Bilambil Heights to Tweed City via Tweed Heads West and Kennedy Drive: Route will no longer operate to Coolangatta and Tweed Mall. The 601 will service passengers wishing to travel to Coolangatta or Tweed Mall with doubled frequency via Kennedy Drive at Tweed Heads West.

Route 609 – Murwillumbah and Kingscliff TAFE (New route): New service with five trips on weekdays, travelling in both directions. Customers can transfer to the 601 for services towards Kingscliff Shops and Tweed City, and the 603 for services towards Pottsville.