

Media Release

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NEW BUS SERVICES CONNECTING THE SOUTH EAST

The Clyde and Clyde North communities will have better connections to train services, local schools, shops and healthcare thanks to three new bus services in the booming south-eastern suburbs.

Minister for Public Transport Ben Carroll today announced the Andrews Labor Government is delivering a new bus route 881, while two other new bus routes 888 and 889 will soon start taking passengers.

Route 881 – Clyde North to Merinda Park Station will connect the fast-growing St Germain estate in Clyde North to destinations such as The Avenue Shopping Centre and Springhill Shopping Centre before finishing at Merinda Park Station in Lyndhurst.

The bus will run to a minimum 40-minute frequency seven days a week delivering residents of the St Germain area in Clyde North public transport access for the first time, as well as a direct link along Thompsons Rd.

The service is expected to commence in early 2022.

The announcement comes as two other new bus routes in Clyde North and Clyde the 888 and 889 prepare to commence services from 28 March.

Timetables are now available for routes 888 and 889, which will operate seven days a week – between 5:30am and 10:30pm on weekdays, between 6.30am and 10.15pm on Saturdays and between 7:15am and 10.00pm on Sundays.

Route 888 - Clyde to Berwick Station via Eden Rise Village Shopping Centre – will run to a 60-minute frequency from Berwick-Cranbourne Road near Pattersons Road in Clyde, along Berwick-Cranbourne and Clyde roads towards Berwick Station.

Route 889 - Clyde North to Berwick Station via Grices Road - will run to a 40-minute frequency from Skylark Boulevard in Clyde North, continuing on Grices and Clyde Roads and finishing at Berwick Station.

New bus stops will be built at key points along the route, providing essential connections to important local services including Berwick Station, Eden Rise Village Shopping Centre, Federation University Australia, Chisholm Institute and Casey Hospital.

The bus routes will also connect local students to Francis Xavier College and Rivercrest Christian College.

Across the wider metropolitan area and regional Victoria, 135 improved bus timetables will commence from this Sunday 28 February. This is the second round of bus timetable changes being implemented to coincide with Metro and V/Line train timetable upgrades, which has seen 450 additional train services running every week across the state.

A full list of timetable services can be found on the PTV app or website.

Quotes attributable to Public Transport Minister Ben Carroll

“Good public transport means communities are better connected to the services they need – and we’re delivering those connections to Clyde, Clyde North and Berwick seven days a week from next month.”

“Our new bus services don’t stop there we’re also introducing Route 881 to connect communities in the fast-growing St Germain estate to essential services.”

Quote attributable to Member for Cranbourne Pauline Richards

“These new routes will get people in the south-east to important local services – with direct access to stations, shopping centres, educational institutions and health services.”

Quote attributable to Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale

“These new services ensure that as our south-east grows, public transport grows with it - providing an important connection for locals.”