

# Media Release

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## NEW AND UPGRADED BUS SERVICES ACROSS MELBOURNE

Travelling by bus will be more convenient, faster and less crowded with an overhaul of some of Melbourne's most popular bus routes and two extra services.

Delivering on its election commitment, the Andrews Labor Government will introduce a new bus route 816 from Keysborough South to Noble Park Station from 28 November to provide additional public transport to the growing area south of Keysborough connecting residents to local shops and schools.

The service will run seven days a week – every 30 minutes during the weekday peak and every 60 minutes off peak. On weekends, services will run every 60 minutes.

Travelling to and from work and education in Parkville will be quicker thanks to a new limited-stop bus connecting Victoria Park Station to the University of Melbourne.

Starting 20 September, the new Route 202 bus service will run every 10 minutes between Yarra Bend to the university and Parkville's medical and research precinct, allowing people to board from Victoria Park Station.

The high-frequency shuttle bus will also pick up passengers from stops connecting with the 11, 86 and 96 tram routes, providing a more efficient and comfortable way for students and workers to reach the precinct. It will also eliminate the need for people commuting from Melbourne's northern and north-eastern suburbs to travel into the CBD to get to the university or Parkville-bound services.

In further improvements to bus travel, timetables for 19 bus routes will be updated to better align to passenger demand. Changes across the routes from 20 September include increased frequency at popular travel times and some services starting earlier or finishing later, particularly on weekends. Nine bus routes will also have their off-peak services increased.

The upgraded services will connect passengers to education and healthcare facilities including the Box Hill Hospital, employment, and local shopping precincts including Highpoint Shopping Centre, Queen Victoria Market, Doncaster Shopping Centre, and the Melbourne CBD.

Commuters will also benefit from improved co-ordination with train timetables, providing a more reliable connection between buses and trains.

There will be additional weekend services to the Melbourne CBD and St Vincent's Hospital on Routes 905 and 907, part of the Doncaster Area Rapid Transit (DART) SmartBus service, including services extended to midnight on Sunday nights.

Updated timetables are now available at [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au) or on the PTV app.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Public Transport Ben Carroll

*"These new and improved bus services are making it easier for people to get around, particularly in growing communities like Keysborough."*

*"Whether it's travelling to the shops, work, school, or university – we're making it more convenient for people to get to where they need to go."*

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