

Media Release

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FREE BUSES AND EXTRA PUBLIC TRANSPORT ON ANZAC DAY

The Andrews Labor Government will provide free buses and extra public transport services to make it easier for Victorians to take part in this year's ANZAC Day commemorations.

More than 30,000 people are expected to attend the Dawn Service at the Shrine of Remembrance and the ANZAC Day Parade along St Kilda Road and Swanston Street on Tuesday 25 April.

Free shuttle buses will be in service to transport people along 12 Melbourne routes, including several RSLs, to ensure they arrive at the Shrine before the 6am ceremony.

The buses will pick up and drop off passengers from routes starting at Chadstone, Croydon, Dandenong, Doncaster, Essendon, Greensborough, Mitcham, Mordialloc, Templestowe, Thomastown, Wantirna and Williamstown.

Each metropolitan train line will also run an early service to get people into the city for the Dawn Service, and extra trams will run along St Kilda Road to ensure people can travel straight to the Shrine.

A number of free regional buses will also transport people in Mt Macedon to and from local ANZAC Day services.

The ANZAC Day Parade along St Kilda Road and Swanston Street will commence after the Dawn Service.

Later in the day, there will be an extra 36 train services and 23 trams services to get people to and from the AFL match between Collingwood and Essendon at the MCG and the NRL game at AAMI Park.

Veterans and war widows are eligible for free travel on 23, 24 and 25 April. Australian Defence Force members, Scouts and Guides and school students can travel free on ANZAC Day, provided they are in uniform.

Passengers are required to book their seat on the wheelchair-accessible shuttle buses via the PTV website by 2pm on Monday 24 April or by calling 1800 800 077.

For information and to plan your journey visit ptv.vic.gov.au/anzacday or the PTV mobile app.

Quotes attributable to Acting Minister for Public Transport Melissa Horne

"We're ensuring Victorians can pay their respects on this important day and honour those who have served our country."

"These free buses will transport people to and from the Dawn Service, with extra train and tram services also available to connect those attending ANZAC Day sporting events."

Quote attributable to Minister for Veterans Natalie Suleyman

"Anzac Day is an important opportunity for all Victorians to reflect on the immense sacrifices that have been made by those who have served our nation, and we are proud to be supporting veterans and war widows to travel for free on our public transport services."