

Media Release

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EXTRA TRANSPORT SERVICES FOR SPRING RACING CARNIVAL

The Allan Labor Government will roll out almost 1,000 extra services across the Metro Trains network to get passengers home safer and sooner from Melbourne's world-famous Spring Racing Carnival.

More than 290 extra train services will run on Melbourne Cup Day and extra staff, Authorised Officers and crews will be positioned at key locations - with 150,000 fans expected to catch the train over the four days of the Carnival at Flemington.

There will also be additional trams to get passengers to Flemington on the 57 tram route.

In addition to regular services, shuttle services will run between showgrounds and Flinders Street Station to give racegoers more options to get to Derby Day, Oakes Day, Stakes Day and the Melbourne Cup.

With extra daytime services and all-night transport on Friday and Saturday nights - public transport is the best way to ride to the races.

Metro Trains' dedicated team will be closely monitoring network performance from its control centre, known as Metrol, throughout the Spring Racing Carnival.

The Metrol control centre monitors thousands of services a day and is equipped with CCTV to quickly respond to safety incidents.

Staff at Metrol also play an important role in providing real-time information to passengers and keeping the network moving efficiently.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams

"Melbourne is the nation's major events capital, but it's got to be supported by a strong public transport system which is why we continue to roll out thousands of additional services each year for the big occasions."

"I thank all the staff who will be working throughout the week to ensure Victorians can get to the races and home again as quickly and safely as possible."

Quote attributable to Member for Essendon Danny Pearson

"Melbourne's west is best this time of year and for most people, the fastest, safest and most convenient way to get to the world-famous Spring Racing Carnival at Flemington is on public transport."