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Victorian Budget 2026/27



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BUS BONANZA

With Donald Trump's war driving up costs at home, more bus services help Victorians save money and time.

That's why Labor is delivering more buses, more often – boosting services to better connect our suburbs.

The *Victorian Budget 2026/27* invests almost \$100 million to:

- Expand bus hours and weekend services
- Deliver new and upgraded routes in growing suburbs
- Boost services connecting to universities

Northern suburbs

- Improving access to La Trobe Uni, with additional weekday and evening services (Routes 301, 551 and 561)
- More evening services and Sunday trips extended between Roxburgh Park and Pascoe Vale (Route 542)
- More services in the evening between Mernda Station and RMIT Bundoora (Routes 386 and 387)
- More evening trips, improving connections to Sydney Road, Brunswick and Northcote stations (Routes 508 and 526)

Western suburbs

- Delivering a new bus network for Melton South with two new routes
- A new connection to Woodgrove Shopping Centre and double the frequency (Route 454)
- More services between Moonee Ponds and Watergardens Station (Route 476)
- Longer operating hours and more Sunday services between St Albans Station and Highpoint (Route 408)
- A more direct link between Laverton Station and Aircraft (Routes 496 and 498)

Eastern and southeastern suburbs

- Longer operating hours, more Saturday services and a new Sunday service between The Pines to Nunawading Station (Route 273)
- An additional service during school times between Box Hill Station and Burwood via Surrey Hills (Route 766)
- Longer hours during the week and more weekend services, and introducing Sunday trips (Route 885)
- Upgrading, extending routes across Botanic Ridge, Casey Fields, Clyde, Junction Village, Devon Meadows
- Extending the route to operate between Karingal Hub Shopping Centre and Seaford (Route 777)
- Better connections from Dandenong to Chadstone and Monash Uni (Routes 802, 804 and 862)
- Longer operating hours on weekdays, more Saturday services and new Sunday services (Route 236)
- Increasing weekend frequencies for services between Carrum and Frankston (Route 833)
- Longer operating hours between Berwick and Pakenham (Route 928)

Regional Victoria

- A new route connecting Drysdale and Ocean Grove
- Adding an additional return trip every day between Castlemaine and Harcourt (Route 3)
- More services on Bass Coast Coach routes from Cowes and Inverloch to Dandenong

Quotes attributable to Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams

"More buses north, south, east and west – and it'll be half-price to ride for the rest of the year."

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“With Donald Trump’s war driving up costs at home, more bus services help Victorians save money and time.”

Quote attributable to Member for Pascoe Vale Anthony Cianflone

“For families in Melbourne’s North, these service improvements will help people get to jobs and services.”

Quote attributable to Member for Preston Nathan Lambert

“We are investing in our bus network to connect locals to train stations, jobs and universities – including more services between Reservoir Station and La Trobe University.”