

Media Release



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FREE TRAM ZONE EXTENDED FOR FOOTY FINAL CELEBRATIONS

Melbourne's Free Tram Zone will be extended to stops near the MCG for four days, making it easier and cheaper to enjoy all that the 2015 Toyota AFL Grand Final Week has to offer.

Minister for Public Transport, Jacinta Allan, joined General Manager – Clubs & AFL Operations, Travis Auld, today to announce that services from the CBD to stops 9, 10 and 11 on Wellington Street near the 'G' would be free from Wednesday morning to midnight on Grand Final day.

The Free Tram Zone will also be extended to stops 7a and 7b at Rod Laver and stop 7c at MCG/Hisense Arena on the other side of the MCG to get fans from the city to the footy free of charge.

The extended Free Tram Zone will coincide with the free Foxtel Footy Festival, running from Wednesday 30 September to Saturday 3 October.

The centrepiece of the festival is the free Live Site at Yarra Park, that will host the Kids Zone, musicians, interactive displays and activities, media identities and giveaways, and is the end point for this year's Grand Final Parade.

On Grand Final Friday and Saturday, train, tram and bus services will operate to a Saturday timetable, with additional metropolitan and V/Line services. Fares on both days will be capped at \$6 for travel across all modes in Melbourne.

For maps, further details, and to plan your journey this week, visit ptv.vic.gov.au or call 1800 800 007 (6am to midnight daily).

Quotes attributable to Minister for Public Transport Jacinta Allan

"Grand final week is one of Victoria's great celebrations, with thousands of fans from across Australia descending on Melbourne to see the biggest match of the year at the home of footy."

"Extending the Free Tram Zone will get people from the city to the MCG free of charge, making it easier to enjoy the Grand Final and Victoria's newest public holiday."

Quotes attributable to General Manager – Clubs & AFL Operations, Travis Auld

"This is a fantastic outcome for AFL supporters and members. I thank the Victorian Government for their assistance in making it easy for the public to come and enjoy the free entertainment at Foxtel Footy Festival."

"From Wednesday to Saturday, fans can participate in Grand Final celebrations and activities, with free movies, kids entertainment and great food on site at Yarra Park, outside Gate 3 at the MCG."

"Extending the free tram zone certainly helps our fans."