

Media Release

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IMPROVING CONNECTIONS ON THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA

Locals and tourists on the Mornington Peninsula can now access more frequent and reliable bus services thanks to upgrades including a new on-demand service starting today.

The Andrews Labor Government's new FlexiRide Rosebud will give commuters between Rosebud and Safety Beach more flexible connections to key destinations including Dromana Shopping Centre, Rosebud Plaza, Rosebud Hospital and Rosebud Village Shopping Centre.

FlexiRide services do not have a fixed route. Passengers will be able to book a seat via the FlexiRide Rosebud app or phone, be directed to their closest bus stop – either a physical or appropriate alternative location – and be picked up and transported to dedicated FlexiRide bus hubs.

The new FlexiRide service will be trialed for 12 months and replace Route 886, allowing students who attend Chisholm TAFE's Rosebud campus to cater their travel based on their class schedule.

The transformation of the Mornington Peninsula bus network also includes service improvements on Routes 781 and 887 which came into effect yesterday.

Route 781 has been extended to Dromana and will provide better public transport coverage for locals living in Mount Martha. Route 887 from Rosebud to Frankston now travels via the Mornington Peninsula Freeway, reducing travel times and giving passengers a more direct route. It will also operate all year round with an increased frequency, servicing key locations including Monash University Peninsula Campus, Frankston Hospital and Frankston Station.

These improvements build on upgrades delivered last year to Route 788, which now has an increased frequency every day between Frankston and Sorrento.

The Labor Government's Bus Plan is improving the State's bus network to better meet demand, improve accessibility and performance, and deliver value for money.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Public Transport Ben Carroll

"The population along the Mornington Peninsula has been increasing all year round, which is why we have responded to the community's needs, providing more accessible public transport."

"The introduction of an award winning on-demand bus service like FlexiRide, as well as upgrades to a number of other services will give locals and tourists the option to leave their cars at home and catch the bus to get where they need to go."

Quote attributable to Member for Nepean Chris Brayne

"With significant population growth, it is vital our public transport network is accessible and reliable to connect locals to where they need to go."