

Media Release

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SERVING UP MORE SERVICES FOR THE AUSTRALIAN OPEN

The Allan Labor Government is making it easier for tennis fans to get to Melbourne Park, serving up free travel and extra services for the Australian Open.

Acting Minister for Public and Active Transport Colin Brooks today announced an extra 4,500 services on Route 70a will shuttle Australian Open ticket holders and staff for free across the two week event – with trams set to run every two to three minutes during busy periods throughout the day.

For the first time, night buses will depart from Federation Square 40 minutes after play concludes on a range of popular public transport routes – this limited service will run no later than 2:00am on Sunday to Thursday nights, with regular night network services operating over the weekend.

Tennis fans taking the train to Flinders Street Station can connect with a tram to Melbourne Park or walk across the Tanderrum Bridge through Birrarung Marr to the Garden Square Entrance.

Richmond Station is a short stroll along Olympic Boulevard to the Grand Slam Entrance and Jolimont Station is also close by via a short walk through Yarra Park to the tennis.

Tennis fans can also catch the Route 246 bus running between Elsternwick and Clifton Hill, stopping at Olympic Boulevard on Punt Road.

Last year, almost half a million trips were taken to the tennis by tram – representing about half the record 1,020,763 crowd over the two-week tournament.

The main draw of the 2025 Australian Open runs between 12 and 26 January. For more information about services to the Australian Open, visit ptv.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Acting Minister for Public and Active Transport Colin Brooks

“The Australian Open is one of the largest sporting events in the world – and our world’s largest tram network will help people get there.”

“We’re making it easier for thousands of tennis fans to get to and from Melbourne Park using public transport.”