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Thumbs up for the start of new coach services connecting Albury and Wagga Wagga

A trial of new coach services connecting Albury, Wagga Wagga and communities along the way will offer people the convenience of travelling between the two cities by public transport in the one day from Monday July 16.

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin said there was strong interest from the community during community consultation carried out by NSW TrainLink earlier this year.

“More than three hundred people completed a community survey and I thank people for their input to help NSW TrainLink design the timetables for the trial.

“Accessible coaches will leave both Wagga Wagga and Albury daily at 8am, with a return journey departing at 5pm, giving customers a full day in each city or at towns along the route.

“Feedback from the community survey found there was interest in additional stops so NSW TrainLink has added Uranquinty, Yerong Creek, Gerogery, Lavington and Wodonga to the original proposal of Wagga Wagga, The Rock, Henty, Culcairn and Albury.

“The majority of survey respondents said they would use the service to visit family and friends throughout the region.

“**Tickets for the trials will go on sale on Tuesday 19 June** and I encourage the community to get on board to ensure the service will continue running into the future.

“NSW TrainLink is working to provide more convenient links between regional communities to make it easier for people to use public transport.

“This trial can be established quickly to complement existing XPT trains as there are currently no trains available to run extra services.”

NSW TrainLink is committed to trialling the new services for at least six months and will be reviewing customer feedback and preferences during the trial to see if improvements can be made.

Customers can book seats on the trial coach services online at www.transportnsw.info/regional or by phoning NSW TrainLink on 13 22 32. Concessions are available for eligible customers.

Trial timetables are attached. **Pickup point for Albury - Albury Railway Station and at Lavington – Lavington Shopping Centre, Griffith Road**

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