

New Hurstville to Macquarie Park Metrobus starts this week

Minister for Transport, John Robertson, Member for Kogarah, Cherie Burton and Member for Oatley, Kevin Greene jumped onboard one of the brand new Metrobuses at Bexley North today to mark the start of the new M41 service.



Metrobus 41 commenced over the weekend, delivering an extra 840 bus services a week, connecting Hurstville, Bexley North, Campsie, Burwood, Concord, Rhodes, Ryde, North Ryde and Macquarie Park.

“What a brilliant, big, red Christmas present for local residents,” said Cherie Burton.

“These brand new air-conditioned Metrobuses run every ten minutes in peak hour, 15 minutes in the off peak, and 20 minutes at night and on weekends.

“This is a huge increase in services and equates to more than 840 extra buses a week for local residents, with space for 46,000 more passengers.

“We thought the new service might not start until next year but thanks to a campaign by local residents, it has started just in time for Christmas.”

The Metrobus M41 will service businesses in Macquarie Park, take students to Macquarie University, provide a link to Concord Hospital, and run along the shopping and restaurant strips of Top Ryde, Hurstville, Camp-

sie, Macquarie Centre, Concord and Burwood.

Member for Lakemba Robert Furolo said each bright red Metrobus will be low-floor, air-conditioned and feature the latest environmental controls to minimise greenhouse gas emissions.

“Low-floor buses allow easy access for wheelchair users, less mobile passengers and parents with prams, and they are cleaner and greener, which benefits everybody,” Robert Furolo said.

“Metrobus 41 passengers can also take advantage of the new ‘next bus’ SMS trial to find out exactly when their next service will arrive at their bus stop. Commuters simply SMS the bus stop number to 0488 TXT BUS (0488 898 287) and within seconds, an SMS comes back telling you when the next bus will arrive.”

Member for Oatley, Kevin Greene said the new Metrobuses make catching public transport easy.

“Free SMS updates and digital next stop announcements make travelling on these air-conditioned buses a truly modern public transport experience,” he said.

“The Metrobus 41 will provide better connections for people to and from Hurstville station, seven days a week.”

Minister for Transport John Robertson said there are now ten Metrobus routes operating across Sydney.



Work to start on first stage of \$14.9 upgrade at Georges River College, Hurstville Boys Campus

The Member for Kogarah, Cherie Burton, today announced stage 1 of the \$14.9 million upgrade at Georges River College, Hurstville Boys Campus to begin in December.

Ms Burton said Project Coordination (Australia) Pty Ltd has been awarded the contract to upgrade facilities at the school.

“The work is expected to be completed and ready for Georges River College, Hurstville Boys

Campus students in Term 1, 2012,” Ms Burton added.

Stage 1, costing \$8.5 million, will include:

- a new administration building;
- student toilet building;
- two new lifts;
- new covered walkways;
- new car-parking;
- demolition of buildings B, G and H; and
- associated external works, site services and landscaping.

“This project will also be a boost to the local economy, creating jobs when construction begins,” Ms Burton said.

“These works are part of the \$14.9 million Hurstville Education project, which will provide modern learning facilities for Georges River College.”

Ms Burton said the NSW Government is working hard to provide students and teachers with the best facilities possible.

“NSW public schools will receive \$2.5 billion for upgrades and \$440 million for maintenance this year through Commonwealth and State funding,” added Burton.

“Through the Rudd Government’s Building the Education Revolution, Georges River College, Hurstville Boys Campus received \$200,000 for school refurbishments.”