

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## PUBLIC TRANSPORT THE WAY TO GET TO MAJOR EVENTS

*Embargoed until Saturday 3 October 2009*

Minister for Transport David Campbell today said the NRL Grand Final would cap off a big, long weekend of major events, which also included Spring Carnival racing, Parklife and the Darling Harbour Fiesta.

Mr Campbell encouraged Sydneysiders to leave the car at home and catch public transport to avoid road congestion around the venues and parking hassles, especially around Moore Park and Sydney Olympic Park.

“It just makes sense to catch public transport to major events, especially when there are several on simultaneously, and focused in Sydney’s event precincts,” Mr Campbell said.

“Huge crowds are expected to some of these events, with a sell out crowd of 83,000 people to pack out the NRL Grand Final at ANZ Stadium on Sunday afternoon.”

Mr Campbell said extra trains and buses would operate for many of the major events, particular the NRL Grand Final.

“High frequency trains will run to Sydney Olympic Park through the day to get fans into the Stadium for the big game,” Mr Campbell said.

“The major event buses will also operate, running along 12 routes from all over Sydney into the sporting heart at Sydney Olympic Park.

“Tickets to the Grand Final include travel on public transport, so make the smart choice to leave the car at home.”

Mr Campbell said the NRL Grand Final Live Site at Parramatta Stadium was 2km from Parramatta Station, and a shuttle bus would operate from the Station to the Stadium for the event.

**He said CityRail trackwork had not been scheduled for Sunday to ensure the huge crowds attending the NRL Grand Final from all over Sydney could travel with ease to Sydney Olympic Park.**

However, event-goers and other public transport passengers should be aware that trackwork on **Saturday** and **Monday** means buses will replace trains on the North Shore Line between Chatswood and Wynyard.

“Weekend trackwork is essential to keeping trains running during the times most people are travelling, namely the morning and afternoon peak periods.”

Mr Campbell said from noon to midnight on Sunday 4 October special event clearways will be enforced around the Moore Park area for the Parklife Music Festival including:

- Cleveland Street – between City Road and Anzac Parade – both sides
- Flinders Street – between Albion Street and Moore Park Road – Eastern side
- Fitzroy Street – between South Dowling Street and Bourke Street – both sides
- Foveaux Street – between Bourke Street and Crown Street – northern side
- Lang Road – between Cook Road and Anzac Parade – both sides
- Moore Park Road – between Anzac Parade and Poate Road – southern side
- Moore Park Road – between Flinders Street and Driver Avenue – northern side

On Randwick Race Day, a special event clearway will operate in High Street, between the car park entry and Anzac Parade, from 4pm to 7pm on Monday 5 October.

Mr Campbell said anyone driving over the long weekend should take care to watch their speed as double demerits come into force from midnight Thursday 1 October to midnight Monday 5 October for speeding, seatbelt and helmet offences.

“This includes a school day on Friday October 1 so motorists should take extra care to watch their speed when driving through school zones,” Mr Campbell said.

“On long weekends and holidays, rural highways can be a major safety problem. People should plan their trips and take regular breaks at Driver Reviver sites – which are listed on the RTA website.”

For more public transport information and to plan your trip please visit [131500.com.au](http://131500.com.au) or call Transport Info on 131500.

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