

Media Release

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Catch the Tah Train to Saturday's Super Rugby final

NSW Waratahs fans can start the celebrations early when their side faces the Crusaders in the final of the 2015 Super Rugby competition on Saturday night, with a special "Tah Train" to take supporters direct from Hornsby to ANZ Stadium.

Decorated in sky blue, the Tah Train – which appropriately enough will be one of Sydney Trains new Waratah fleet - will depart Hornsby at 5.11pm, stopping at all stations (departing Gordon 5.25pm, Chatswood 5.35pm and North Sydney 5.48pm) on the T1 North Shore Line to Central (departing 6.04pm).

The train – which will have the destination header GO TAHS above the driver's compartment – will then stop at Redfern (departing 6.06pm) and Strathfield (departing 6.19pm) before rolling into Olympic Park at 6.27pm. Waratahs mascot Tah Man is due to board the train en-route to greet fans.

The Tah Train will arrive more than an hour before the 7.30pm kick-off, giving those on-board plenty of time to enjoy the pre-game party at Sydney Olympic park, which includes an outdoor bar, live entertainment, family friendly zones and an Eat Street with pop-up cafes.

"The Waratahs are the pride of NSW and after such a successful season and a convincing semi-final win over the ACT Brumbies, we wanted to do our bit to make the night of the final even more special for fans," said Sydney Trains Director Operations Tony Eid.

"But there's no need to worry if you can't catch the Tah Train as we've designed a special timetable that makes any of our trains the best way to get to and from the game on Saturday night for a large proportion of rugby fans, with trains operating as frequently as every five minutes.

"Importantly customers travelling in from the North Shore should remember that it will be quicker and easier to change at North Sydney, Chatswood or Lindfield to pick up a direct service to the game rather than changing at Central."

A Super Rugby record crowd of around 60,000 is expected for the match, meaning public transport is the best way to get to and from the stadium.

Match tickets and all ANZ and Waratahs memberships passes include free public transport, to and from the game on trains (bounded by Bomaderry, Goulburn, Bathurst and Dungog stations), Sydney Olympic Park Major Event Buses, regular buses across Sydney, Sydney Ferries and Light Rail services.

Direct services to Olympic Park will operate from the T1 North Shore Line via Central suburban platform 18, stopping at Redfern and Strathfield, with eight trains per hour from just after 5pm through to the kick-off at 7:40pm.

To avoid overcrowding on platforms 18/19 at Central, customers making their way to the game from the North Shore are advised to change at North Sydney, Chatswood or Lindfield for direct services to Olympic Park.

Similarly T4 Eastern Suburbs Line customers travelling from the east should change at Town Hall Station and customers travelling from the T4 Illawarra Line should change at Redfern.

There also will be sprint services from Lidcombe to Olympic Park which will operate every ten minutes with return services operating to a similar timetable through to midnight.

For the return journey, direct services to Central Station will operate every five minutes through to 11.30pm, stopping at Strathfield, Redfern and suburban platform 16 at Central Station. These services will then continue to North Sydney or other T1 North Shore Line locations.

To plan your journey visit transportnsw.info and for more information on the event go to <http://www.anzstadium.com.au/whats-on/2014/super-rugby-final/>

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