

## **Transport for NSW Media Release**

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## PUBLIC TRANSPORT RAMPED UP AS FANS REV UP FOR NEWCASTLE 500

Leave the car at home and hop on public transport to watch the Supercars this weekend with extra train, bus, ferry and light rail services scheduled to get fans to and from the Newcastle 500.

Transport for NSW Executive Director of Customer Coordination Roger Weeks said public transport is the best way to get to the racetrack, as the cost of travel is included with every event ticket.

"Your ticket to the Newcastle 500 is also your ticket to ride with us, with travel on all modes of public transport included even if you're travelling from Sydney," Mr Weeks said.

"There will be extra trains running to help move crowds to and from Newcastle over the three days of the event, including early morning services to get you there for the start of the race and late services so you can stay and enjoy the concerts before heading home."

The closest station to the Newcastle 500 track is Newcastle Interchange on the Central Coast and Newcastle and Hunter Lines. From there, catch the light rail to Queens Wharf, which is a short walk to the entrance. Fans can also park at Stockton Wharf and catch the ferry across the harbour to Queens Wharf.

Extra bus services will operate on routes 11, 13 and 14 from Bolton Street across the weekend. Additional services on bus route 12 will also operate between Wallsend and Bolton St during the event. From Bolton Street, visitors can access the event through Gate 2 via the Hunter Street pedestrian bridge, crossing over Watt Street.

Mr Weeks said there will be major changes to road conditions throughout the event.

"There will be significant road closures and clearways throughout the Newcastle CBD until Monday, and it is best to avoid driving around the city," Mr Weeks said.

"Motorists should consider parking at the commuter carparks at key stations along the Central Coast and Newcastle Line – including Wyong, Morisset and Fassifern – then continue to Newcastle by train.

"Unlike the 2019 Newcastle 500, a park and ride option from Broadmeadow (McDonald Jones Stadium) to the circuit will not be available this year."

Fans are reminded all trains between Scone, Singleton, Dungog and Maitland will be replaced by coaches on Saturday and Sunday to allow for a frequent train service between Maitland and Newcastle during the event. Change at Maitland for train services.

For public transport information and bus service changes, visit <u>transportnsw.info</u> and <u>newcastletransport.info</u>.

For road closures, clearways and access information including downloadable maps, visit <a href="https://www.livetraffic.com">www.livetraffic.com</a>.