

BUS SERVICES, SPEARWOOD, ANZAC DAY

1889. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) Has the Minister been contacted by people in the Spearwood area concerned that the lack of early morning bus services on ANZAC Day, April 25 will affect their ability to attend the march?
- (2) What action does the Minister intend to take to assist people requiring early bus services from the Spearwood area on ANZAC Day?

Hon KEN TRAVERS replied:

- (1) No.
- (2) Anzac Day is a Public Holiday and therefore technically, the public transport system operates on a Sunday/Public Holiday timetable as has been the case for public holidays in Perth for many years. Nevertheless, in recognition of the significant events that occur on Anzac Day, Transperth provides a range of additional train and bus services beyond the normal Sunday/Public Holiday timetable. These supplementary services are designed to allow people to attend key Anzac Day functions.

With regard to your specific query about bus services in Spearwood, early services will run on Rockingham Road, particularly Route 920 to Fremantle. The Anzac Day March starts at 9.00am and the time needed to arrive in the City will depend on whether those involved are in the Anzac Day march or a spectator. The two Route 920 options are:

Option 1 Catch the Route 920 bus at Rockingham Road after Edeline Street at 7.33, travel to Fremantle and transfer to the train to the City, arriving in the City at 8.27am

Option 2 Catch the Route 920 bus at Rockingham Road after Edeline Street at 7.03, travel to Fremantle and transfer to the train to the City, arriving in the City at 7.57am

Route 135 also operates on Sundays/Public Holidays but the services are less frequent and cover reduced operating hours. Unfortunately on Anzac Day, Route 135 will not get commuters into the City in time for the march. Reduced operating hours and less frequent services is a common situation with many of the suburban bus route on Sundays/Public Holidays, and indeed is a common feature of weekend public transport services around the world.

It would not be a practical use of taxpayers' funds to operate the public transport system on a normal weekday timetable on Anzac Day or any other Public Holiday, given that the bulk of passengers such as work commuters, students, and shoppers will not be travelling. By working with peak bodies such as the Returned Services League, Transperth has identified key additional bus and train services that can be offered in addition to the normal Public Holiday timetable to best support the special events on Anzac Day.

A summary of these additional services follows:

Special Dawn Train Services. Special train services departing:		
	Departing	Arriving in the City
Armadale	4.40am	5.19am
Currambine	4.55am	5.22am
Fremantle	4.55am	5.20am
Midland	4.55am	5.22am

Free Transperth Bus Services connecting from Perth Train Station to Kings Park. For the Dawn Service, bus Route 600 will connect with trains arriving at Perth Train Station and operate to Kings Park via St Georges Tce, stopping at stand T west of Pier Street. Services will depart between 5.20am - 5.30am.

Murdoch Park 'n' Ride to Kings Park. For the Dawn Service, bus Route 601 from Murdoch Park 'n' Ride to Kings Park will depart at 5.00am.

Vietnam Memorial to War Memorial. There will be a special shuttle bus between the Vietnam Memorial to the State War Memorial from 4.45am until the conclusion of the main service at approximately 8.00am. This operates every five minutes, except during the Dawn Service.

Post the Dawn Service. After the Dawn Service buses will depart for Perth Train Station and Murdoch Park 'n' Ride as required from 6.45am – 7.15am from the car park behind Frasers Restaurant, Kings Park.

Langley Park to start of ANZAC Day March. There will be a special shuttle bus between Langley Reserve (near Hill Street) and the start point of the ANZAC Day March in Barrack Street from 7.30am until approximately 9.00am.

Additionally, you should note that in recognition of the great sacrifice made by the men and women of our armed forces, returned service men and women can travel for free on Transperth services on Anzac Day, by simply wearing their uniform, campaign ribbons or medals. As an added bonus this year, because Anzac Day falls on a Sunday, all seniors can take advantage of their normal Seniors Ticket for free travel.

With regard to your point about people wanting to attend the Anzac Day march, this should be possible for the vast majority of Perth residents using the public transport system even though it is operating on a Sunday/Public Holiday timetable. However, the Sunday/Public Holiday timetable certainly involves a more restricted level of service than a normal weekday, with many bus routes operating over a lesser number of hours and less frequently. People can check the specific services available to them by ringing the Transperth Infoline on 13 62 13.