



Performance Highlights

75th Anniversary of Government Buses in NSW

On 25 December 2007, State Transit celebrated the 75th Anniversary of Government buses in NSW with the first bus operating a Route 144 service from Cremorne Junction to Manly in 1932.

Past and current employees, together with their families and the general public celebrated with a family fun day at Luna Park.

PrePay Services

Expanding on the success of the PrePay campaign, an additional 16 bus routes were converted to PrePay-only bringing the total number of PrePay-only services to 25 routes and six bus stops.

An increasing number of passengers are now recognising the benefits of PrePay, with pre-purchased tickets being used for 72% of all core passenger trips, an increase of 5.9% over the previous financial year.

State Transit will continue to build on the success of PrePay by further expanding the PrePay network to include major bus stops during 2008/09.

Metrobus Trial

The NSW Government has committed \$12 million to a trial of metro-style buses to increase capacity on some of Sydney's busiest routes.

The 12 month trial, to be launched in the second half of 2008, will include five ultra high-capacity buses,

which can carry twice as many passengers as a normal bus, and will service the highly popular Parramatta Road and Anzac Parade corridors between Leichhardt and Kingsford.

New Buses for the State Transit Fleet

State Transit continued to take delivery of the 505 new buses as part of the \$250 million investment in new buses to the fleet.

In 2007/08 State Transit took delivery of 60 new Euro 5 Volvo diesel and 13 new Euro 4 Mercedes CNG buses. These buses are in addition to the 40 Euro 5 buses delivered in the last financial year.

These new environmentally friendly buses will continue to be progressively delivered to ensure that the average age of the bus fleet continues to fall.

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Tender for 150 New Articulated Buses

The NSW government announced a \$112 million commitment to fund 150 new articulated buses. The tender period for the buses closes on September 23, 2008.

These high-capacity, environmentally friendly buses will help meet the growing demands on the bus network, with each bus capable of carrying up to 85 passengers.

The buses will be delivered over three years and will take the Sydney Buses fleet to over 2,000 buses for the first time.

Patronage Growth

State Transit experienced a surge in patronage over the 2007/08 financial year with more than 4.5 million additional passengers using State Transit services.

Patronage on Sydney Buses services increased by 2.3% with strong growth on all major corridors.

Newcastle Buses and Ferries recorded a 0.4% increase in patronage, with Western Sydney Buses recording an increase of 10.7% with 2.522 million passengers travelling on Transitway services.

Additional Buses to Meet Peak Growth

From March 2008 an additional 80 trips were added to service during the AM and PM peaks, enhancing capacity on school, university and 30 normal route services.

These additional trips support the growth during peak periods on strategic bus corridors including Epping Road, Military Road, the Pittwater corridor, Eastern Valley Way, Glebe Point Road, Anzac Parade and Victoria Road.

Leichhardt Depot Redevelopment

Following the approval of the Development Application for Leichhardt Depot in the 2006/07 financial year, remediation of the site was completed and construction commenced in June 2008.

The contract for construction was awarded to A. W. Edwards.

The \$34 million redevelopment of the depot will make way for Australia's largest environmentally friendly bus fleet, supporting more than 200 buses.

Brookvale Depot Redevelopment

The redevelopment of Brookvale Depot has commenced following the approval of the Development Application in August 2007.

The contract for construction was awarded to Donnelley Constructions.

The upgrade will increase capacity of the depot, providing parking for up to 47 additional buses and will deliver efficient and modern facilities for staff and updated fuelling and cleaning facilities.

APEC

State Transit played a key role in the preparations and execution of public transport during the APEC summit, hosted by Sydney between 2 September and 9 September 2007.

As a result of security arrangements and road closures throughout the CBD and Sydney metropolitan area, temporary terminal arrangements and route diversions were in place for a large number of Sydney Buses services.

Despite continual movements by APEC motorcades, Sydney Buses services continued to keep passengers moving with easy to understand signage and wayfinding staff helping passengers find the services they needed despite alterations to normal conditions.

World Youth Day

State Transit is currently in preparation for World Youth Day, to be held from 15 July to 20 July 2008.

More than 16,500 additional services have been scheduled to operate during the week of events with road closures and special event clearways in the CBD and Eastern Suburbs resulting in significant diversions for Sydney Buses services.