

Rory Cathcart

From: Greg Campbell
Sent: Monday, 16 July 2018 4:17 PM
To: Sue Kedgley - External; COUNCILLORS
Subject: RE: Wellington's new bus network hits road for first weekday test | Stuff.co.nz

Great you have seen most things working, Sue. Thank you for the feedback.

I read all social media to get a feel for complaints, but I do counsel to read them in the right context. Not many people take to social media to compliment -- though some do. It has the potential to give a quite incorrect impression of the full situation. The contrast of your experience and that of some of the comments illustrates this. Social media does help us identify problems quickly though, so we will take it!

An irritation is that with the overnight swapping out of Snapper equipment, some of the new installations on the buses are proving slow to update their software. No customer impact for tagging on and off, but buses are sometimes not sending correct information to feed the RTI system. They are slowly catching up (it's an automated process) which will improve things.

We have deployed GW staff to the Lambton interchange as marshals, to mitigate confusion of commuters with the new layout.

I do wish the weather was better for it all too!!

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-----Original Message-----

From: SueKedgley
Sent: Monday, 16 July 2018 3:16 PM
To: COUNCILLORS <MailCOUNCILLORS@gw.govt.nz>; Greg Campbell <Greg.Campbell@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: Wellington's new bus network hits road for first weekday test | Stuff.co.nz

Hi there

I have travelled all around by bus today without any hitch and drivers I have spoken to all said things were going ok.

However can I suggest all Councillors read the mostly sobering comments that follow this article in stuff.
<http://www.stuff.co.nz/dominion-post/news/105506002/wellingtons-new-bus-network-hits-road-for-first-weekday-test>

Sue Kedgley
Wellington Regional Councillor
Board Member, Capital and Coast District Health Board: Consumer NZ:

Sent from my iPhone

Rory Cathcart

From: Wayne Hastie
Sent: Tuesday, 17 July 2018 9:36 PM
To: Deborah Moriceau
Cc: Martin Sheffield; Deborah Hume; Andrew Cooper
Subject: Re: ISSUES: 17 July, Afternoon/Eve

Thanks Deb. Certainly support the call for further support for hub folk and wonder if it can include all bus tracking not just RTI. It is possible to see buses that are not tracking but still running

Talk tomorrow

Cheers
Wayne

Sent from my iPhone

> On 17/07/2018, at 8:34 PM, Deborah Moriceau <Deborah.Moriceau@gw.govt.nz> wrote:
>
> Metlink

Rory Cathcart

From: Rob Braddock
Sent: Tuesday, 17 July 2018 1:49 PM
To: Wayne Hastie
Cc: Rhona Hewitt; Matthew Lear
Subject: RE: New bus network feedback

Hi Wayne

Yes the early running and no shows are for me – we have : an operations meeting on Friday that will now include early running (but we'll also do some research on the extent of the problem first). We have not otherwise done any analysis of Sunday or Monday performance assuming we will get better!

Cheers
Rob

From: Rhona Hewitt
Sent: Tuesday, 17 July 2018 10:34 AM
To: Wayne Hastie <Wayne.Hastie@gw.govt.nz>; Rob Braddock <Rob.Braddock@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: New bus network feedback

Hi Wayne - Route numbering is one for my team and working with David B (adding a letter was something we had looked at, can't remember why we didn't go for). Will keep an eye on this to see if we get more confusion/concern on this. Other stuff is Rob's

From: Wayne Hastie
Sent: Tuesday, 17 July 2018 10:27 AM
To: Rob Braddock <Rob.Braddock@gw.govt.nz>; Rhona Hewitt <Rhona.Hewitt@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: New bus network feedback

Not sure who to give the specific feedback to ...

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From: Wayne Hastie
Sent: Tuesday, 17 July 2018 10:26 AM
To: 'Steve Jordan-Law' < >; Daran Ponter <Daran.Ponter@gw.govt.nz>; Barbara Donaldson <Barbara.Donaldson@gw.govt.nz>; Angus Gabara <Angus.Gabara@gw.govt.nz>
Cc: Josh Jordan-Law < >
Subject: RE: New bus network feedback

Thanks for the helpful feedback Steve and I agree that we need to sort out the issues ASAP – rest assured that is our intent.

So far things seem to be better today and we are working to resolve issues from yesterday.

I will pass the specific feedback to the team.

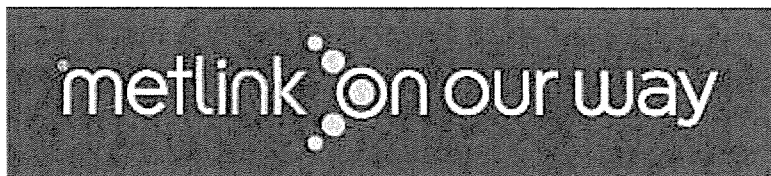
Cheers

Wayne

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Sent: Monday, 16 July 2018 9:49 PM
To: Daran Ponter <Daran.Ponter@gw.govt.nz>; Wayne Hastie <Wayne.Hastie@gw.govt.nz>; Barbara Donaldson <Barbara.Donaldson@gw.govt.nz>; Angus Gabara <Angus.Gabara@gw.govt.nz>
Cc: Josh Jordan-Law < >
Subject: New bus network feedback

Hi all,

Some bouquets and brickbats after Day 1 of the new network and a hope that it improves ASAP, preferably tomorrow. Please pass on to Tranzurban as appropriate as specific feedback is probably more use in fixing issues than the plentiful rants on Stuff that I've seen.

As context, I live opposite stop _____ and have in the past had service issues with the old #55 Grenada run that has been replaced by the #1 from Grenada to Island Bay.

Starting with the good..

- I love the new double decker buses and that we've got more than the 10 EV ones that have been heavily promoted is great
- Snapper on all buses (finally!) is a lot quicker than the old cards even if needing the USB to top-up at home is a bit clunky

- Off-peak fares are also a good thing for those of us that do not come straight home after work or work late, as is the service extension to more reasonable hours rather than the last direct bus to Grenada being at 19:45

The not so good from today / observations

- A promising start with the 7:08 service from Stop 3478 going past at 7:09, alas the next service rather than 7:28 or thereabouts did not show until 7:40 by which point the 7:48 service that the husband was aiming for, was 2 min away and went by 5 minutes early. On a 20 minute frequency for the only route that goes down Stewart Drive, early running needs to be avoided and we had had this issue with the #55 previously. He got the 8:08 and was late to work and heard anecdote from a fellow passenger that the buses used to wait at the Newlands Medical Centre so not to be too early. This may need to become a time point so that our service can be relied on and that buses do not bunch at Johnsonville.
- Coming home the 18:33 trip from Stop 5515 on Manners St never turned up, instead we saw two buses to Johnsonville West go by in the space of half an hour with another two due before 19:30 instead of the one that was timetabled (see image at about 19:00 showing many of these) - I suspect one of these may have meant to say Grenada... This meant an hour waiting (there were bonus noodle bowls so not a complete loss!) for the next bus which was then late running as well by nearly 15 minutes and came showing Island Bay as the destination (easy error). If we're going to go to a 60 minute frequency bang on 18:30 then the buses need to not only show up, but be reasonably punctual.



- Related to the above, for northbound buses is Courtenay Place Stop A (5000) a time point that buses will not depart earlier than or if that 18:31 service is running 5 minutes early are we stuck with waiting an hour or walking from Johnsonville? Late buses can be dealt with but early ones on a 60 minute frequency will be intolerable! Those heading to Island Bay don't have it as bad as they have a 20 minute frequency, but the same could be asked of Wellington Stn Stop A

- Numbering of the #1 with different destinations (four are possible in the northern direction) but no differentiation - would it not have made more sense to have 1 as all southbound buses and northbound to Johnsonville with the branches being numbered 1A, 1B and 1C? In Auckland, AT have done something like the latter to give extra clarity, especially for those new to the buses, on routes that split but have a frequent “spine” section. The way this has been done means that on RTI there is no difference in a bus that terminates at the station to one that continues west, again something that may cause inconvenience.

The new network should be really positive once things bed down, but issues like today can't go on for long otherwise there will be justified calls for compensation for users given that it is GW that went with new operators and that it also now holds the farebox risk from what I understand of the new contracts.

Hoping for a better tomorrow!

Regards,

Steve Jordan-Law

He aha te mea nui o tenei Ao? He tangata, He tangata, He tangata

Rory Cathcart

From: Wayne Hastie
Sent: Tuesday, 17 July 2018 6:38 AM
To: Matthew Lear
Subject: Re: Next week and school services

Thanks Matthew we still need an update on driver numbers for next week.

Cheers
Wayne

Sent from my iPhone

On 17/07/2018, at 6:21 AM, Matthew Lear <Matthew.Lear@gw.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi Wayne,
I'm over at Rongotai at the moment, should be back at GW mid-morning, hopefully.....
If we don't get chance to catch up I wanted to give you my view on next week.
My thoughts are that we should suggest to Tranzit that we agree to pre-cancel some trips to ensure that have ~3 standby drivers at Rongotai and Grenada Depots for am and pm peaks.
This gives them some leeway to manage any critical, get a bus to a school moments over the first week while things settle down. If the driver isn't used the trip can be re-instated.

Cheers

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From: Stephen Heath
Sent: Tuesday, 17 July 2018 10:09 AM
To: Sophie Gibson; Stephen Heath; Chris Laidlaw - Chair; COUNCILLORS; Greg Campbell; Managers - ELT; Admin Services Masterton; Ali Caddy; Alistair Allan; Alistair Cross; Amanda Cox; Amanda Vickerman; Angus Gabara; Chris Maggs; Claudia O'Neale; Dave Grimmond; Davor Bejakovich; Deborah Hume; Graeme Butcher; Graeme Campbell; Harriet Shelton; Helen Guissane; Iain Dawe; 'info@waterwairarapa.co.nz'; Lisa Gray; Mark Ford; Mike Timmer; Mike Ward; Natasha Hayes; Nicola Shorten; Paul Kos; Pauline Hill; PC – CustomerEngagement; Ross Jackson; Samantha Seath; SCE Sustainable Transport; Shane Parata; Sue Faulkner; Susan Hutchinson-Daniel; Tamsin Mitchell; Tim Gale; Tim Porteous; Joshua MclennanDeans; Matthew Hickman; Michael Bassett-Foss; Suze Keith; Kat Banyard; Jamie Steer; Jacky Cox; Richard Romijn; Alistair Allan; Philippa Crisp; Lizzy Baker; Julia Congalton; Monica Fraser; Samantha Gain; Linda Going; Mark Hooker; Jeremy Holmes; Hayley Vujcich; Grant Nalder; Alex Pezza; Jimmy Young; Mark Heath; Rob Masters; Mike Thompson; Natasha Tomic; Louise Holloway; Evan Harrison; Jo Fagan; Doug Mzila; Francie Morrow; Ben Barrett
Subject: Media clip 17 July 2018
Attachments: Media clip 17 July 2018.pdf

Good morning

Today's media clip:

Public transport – bus cutover

Wellington councillor praises public transport overhaul

The union representing bus drivers is happy with the launch of Wellington's new bus network

New timetables, routes and double-decker buses are in action in Wellington after Transit ...

Wellington Tramways Union secretary, Kevin O'Sullivan, said they are happy with the ...

Issues for new bus network

Wellington bus network changes cause lengthy delays for some - 'I'm very late'

The Greater Wellington Regional Council is defending a shake-up of the capital's bus ...

Wellington's new bus network has had its first weekday test, revealing a few bugs to be ...

Metlink admits several teething problems following rollout of new Wellington bus network

Interview with Greater Wellington Regional Councillor and Sustainable Transport ...

An 80-year-old woman with Parkinson's Disease says she was forced to cling to a pole ...

Change just loopy

Other transport

The relief of no cars

Environment/climate change stories

The Conservation Department is rubbishing claims the Predator Free 2050 Policy is ...

Researchers doubt Predator Free aim

New plantings to protect sand dunes at Riversdale

Making councils identify climate change risks could protect them, local government boss says

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Wellington councillor praises public transport overhaul

Radio New Zealand

17 Jul 2018 8:37 AM

71 words • Internet - Transport • ID: 982861519

A seven-year-in-the-making overhaul of Wellington's bus service went down like a flat tyre for many commuters who took to social media to vent their frustration. It was everything public transport shouldn't be - late, cramped and sometimes not arriving...

[Read on source site](#)

Audience

14,976 UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS, 281 UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS

Keywords

bus(1),commuters(1),public transport(2),service(1),Wellington(3)



The union representing bus drivers is happy with the launch of Wellington's new bus network

NZCity

17 Jul 2018 8:00 AM

85 words • Internet - Transport • ID: 982846490

The union representing bus drivers is happy with the launch of Wellington's new bus network
Commuters will be hoping for a smoother ride into work this morning after issues with late services and a shortage of buses on some routes yesterday.

The...

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Audience

6,851 UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS, 341 UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS

Keywords

bus(4),buses(1),commuter(1),Commuters(1),most(1),services(1),Wellington(3)



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New timetables, routes and double-decker buses are in action in Wellington after Tranzit ...

Newstalk ZB (Wellington), Wellington, 07:00 News, Newsreader

17 Jul 2018 7:01 AM

Duration: 0 min 41 secs • NZ • New Zealand • Radio & TV - Transport • ID: X00075352320

New timetables, routes and double-decker buses are in action in Wellington after Tranzit took over the contract for most commuter routes on Sunday. Yesterday proved a little problematic for the new system, with late services and a shortage of buses in some routes. Wellington Tramways Union secretary Kevin O'Sullivan says they are not too worried about early teething problems but is keen to see what happens next week when the school holidays end.

Audience

9,400 All, 4,500 MALE 16+, 4,900 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Kevin O'Sullivan, Secretary, Wellington Tramways Union



Wellington Tramways Union secretary, Kevin O'Sullivan, said they are happy with the ...

Newstalk ZB (Wellington), Wellington, 06:00 News, Newsreader

17 Jul 2018 6:01 AM

Duration: 0 min 36 secs • NZ • New Zealand • Radio & TV - Transport • ID: X00075352230

Wellington Tramways Union secretary, Kevin O'Sullivan, said they are happy with the launch of the capital's new bus network. Wellington's bus network has undergone its biggest change ever after Tranzit took over the contract for most commuter routes on Sunday. Bus riders will be hoping for a smoother ride into work this morning after issues with late services and a shortage of buses on some routes yesterday.

Audience

7,800 All, 4,100 MALE 16+, 3,700 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Kevin O'Sullivan, Secretary, Wellington Tramways Secretary



Issues for new bus network

The Dominion Post, Wellington, General News, Katarina Williams And Damian George

17 Jul 2018

Page 1 • 484 words • Photo: Yes • Type: News Item • Size: 313.00 cm² • NZ • New Zealand • Press - Transport • ID: 982627702

Greater Wellington Regional Council admits things aren't perfect but it's asking bus commuters to persevere as Metlink irons out problems in its new network. There was no shortage of dissatisfied peak-hour travellers flooding social media with tales of missed connections yesterday, as well as buses which failed to show, long waits for passengers, packed buses and some drivers who clearly didn't know their new routes.

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Audience

48,092 CIRCULATION

Keywords

bus(9), clearly(1), manager(1), Metlink(2), problem(1), problems(2), public(1), Railway(1), road(1), Station(1), taxis(1), transport(2), Wellington(4)



Wellington bus network changes cause lengthy delays for some - 'I'm very late'

ONE News

16 Jul 2018 8:49 PM

642 words • Internet - Transport • ID: 982583990

Radical changes to the capital's bus network have prompted some commuters to vent their frustration at the delays. Wairarapa bus company Transit took over the contract for half of Wellington city's bus routes on Sunday, but its first real test was...

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Audience

81,354 UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS, 6,610 UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS

Keywords

bus(14),Buses(7),city(1),Commuter(3),commuters(1),most(1),Newtown(2),one(2),service(1),services(3),Wairarapa(1),walk(1),walking(1),Wellington(6),Wgtn(1)



The Greater Wellington Regional Council is defending a shake-up of the capital's bus ...

Radio NZ - National, Wellington, 19:00 News, Newsreader

16 Jul 2018 7:03 PM

Duration: 0 min 49 secs • NZ • New Zealand • Radio & TV - Transport • ID: X00075349374

The Greater Wellington Regional Council is defending a shake-up of the capital's bus services. The rush hour this morning was the first test for the overhaul which came into effect yesterday when Transit took over two-thirds of services from the previous operator, NZ Bus. Councillor Daran Ponter says the region's transport network Metlink is working with bus service providers to smooth things out.

Audience

27,100 All, 13,600 MALE 16+, 13,200 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Daran Ponter, Councillor, Greater Wellington Regional Council



Wellington's new bus network has had its first weekday test, revealing a few bugs to be ...

TVNZ 1, Wellington, 1 News, Simon Dallow and Wendy Petrie

16 Jul 2018 6:20 PM

Duration: 1 min 39 secs • NZ • New Zealand • Radio & TV - Transport • ID: X00075347365

Wellington's new bus network has had its first weekday test, revealing a few bugs to be ironed out. Some upset commuters have taken their frustration to Twitter, complaining of delays, buses not arriving, decommissioned stops, and overcrowding. It is hoped the major overhaul will boost passenger numbers, although the Greater Wellington Regional Council admits it has a staffing issue.

Audience

583,100 All, 255,200 MALE 16+, 312,600 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Daran Ponter, Greater Wellington Regional Council|Emily Cooper, Reporter, 1 News|vox pops

Also broadcast from the following 1 station

TVNZ 1 (Auckland)



Metlink admits several teething problems following rollout of new Wellington bus network

stuff.co.nz by Katarina Williams And Damian George
750 words • Internet - Transport • ID: 982539941

16 Jul 2018 5:47 PM

Frustrated commuters give up and taken taxis to work. Greater Wellington Regional Council admits things aren't perfect, but it's asking bus commuters to persevere as Metlink irons out problems in its new bus network. There was no shortage of...

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Audience

737,274 UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS, 6,119 UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS

Keywords

bus(15), buses(5), card(1), city(2), commuters(3), Hutt(1), Johnsonville(1), Kapiti(1), most(1), Newtown(1), next(1), one(2), operator(1), passenger(1), passengers(2), provider(1), public transport(1), Rail(1), Railway(1), road(1), school(1), service(1), services(4), Snapper(2), source(1), Station(1), transport(1), Valley(1), Wellington(8)



Interview with Greater Wellington Regional Councillor and Sustainable Transport ...

Newstalk ZB (Auckland), Auckland, Drive, Larry Williams

16 Jul 2018 5:21 PM

Duration: 2 mins 53 secs • NZ • New Zealand • Radio & TV - Transport • ID: X00075347284

Interview with Greater Wellington Regional Councillor and Sustainable Transport Committee deputy chair Daran Ponter. Williams notes a new bus service rolled out on the capital today has left many Wellington commuters frustrated. He says Metlink has taken over from Go Bus, which means new routes and timetables, however, the transition was not smooth. A pre-recorded report by Newstalk ZB Wellington reporter Emma McKay(*) about the commuter chaos in Wellington today is played in the programme. Ponter says some issues are inevitable with today's rollout, given that they changed the timetables, routes, and operators and put new drivers on. He explains the rollout of new buses on some routes and new drivers navigating the big double-decker buses play a part in the delays of the service. He says they believe there will be improvements as days pass although there could still be some glitches.

Audience

46,990 All, 26,640 MALE 16+, 20,070 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Daran Ponter, Greater Wellington Regional councillor, deputy chair, Sustainable Transport Committee | Emma McKay(*), Newstalk ZB Wellington reporter [excerpt]

Also broadcast from the following 12 stations

Newstalk ZB (Hawkes Bay), Newstalk ZB (Manawatu), Newstalk ZB (Nelson), Newstalk ZB (Whangarei), Newstalk ZB (Rotorua), Newstalk ZB (Southland), Newstalk ZB (Taranaki), Newstalk ZB (Tauranga), Newstalk ZB (Waikato), Newstalk ZB (Christchurch) (Christchurch), Newstalk ZB (Dunedin) (Dunedin), Newstalk ZB (Wellington) (Wellington)



An 80-year-old woman with Parkinson's Disease says she was forced to cling to a pole ...

Radio NZ - National, Wellington, 17:00 News, Newsreader

16 Jul 2018 5:03 PM

Duration: 0 min 49 secs • NZ • New Zealand • Radio & TV - Transport • ID: X00075346441

An 80-year-old woman with Parkinson's Disease says she was forced to cling to a pole on a packed bus in Wellington this morning. Masterton-based Tranzit Group has taken 60% of the capital's bus services and timetable and route changes caused confusion among some commuters today.

Audience

77,200 All, 33,500 MALE 16+, 43,400 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Frances Cherrie(*), elderly passenger

Also broadcast from the following 2 stations

Radio NZ - National (Christchurch), Radio NZ - National (Auckland)



The Conservation Department is rubbishing claims the Predator Free 2050 Policy is ...

Three, Wellington, The AM Show, Duncan Garner, Amanda Gillies, Mark Richardson & Aziz Al-Sa'afin

17 Jul 2018 6:33 AM

Duration: 0 min 35 secs • NZ • New Zealand • Radio & TV - Land and Water • ID: X00075352269

The Conservation Department is rubbishing claims the Predator Free 2050 Policy is unachievable. Victoria University researchers say the programme to eradicate all possums, rats and stoats is badly designed. DOC Programme Manager Brent Beavon says it is simply an opinion. He is confident the programme is going to plan.

Audience

86,500 All, 45,100 MALE 16+, 39,300 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Brent Beavon, Programme Manager, DOC

Also broadcast from the following 14 stations

RadioLIVE (Wellington), RadioLIVE (Christchurch), RadioLIVE (Auckland), RadioLIVE (Dunedin), RadioLIVE (Nelson), RadioLIVE (Rotorua), RadioLIVE (Hawkes Bay), RadioLIVE (Manawatu), RadioLIVE (Northland), RadioLIVE (Southland), RadioLIVE (Taranaki), RadioLIVE (Tauranga), RadioLIVE (Waikato), Three (Auckland)



Researchers doubt Predator Free aim

Otago Daily Times, Dunedin, General News, Jamie Morton

17 Jul 2018

Page 20 • 801 words • Photo: No • Type: News Item • Size: 406.00 cm² • NZ • New Zealand • Press - Land and Water • ID: 982797272

AUCKLAND: Two conservation researchers have criticised New Zealand's mission to clear the country of rats, stoats and possums by 2050, calling current policy "badly designed and unachievable". But the alternative they have proposed has itself been criticised by the Department of Conservation (Doc) as a "business-as-usual" approach that will not give our species the big boost they need to survive.

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Audience

32,696 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Biodiversity(8), Greater Wellington(1), pest free(1), Predator Free 2050(2)



New plantings to protect sand dunes at Riversdale

Wairarapa Times Age, Wairarapa, General News

17 Jul 2018

Page 5 • 291 words • Photo: Yes • Type: News Item • Size: 265.00 cm² • NZ • New Zealand • Press - Emergency Management, Hazards & Floods • ID: 982679990

Volunteers ranging in age from two to over 80 turned out on Saturday to plant 1700 native spinifex and pingao plants to future-proof dunes at Riversdale. The planting, involving 40 people, was organised by the Riversdale Dune Committee to improve the resilience of the dunes and help protect the coastal settlement from the sea.

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Audience

5,217 CIRCULATION

Keywords

beach(2),coastal(3),erosion(1),protect(2),protection(1),sand(2),Wellington(1)



The relief of no cars

The Dominion Post, Wellington, General News

17 Jul 2018

Page 11 • 173 words • Photo: No • Type: News Item • Size: 59.00 cm² • NZ • New Zealand • Letters - GWRC • ID: 982625188

Our lives are full of cars. Is it any wonder that we seek peace and quiet, away from them and their, sometimes, self-centred drivers. Car-free town centres and green spaces can give some relief, but not from the noise and smell or the certain knowledge that a car can do serious damage to a human body. So the next best thing is to find the bush or the beach for some much-needed stress relief.

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Audience

48,092 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Greater(1),Regional Council(1),Wellington(1)



Change just loopy

The Dominion Post, Wellington, General News

17 Jul 2018

Page 11 • 328 words • Photo: No • Type: News Item • Size: 135.00 cm² • NZ • New Zealand • Letters - GWRC • ID: 982625206

New bus services We are residents of Churton Park, living in Erlestoke Crescent. At peak time buses travel via Erlestoke Crescent into the city. After 7pm our nearest bus stop is a 10-15-minute walk away. Outside the peak time we have a "loop" bus which runs to Johnsonville. The connection time to a city bus is 3 minutes or a 20-minute wait. The chances of the connection being made are small.

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Audience

48,092 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Greater(1),Regional Council(1),Wellington(2)



Making councils identify climate change risks could protect them, local government boss says

stuff.co.nz by Dominic Harris

16 Jul 2018 8:57 PM

609 words • Internet - Greater Wellington Regional Council • ID: 982585954

Councils should be forced to publicly identify hazards on property reports to protect themselves from potential legal action by future owners, a local government leader urged.

Dunedin Mayor and Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) president Dave Cull...

[Read on source site](#)

Audience

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Keywords

Christchurch(4),Christchurch's(1),Dunedin(1),Government(7),LGNZ(2),Local(5),New Zealand(1),next(1),report(3),similar(1),South(1),top(2)





17 Jul 2018

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Issues for new bus network

Transport

**Katarina Williams
and Damian George**

Greater Wellington Regional Council admits things aren't perfect but it's asking bus commuters to persevere as Metlink irons out problems in its new network.

There was no shortage of dissatisfied peak-hour travellers

flooding social media with tales of missed connections yesterday, as well as buses which failed to show, long waits for passengers, packed buses and some drivers who clearly didn't know their new routes.

Some even abandoned their bus trips in favour of taxis, unable to get to work on time in what was the new network's first litmus test following its soft launch yesterday.

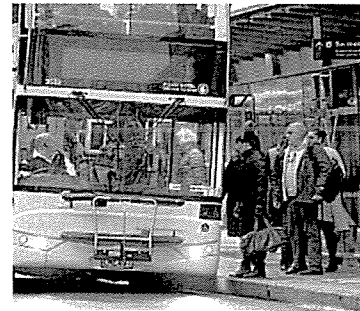
Rearranged bus stops at the Wellington Railway Station interchange created confusion, with some bus drivers pulling into the wrong bay – a problem which was expected to be addressed overnight.

Last night, one passenger told *Stuff* the driver of her bus from Wellington to Broadmeadows and Johnsonville was being shown the way by fellow passengers.

The driver was confused and was reading from a piece of paper to check the route and stops, as well as using a GPS.

Stuff also understands a large number of bus drivers yesterday were "ring-ins" from outside of the city.

Metlink's call centre had a "busy morning" dealing with issues, with the company's website – which provided the most



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accurate source of updates – witnessing a “large upsurge” in traffic, with real-time information screens failing to deliver reliable information.

The council's public transport general manager, Wayne Hastie, acknowledged there were “bumps in the road” during the morning rush and conceded some issues “may take some days” to remedy – but “overall, the system has performed well”.

“We expect there will still be minor issues over coming days. We'll be working closely with all four bus companies in our region to identify patterns and resolve them.

“Even on a normal day, the network experiences some late and missing trips. We are aiming for better performance, and while the number of late-running services was higher than usual, we are pleased the number of missing trips was within our normal

operating parameters,” Hastie said.

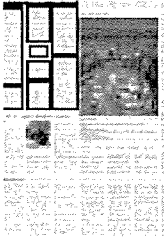
The council's sustainable transport committee deputy chairman, Daran Ponter, was keeping an eye on things in Berhampore, Newtown, Brooklyn and central Wellington yesterday morning.

He said while there were no capacity issues in those areas, a number of buses did run late, while there were also issues with real-time information boards, Snapper card readers, and some drivers taking the wrong routes.

A number of issues were also reported by Hataitai commuters, Ponter said.

“There's quite a bit to address over the next wee while, just as we did in the Hutt Valley [following network changes in June].

“We will see improvements day on day.” Problems were likely to remain in suburbs close to the central city until timetable issues were ironed out, Ponter said.



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Researchers doubt Predator Free aim

■ JAMIE MORTON

AUCKLAND: Two conservation researchers have criticised New Zealand's mission to clear the country of rats, stoats and possums by 2050, calling current policy "badly designed and unachievable".

But the alternative they have proposed has itself been criticised by the Department of Conservation (Doc) as a "business-as-usual" approach that will not give our species the big boost they need to survive.

The Predator Free 2050 initiative aspired to rid New Zealand's 26 million ha of mainland of the three key pest predators by the middle of the century, while hitting four other targets by 2025.

Those were completing the purge of our offshore islands; driving predators from a million more hectares; showing this could be done across at least 20,000ha without having to put fences up; and making a scientific breakthrough that could take at least one of the big three out of the picture.

Wayne Linklater, of Victoria University's School of Biological Sciences, and ecologist and Greater Wellington Regional Council senior biodiversity adviser Jamie Steer, argued the mission was essentially based on three flawed assumptions.

Those were that killing pest predators was the best way to protect biodiversity; that this had to involve the extermination of every stoat, rat and possum in the country; and that complete eradication was possible.

Associate Prof Linklater

viewed a total wipe-out as "technologically impossible", and maintained that biodiversity was affected more in some places by habitat decline and plant eaters than it was by predators.

Eliminating select predators from complex communities of other plants, animals and humans could also have negative social and ecological consequences, he argued.

"Eradicating some predators will cause populations of other introduced animals to erupt," he said.

"Many people also have valid concerns about the safety and cruelty of predator control methods, and the policy fails to take into account Maori views on predator management as well, particularly on Maori lands."

Prof Linklater worried a mission failure could lead to reduced public and government support for future conservation policies.

He advocated a more varied approach that included building more biodiversity sanctuaries and restoring habitats in the landscapes surrounding them — something he said would create "a network" of populations of endangered species.

New Zealand could also make cities and farms for biodiversity-friendly by ensuring this factored into development policy-making.

Dr Steer claimed there was "widespread scepticism" of the 2050 policy within the sector, "but it is generally expressed in whispers".

Doc Predator Free 2050 programme manager Brent Beaven,

who was aware of Prof Linklater's views and had met him to hear them some months ago, considered their proposed alternative as based on the status quo.

"Doing more of the same is not going to achieve step change growth in protection."

He pointed out the 2050 initiative wasn't simply a policy in isolation, but one of numerous workstreams that needed to act in unison to meet the New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy's goals and reverse the decline of our native species.

By leading the mission, Doc could roll it out alongside its

usual work in weed control and threatened species management.

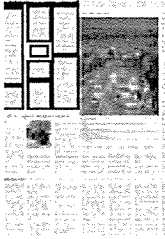
"Each of these work programmes would fail in isolation. The last few years have shown us that we aren't doing enough to save our native species and we need more than business as usual," Mr Beaven said.

"Predators are one of the key causes of decline of many of our native species and PF2050 addresses this threat head on and lifts our collective sights to aim for more."

That point was emphasised by ecologist James Russell, an expert in island conservation at the University of Auckland.

Dr Russell said Prof Linklater and Dr Steer took "a very conservative approach" towards avoiding risk and uncertainty in policy, "and essentially argue to go back to tinkering around the edges of conservation".

"Concerningly, the work essentially argues for a 'business as usual' approach to predator



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control which the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment has already identified as a pathway to extinction for our native vertebrates.”


But Mr Beaven acknowledged Prof Linklater had raised some useful points which were now being accounted for in planning.

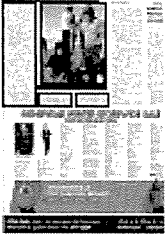
“We’re building in collaboration with other biodiversity protection programmes to take a holistic approach which is needed to achieve the goals and targets of the biodiversity strategy,” he said.

“Island eradications are a great example of what happens when we selectively remove predator species. These pest free islands are now our biodiversity hotspots.”

Further, Mr Beaven said, Doc was aware that nationwide eradication was currently not considered feasible.

“This is not a weakness, but rather one of the strengths of the programme — by setting the goal early, we have seen strong alignment in science effort that is helping guide rapid progress towards eradication being feasible,” he said. — NZME

 Eradicating some predators will cause populations of other introduced animals to erupt



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New plantings to protect sand dunes at Riversdale

Volunteers ranging in age from two to over 80 turned out on Saturday to plant 1700 native spinifex and pingao plants to future-proof dunes at Riversdale.

The planting, involving 40 people, was organised by the Riversdale Dune Committee to improve the resilience of the dunes and help protect the coastal settlement from the sea.

Masterton district councillor and environmental stalwart Chris Petersen said the dune committee was formed in the early 1990s to deal with coastal erosion that was threatening houses at the south end of the settlement.

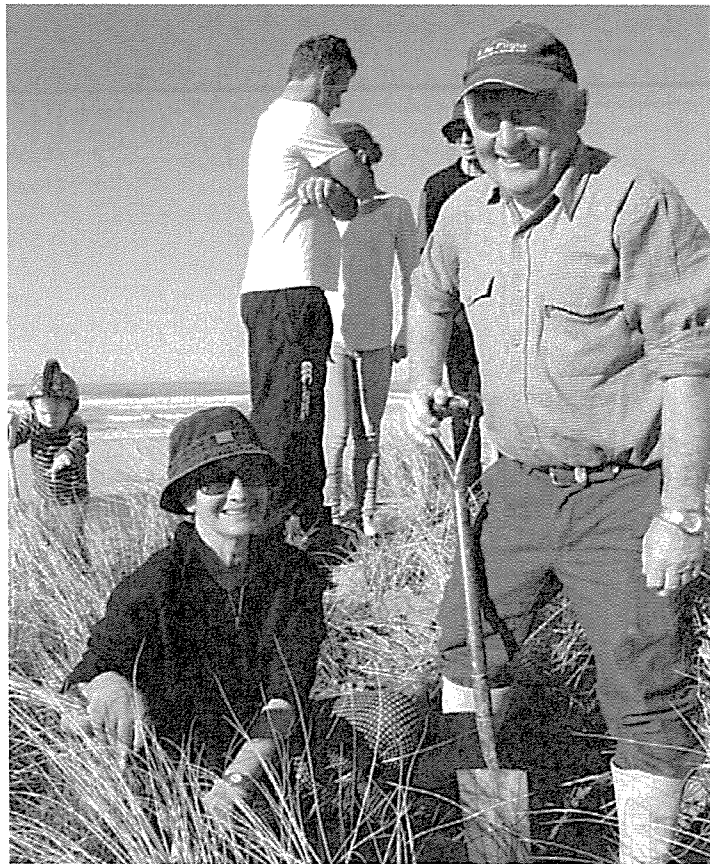
With that job completed, the group continued planting in front of the reserve at the south end of the beach, then moved its activities to the surf club at the north end of the beach.

The group has been planting native plants in the dunes for more than 20 years, with great support from local families and schools, Greater Wellington Regional Council and Masterton District Council.

Saturday's planting was just south of the surf club and was replacing introduced marram grass with the native dune grasses, spinifex and pingao.

Conservation Department ranger Garry Foster said marram grass led to steep, unstable dunes that were prone to "blowing out".

He said native sand-binding plants created dunes with gentle slopes that repaired themselves after storms and offered better



Jenni and Shorty Johnston, of Masterton, who own a bach at the Riversdale helping with the planting. PHOTO/SUPPLIED

long-term protection for coastal land.

"It's pretty simple — our native plants have evolved to deal with the power of the Pacific Ocean and have been successfully creating a

buffer between the land and the sea for thousands of years.

"If we look after them, they look after us. Our native birds, lizards and insects prefer them too."



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The relief of no cars

Our lives are full of cars. Is it any wonder that we seek peace and quiet, away from them and their, sometimes, self-centred drivers. Car-free town centres and green spaces can give some relief, but not from the noise and smell or the certain knowledge that a car can do serious damage to a human body.

So the next best thing is to find the bush or the beach for some much-needed stress relief. But just when it looks as though Greater Wellington Regional Council may finally be acting to protect these precious places, the “sporting” brigade loudly trumpets about its beach and its right to drive to the best diving or fishing spot so it doesn't have to carry its gear (July 10). They have no thought for the effect their cars have on other beach users – walkers, kids and dogs.

And, no, driving slowly only reduces the fear of imminent death, it does not restore the wonderful experience of a beach walk – without cars.

Sue Smith, Waikanae Beach



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New bus services

Change just loopy

We are residents of Churton Park, living in Erlestoke Crescent. At peak time buses travel via Erlestoke Crescent into the city. After 7pm our nearest bus stop is a 10-15-minute walk away,

Outside the peak time we have a "loop" bus which runs to Johnsonville. The connection time to a city bus is 3 minutes or a 20-minute wait. The chances of the connection being made are small. The last loop bus leaves Johnsonville at 3.50pm.

Timings of daytime buses from the city mean a 20-minute wait at Johnsonville for a loop connection.

The inconvenience of having to change buses in Johnsonville is bad enough but like many others we will fall foul of the rule regarding GoldCard use and changing buses, despite leaving the city before 3pm.

I note that a "spine" bus serves some areas of Churton Park going into the city. We do not have that luxury. Churton Park is one of the fastest-growing suburbs in Wellington – surely Greater Wellington Regional Council can give a better service than this?

Lee Sheppard, Churton Park

While I largely agree with the new bus routes and timetables, there are two really obvious things the council should have addressed.

One is getting the new bus hubs up and running before the new timetables took effect. This is the main change to the system and one that has been poorly implemented. The Miramar, Brooklyn, and Kilbirnie bus hubs are all far from complete. The Kilbirnie hub seems to be the biggest concern – why would the council plan a major bus hub upgrade at the same time as major stormwater works at Kilbirnie Park.

The other is increasing fares. Any year 10 economics student knows that an increase in cost will decrease demand. Obviously, this will only encourage people to use private transport – hardly a desired outcome. Perhaps the council should be spending more on bus-fare subsidies rather than underused cycle lanes.

Peter Webb, Pipitea

Rory Cathcart

From: Wayne Hastie
Sent: Tuesday, 17 July 2018 10:58 AM
To:
Subject: RE: Re: Bus services

Hi

See below from the timetables on our website for 23rd. Does that resolve your issue?

Cheers

Wayne

Monday 23rd July	Change the date ▼			
Major Stops	All Stops			
Porirua Station - Stop C	7:58 am ST	8:05 am	8:10 am ST	8:25 ar
Wainuiomata Hospital - Ambulance Drive	8:04 am ST	8:11 am	8:16 am ST	8:31 ar
Wainuiomata Mall - Main Road (near 206)	8:10 am ST	8:17 am	8:22 am ST	8:37 ar

Monday 23rd July

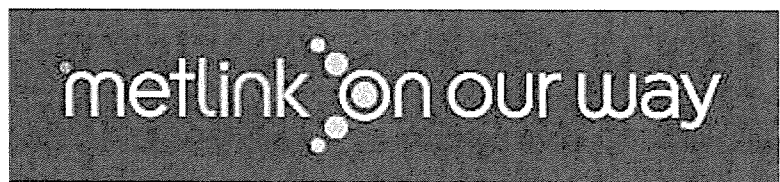
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Major Stops	All Stops					
Whitby - Navigation Drive	5:54 am	6:14 am	6:44 am	7:08 am	7:28 am	7:33 am
Whitby Lakes (Upper Lake)	6:00 am	6:21 am	6:51 am	7:15 am	7:35 am	7:40 am
Spinnaker Drive at Postgate Drive	6:04 am	6:24 am	6:54 am	7:19 am	7:39 am	7:44 am
Paremata Road (near 132)	6:06 am	6:28 am	6:58 am	7:23 am	7:42 am	
Paremata Station	6:09 am	6:31 am	7:01 am	7:26 am	7:46 am	
Oak Avenue (opposite 10)		6:35 am	7:05 am	7:30 am		7:46 am
RNZ Police College - Papakowhai Road		6:44 am	7:14 am	7:40 am		7:55 am
Porirua Station - Stop B		6:49 am	7:19 am	7:49 am		8:03 am

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From:
Sent: Monday, 16 July 2018 4:16 PM
To: Wayne Hastie <Wayne.Hastie@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: Fwd: Re: Bus services

Hi Wayne

This is the sheet sent from metlink that you passed out at our meetings at tawa intermediate and college wondering why the 8.10am bus is not updated as you proposed it would be.

----- Original Message -----

From: _____
To: Wayne Hastie <Wayne.Hastie@gw.govt.nz>
Date: 16 July 2018 at 14:52
Subject: Re: Bus services

Hi Wayne

As of today the 1st week for the new timetable on the 236 it shows the morning bus leaving at 7.33am and I tracked it and it appeared to arrive too late to meet the 60 bus leaving for Johnsonville. The 60 timetable is still not updated to what you showed the intermediate and college parents at our discussion meetings. Why has this proposed service not been updated - loaded to the online hard copy timetable. All the phone call contacts have told me it is not a change. I am waiting for a reply or a real person to talk to.

On 03 July 2018 at 08:02 Wayne Hastie <Wayne.Hastie@gw.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi

The additional trips for route 236 are additional services that we propose to provide a better connection and are not yet loaded up into the online and hardcopy timetables.

Regards

Wayne

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From: Rhona Hewitt
Sent: Wednesday, 18 July 2018 4:23 PM
To: Wayne Hastie
Subject: RE: Hutchinson Road.

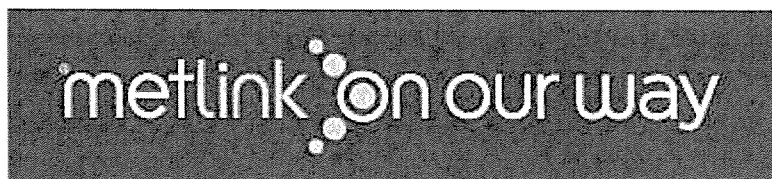
Hi Wayne – Extra signage went up at Hutchison yesterday to help drivers while the construction work is underway. Seems to be working Ok, and Hannah is in contact with ' ' NZ Bus should any further issues arise

From: Wayne Hastie
Sent: Wednesday, 18 July 2018 2:25 PM
To: Rhona Hewitt <Rhona.Hewitt@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Hutchinson Road.

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From:
Sent: Wednesday, 18 July 2018 2:23 PM
To: Wayne Hastie <Wayne.Hastie@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: Fwd: Hutchinson Road.

Hope this clarifies. Thanks

Chief Commercial Officer
NZ Bus

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 18 July 2018 at 1:53:10 PM NZST
To:
Cc:
Subject: Hutchinson Road.

Hi:

See email thread.

Susan Wilson from GWRC raised a couple issues, Hutchison Road being one of them, signage now on worksite fence showing stop "C" as open.

Regards

From:
Sent: Monday, 16 July 2018 12:39 PM
To:
Subject: FW: A couple of operational matters...

Hi

I have followed up on the issues raised by Susan.

We will

1. Control will broadcast reminders that the interchange at the rail is closed for refurbishment and that toilets are available within Atrium at the rail.
2. Buses were laid up on Onepu Road while buses were relocated within the depot, I have spoken with the workshop to ensure this is not repeated.
3. There is some confusion as to whether Stop C is open due to the safety fence around the work site, I observed several buses approaching stop "C" who appeared unsure if they should enter the bus stop. During peak this afternoon and tomorrow will place a staff member at the Hutchison Road bus hub to direct buses into the stop.

Are you happy with this approach?

Thanks

From: Susan Wilson <Susan.Wilson@gw.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 16 July 2018 10:28 AM
To:
Cc:
Subject: A couple of operational matters...

Hi

Not sure who to contact about this so emailing you both in the first instance – if I should be communicating with someone different, please let know.

I understand [redacted] has just spoken to you to give you a heads up about this email.

1. The building that used to house the old NZ Bus Comms Centre and driver toilets etc at Wellington Interchange (by Stop D) – this building is about to be a construction site while the facilities get refurbished, so drivers should no longer be using these toilets. It appears their existing access card/code still works for now though. The nearest available toilets are the public toilets through the Atrium by Stop A.
2. We've had a report from a customer that there are buses parked across the road from the Kilbirnie Depot blocking Stop 7327 *Kilbirnie Bus Depot – Onepu Road* meaning 'In Service'

drivers are unable to see or pull into this stop to pick up passengers. I don't have any fleet details, so am unsure if this was a one off incident or not sorry.

3. Yesterday, Route 3 drivers were incorrectly using Stop 7917 *Hutchison Terminus Stop A* on Hutchison Road (which will be the correct/permanent stop in the future) but for now are supposed to be using the Stop 7746 - *Hutchison Terminus Stop C* on a temporary basis until further notice. This information was included in the relevant Service Disruption Case.

I know that drivers have a lot of information to take in right now, but if there is a way to communicate this to the relevant driver asap, it would be much appreciated.

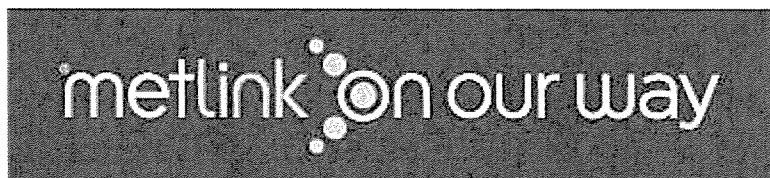
If you have any questions or need further info, please let me know.


Regards
Susan

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From: Wayne Hastie
Sent: Wednesday, 18 July 2018 5:28 PM
To:
Subject: RE: Dear councillors - Wellington bus frustrations - Morning

Dear

I'm sorry to hear about your frustrations with the new bus network. We will be monitoring performance to see where any adjustments are necessary and I will pass on your feedback to our planning team.

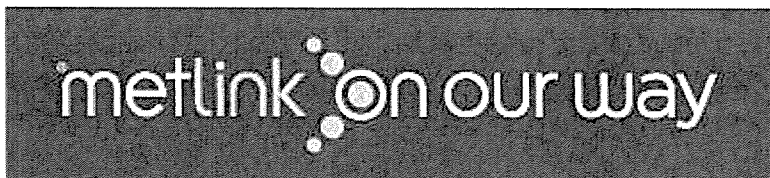
Regards

Wayne

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From: '
Sent: Tuesday, 17 July 2018 11:38 AM
To: Wayne Hastie <Wayne.Hastie@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: Fw: Dear councillors - Wellington bus frustrations - Morning

Dear Mr Hastie,

Please find below an email I sent yesterday Councillor Lee and Councillor Fitzsimons (cc'ed to all councillors, the mayor, metlink and GWRC).

The inequality for those on the 23 route is staggering, a direct route is needed for Mornington residents at peak times, as per Houghton Bay's extension.

I look forward to your reply covering the below.

Regards

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

----- Forwarded message -----

From:

To: "councillors@wcc.govt.nz" <councillors@wcc.govt.nz>, "fleur.fitzsimons@wcc.govt.nz" <fleur.fitzsimons@wcc.govt.nz>, "david.lee@wcc.govt.nz" <david.lee@wcc.govt.nz>, "info@metlink.org.nz" <info@metlink.org.nz>, "mayor@wcc.govt.nz" <mayor@wcc.govt.nz>, "info@gw.govt.nz" <info@gw.govt.nz>

Cc:

Sent: Mon, 16 Jul 2018 at 2:19 PM

Subject: Fw: Dear councillors - Wellington bus frustrations - Morning

Dear Councillor Lee and Councillor Fitzsimons (cc'ed to all councillors, the mayor, metlink and GWRC)

I have to express my frustrations as a resident of Balfour Street in Mornington with regards the new bus route. I know this might be an issue for GWRC rather than WCC – but to be honest I'm not making much ground.

The number 21 service has now been replaced with the 23 and we are forced to get two busses into town and change at Hutchinson Road and get the number 3. Today's 16 min journey took 47 mins.

This morning the 23 was 15 mins late which was a bit annoying, but first day perhaps expected, but then all 18 people waited in the rain for 15 mins for the number 3 at Hutchinson Road. When it got there it was near full. Somehow we squeezed in anyway. The driver looked frazzled and was doing his best, but at every stop for the rest of the journey he opened the doors to explain he was full, I counted 31 passengers that couldn't get on. Each time someone wanted to get off passengers had to get onto the pavement and back on the bus.

It was at this point it struck me, my Mornington bus experience isn't a teething issue, nor a tweak that needs to be made, it's a capacity and planning issue. It will be the same tomorrow and the same next month! There is simply too many people on the former 21 route through Mornington to get on a connecting bus (and it's the school holiday's). The hub and spoke methods works in Europe as there is an empty bus waiting for passengers to transfer NOT one that's already driven 6km picking up passengers and is nearly full.

Why should someone living so near to town paying rates be so massively inconvenienced, when those from J'ville and the like can do the whole journey in one trip?

Surely Metlink, with a little persuasion from my friendly local councillors can consider making the 7am-8am busses direct to the city? I've already had very frustrating conversations with Metlink, and I've kept Justin Lestor in the loop via twitter, but I need someone to take this forward and lead on our behalf.

We bought our house 3 years ago as there was a direct bus to the city where we both work. Now we have Miss 3 year old and another on the way. Juggling family life and work is a struggle at the best of times, but work were good enough to agree if I start at work at 7:30am I can leave by 4pm and spend some time with the kid(s)

To recap, last week my direct bus took 16 minutes, this morning took 47 minutes, if it's the same going home It's my family time that will suffer, and I'm not sure that's fair, and that's the reality of the situation really, it's the time reading a book with my daughter, or chatting about her day that will be lost because of poor planning on the new services.

I look forward to your reply. Please can you take this forward.

Regards

– a very very frustrated Balfour Street resident.

Rory Cathcart

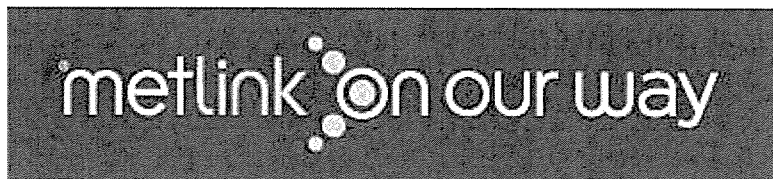
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Sent: Wednesday, 18 July 2018 7:53 AM
To: Matthew Lear
Subject: RE: Traffic on Mairangi Rd detour- Update

Thanks Matthew a good outcome.

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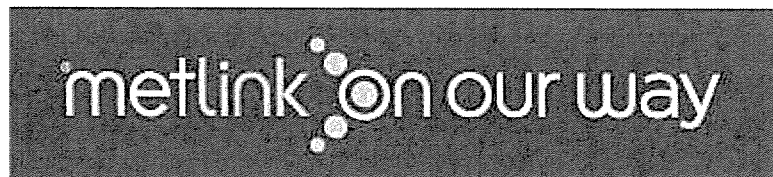
From: Matthew Lear
Sent: Wednesday, 18 July 2018 5:17 AM
To: Wayne Hastie <Wayne.Hastie@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Traffic on Mairangi Rd detour- Update

Hi Wayne- not the top priority at the moment, but confirming this loop on this issue is closed.
Cheers

Matthew Lear | Acting Manager, Bus & Ferry Operations
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From: Roger Blakeley
Sent: Tuesday, 17 July 2018 9:10 PM
To: Matthew Lear; Roger Blakeley; Chris Laidlaw - Chair; Sue Kedgley - External; Daran Ponter; Ian McKinnon
Cc:
Subject: Re: Traffic on Mairangi Rd detour- Update

Matthew Thanks for the follow up.

Regards, Roger

Roger Blakeley

Roger Blakeley Consultant

Councillor, Greater Wellington Regional Council

Member, Capital and Coast District Health Board

From: Matthew Lear <Matthew.Lear@gw.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, 17 July 2018 3:32 PM

To: Roger Blakeley; Chris Laidlaw - Chair; Sue Kedgley - External; Daran Ponter; Ian McKinnon

Cc:

Subject: Traffic on Mairangi Rd detour- Update

Hello Councillors,

I wanted to give you an update on an issue you raised with us a couple of weeks ago regarding the safety of young school children crossing Cecil Road due to the increase in traffic as a result of a traffic diversion.

GWRC officers attended two site meetings with other stakeholders, including members of the local community. The purpose of these meetings were to look at the situation in real time and discuss solutions together.

In summary the solution is that there will be some additional traffic management whilst the traffic diversion is in place as well as some support and training for the local community volunteers in school crossing road patrol. Also, until 10 August when the diversion ends the bus operator will self-impose a 30kmph limit along the diversion route for Metlink buses.

The full email on the solutions is attached to this email for your information.

Kind Regards

Matthew

Matthew Lear | Acting Manager, Bus & Ferry Operations

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From: Roger Blakeley

Sent: Wednesday, 4 July 2018 9:50 AM

To: Matthew Lear

Cc: DANN. Aaron; Richard Davidson; Metlink Schools; ; BUS: Road Protection Team; : Roger Blakelev; Chris Laidlaw - Chair; Daran Ponter; Sue Kedgley - External; Ian McKinnon;

Rhona Hewitt; ,

Subject: Re: Traffic on Mairangi Rd detour

Matthew Excellent that you are meeting [redacted] on site this afternoon. Thanks. Cr Sue Kedgley expressed an interest in being present at a site visit. It is helpful for governance members to see in person these difficult issues. I suggest you also invite Sue and the other GWRC Wellington constituency councillors to a site visit if they are available. Thanks, Roger Blakeley

Sent from my iPad

On 4/07/2018, at 8:47 AM, Matthew Lear <Matthew.Lear@gw.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi Roger,
My colleagues Hannah and Rob will be able to meet with [redacted] this afternoon.
We'll keep our meeting for Thursday locked in also as it is important to have Wellington City Council, Stantec (the Contractor) and NZ Bus there as they are important stakeholders in this.

[redacted] Hannah will give you a call to arrange a meeting point and time.

Regards

Matthew Lear | Acting Manager, Bus & Ferry Operations
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From: Roger Blakeley [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, 3 July 2018 5:25 PM
To: Matthew Lear
Cc: DANN, Aaron; Richard Davidson; Metlink Schools; JS: Road Protection Team; Roger Blakeley; Chris Laidlaw - Chair: Daran Ponter; Sue Kedgley - External; Ian McKinnon; Rhona Hewitt;
Subject: Re: Traffic on Mairangi Rd detour

Matthew I support [redacted] request for urgency. This is an urgent matter of child safety. I know you are busy but I hope you can find a way to meet with [redacted] and other mums on site at 3pm tomorrow as she requests. Thanks very much. Regards, Roger Blakeley

Sent from my iPad

On 3/07/2018, at 5:06 PM, [redacted] wrote:

Thank you for the various responses and thank you Roger and Mathew for calling me.

The really key thing from my point of view is the traffic that is being diverted along Cecil and Mairangi Road between 8.30am -9am and 3pm - 3.15pm. My concerns are the traffic in general but particularly the buses.

I think that there is a clear risk of a child being injured or killed with this detour at the moment because there is inadequate control of the traffic at these school times.

I really strongly suggest that all interested parties need to come and view the situation.

I'm really disappointed at the suggestion that observation can't be this week. I know that a number of parents (including me!) have raised concerns about this situation with the detour since it began on 26 June and it really needs to be sorted out urgently.

I need to stress that the part that I have raised issues about is the intersection of Weld St and Cecil Rd. I'm not sure if there are concerns about the other stretch of road that applies to the kids walking from the other school site that's on Rose St (off Mairangi).

The buses are a particular concern because it is such a narrow road. What I have seen is a bus driving on the footpath behind children (admittedly only in the first week and I understand drivers have been told not to do that) and what I observed yesterday was a bus stopping right in the middle of where the kids cross Cecil Rd from Weld St and also cars driving up on the footpath right next to children to try to make room for a bus.

But I have also observed buses and cars crossing over the centre of the road to avoid the road detour signs and (again yesterday) a car hitting the curb right next to where children and adults are standing, and a very heavy stream of traffic driving too fast for the congested road.

The truck on Wadestown Rd that I mentioned is a slightly different issue. That was a contractor to Wellington Water that drove through the roadblock (being waived through because it was a contractor) at 9.20am this morning. The truck was driving so fast it was not possible to see the licence plate let alone any other details. But if someone wanted to follow that up, presumably Wellington Water would have a record of who was accessing the site then. I'm also sure that the person patrolling the road at the time will remember as I yelled at him when it drove past.

I look forward to seeing some of you at the intersection of Weld St and Cecil Rd at 3pm tomorrow. I will be one of the mums in an orange vest who someone quite rightly pointed out today is "a random woman in an orange vest" trying to stop the traffic so that 60 five and six year olds cross between the buses and cars. Should you care to attend, I will have extra vests for you to wear!

Kind regards

On Tue, Jul 3, 2018 at 4:01 PM,
wrote:
Good afternoon

Thank you for your email including the threads.

As noted below if there are driving complaints please call *555 to log a traffic complaint or driving complaints can be logged on the Police website <http://www.police.govt.nz/>.

Unless sign posted the legal speed limit is 50km/hr which at times standing beside the road the vehicles appear to be travelling a lot faster than they're actually travelling.

50km/hr is not a target so drivers should be driving to the conditions at the time.

If you wish to make a driving complaint please obtain the vehicle registration, colour, time and a brief description of the driver (the more information you get the better).

As we are approaching the end of term this Friday I will make every effort to visit the area. If the problem persists then we could look at tasking our Road Policing unit to patrol in the area.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to assist.

Regards

From:

Sent: Tuesday, 3 July 2018 10:44 a.m.

To:

schools@metlink.org.nz

Cc: BUS: Road Protection Team <BUSRoadProtectionTeam@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Traffic on Mairangi Rd detour

Sorry but there is nothing much our department can do here;

1. Car speeding needs details passed to police
2. Cars should not use the footpath as a road – again details of offender should be forwarded to NZ Police
3. We would need details of the truck to enforce a response - such as time, rego , name on truck and suspected speed
4. Sounds like Hilleke has passed on the info to to chase with Metlink.

I will be on site later and mentioning this email to the site manager to ensure his staff and contractors obey the TMD and road rules.

Regards,

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Wellington City Council**

Me Heke Ki Pōneke

From:
Sent: Tuesday, 3 July 2018 10:10 a.m.
To:
schools@metlink.org.nz
Subject: Fwd: Traffic on Mairangi Rd detour

Sorry to hear this I'm not much help. I'm home today with sick children so I'm afraid

Richard can you look into the Wellington water contractors? See the details below.

If you have any more details of the vehicles involved can you pass those on to any chance you can do some checks up there this week?

, would you mind passing this on to the relevant people at Metlink and the operators? They've been spoken to before so this shouldn't be happening.

Apologies for brevity and typos.

Sent on the move. For urgent enquiries, please call on

----- Original message -----
From:
Date: 3/07/18 09:52 (GMT+12:00)
To: roger.blakeley@gw.govt.nz,

Subject: Traffic on Mairangi Rd detour

We unfortunately had two near misses yesterday at the intersection of Cecil Rd and Weld St when the kids got out of school at 3pm yesterday. One involved a car speeding and hitting the curb by the kids and the other a bus coming up from Wadestown rd direction while we were crossing the kids over the road. The bus took up a lot of room, no one could see around it and traffic coming the other direction mounted the pavement right next to some children in an effort to get out of the way.

And just to add another factor in, coming home from walking to school this morning I came across a Wellington Water contractor's truck speeding through the shops, pedestrian crossing and down past Hanover St.

In terms of the 3pm incidents, the buses weren't being held at Wadestown road.

I have to say I'm getting pretty angry about this. I think these kids are being needlessly put at risk.

you would like to call me I would welcome that -

Kind regards

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Rory Cathcart

From: Stephen Heath
Sent: Wednesday, 18 July 2018 9:01 AM
To: Sophie Gibson; Stephen Heath; Chris Laidlaw - Chair; COUNCILLORS; Greg Campbell; Managers - ELT; Admin Services Masterton; Ali Caddy; Alistair Allan; Alistair Cross; Amanda Cox; Amanda Vickerman; Angus Gabara; Chris Maggs; Claudia O'Neale; Dave Grimmond; Davor Bejakovich; Deborah Hume; Graeme Butcher; Graeme Campbell; Harriet Shelton; Helen Guissane; Iain Dawe; 'info@waterwairarapa.co.nz'; Lisa Gray; Mark Ford; Mike Timmer; Mike Ward; Natasha Hayes; Nicola Shorten; Paul Kos; Pauline Hill; PC – CustomerEngagement; Ross Jackson; Samantha Seath; SCE Sustainable Transport; Shane Parata; Sue Faulkner; Susan Hutchinson-Daniel; Tamsin Mitchell; Tim Gale; Tim Porteous; Joshua McLennanDeans; Matthew Hickman; Michael Bassett-Foss; Suze Keith; Kat Banyard; Jamie Steer; Jacky Cox; Richard Romijn; Alistair Allan; Philippa Crisp; Lizzy Baker; Julia Congalton; Monica Fraser; Samantha Gain; Linda Going; Mark Hooker; Jeremy Holmes; Hayley Vujcich; Grant Nalder; Alex Pezza; Jimmy Young; Mark Heath; Rob Masters; Mike Thompson; Natasha Tomic; Louise Holloway; Evan Harrison; Jo Fagan; Doug Mzila; Francie Morrow; Ben Barrett
Subject: Media clip 18 July 2018
Attachments: Media clip 18 July 2018.pdf

Good morning,

Today's media triage:

Bust service cutover stories

The Bulletin: How local should government go?

A Metlink spokesperson says there have been plenty of comments about the blue lights ...

True blue concerns

Some bus drivers have had as little as a week of training before taking to Wellington ...

Regional Council says revised capital bus service will improve

Day three of Wellington's new bus service an improvement, but problems remain

The public transport network in Wellington has had a shakeup after Tranzit took over the service...

Regional councillor Daran Ponter says another six months was needed to successfully ...

... Bus network rollout goes well (Cr Penny Gaylor)

Water and environment stories

Major water management reform could take responsibility for drinking water from councils

Former Hamilton Mayor to chair Environmental Protection Authority

Water regulator 'all but certain'

Cheers

Steve

Mediaportal Report

The Bulletin: How local should government go?

thespinoff.co.nz by ALEX BRAAE

18 Jul 2018 7:08 AM

1584 words • Internet - Transport • ID: 983336432

Good morning, and welcome to The Bulletin. In today's edition: Local government proposals raise support and concerns, Wellington buses have been a mess, and Te Papa's CEO defends job cut restructure proposals. We touched on the Local Government NZ...

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Audience

N/A UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS, N/A UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS

Keywords

1(1),bus(1),buses(2),feature(1),most(4),News(4),one(3),posts(1),providers(1),read(2),service(2),services(2),stories(3),top(1),Wellington(4)

A Metlink spokesperson says there have been plenty of comments about the blue lights ...

Newstalk ZB (Wellington), Wellington, 07:00 News, Newsreader

18 Jul 2018 7:02 AM

Duration: 0 min 39 secs • NZ • New Zealand • Radio & TV - Transport • ID: X00075366706

A Metlink spokesperson says there have been plenty of comments about the blue lights in Wellington's new bus fleet but they are not aware of any formal complaints. It says the lights are for operational purposes to ensure the safety of drivers at night with the reflective light on the front windscreen.

Audience

8,800 All, 4,000 MALE 16+, 4,800 FEMALE 16+

True blue concerns

The Dominion Post, Wellington, General News, Damian George

18 Jul 2018

Page 3 • 491 words • Photo: Yes • Type: News Item • Size: 310.00 cm² • NZ • New Zealand • Press - Transport • ID: 983127742

Some Wellington commuters are complaining the neon blue lighting in the city's new fleet of buses is causing headaches. The blue lights introduced to "minimise reflection" on the driver's windscreen have been criticised for being "too aggressive" and "unhealthy".

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Audience

48,092 CIRCULATION

Keywords

bus(6),Metlink(4),transport(1),Wellington(3)



Some bus drivers have had as little as a week of training before taking to Wellington ...

Newstalk ZB (Auckland), Auckland, 15:00 News, Newsreader

17 Jul 2018 3:02 PM

Duration: 0 min 34 secs • NZ • New Zealand • Radio & TV - Transport • ID: X00075359869

Some bus drivers have had as little as a week of training before taking to Wellington streets. The Public Transport Network has had a shakeup and commuters have been complaining about drivers taking the wrong route. Greater Wellington Regional Councillor Daran Ponter says it is because some of the drivers have come across from other operators while others have only had a week of training.

Audience

23,670 All, 12,500 MALE 16+, 11,110 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Daran Ponter, Greater Wellington Regional Councillor

Also broadcast from the following 12 stations

Newstalk ZB (Hawkes Bay), Newstalk ZB (Manawatu), Newstalk ZB (Nelson), Newstalk ZB (Whangarei), Newstalk ZB (Rotorua), Newstalk ZB (Southland), Newstalk ZB (Taranaki), Newstalk ZB (Tauranga), Newstalk ZB (Waikato), Newstalk ZB (Christchurch) (Christchurch), Newstalk ZB (Dunedin) (Dunedin), Newstalk ZB (Wellington) (Wellington)



Regional Council says revised capital bus service will improve

Radio New Zealand

17 Jul 2018 3:00 PM

284 words • Internet - Transport • ID: 982971361

Another six months was probably needed in order to successfully introduce radical changes to Wellington's bus network, according to the Regional Council.

New timetables in the region came on stream on Sunday, but in the first rush hour test yesterday,...

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Audience

14,976 UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS, 281 UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS

Keywords

bus(3),buses(5),passenger(1),passengers(1),public transport(1),service(1),transport(1),Wellington(1)



Day three of Wellington's new bus service an improvement, but problems remain

Dominion Post by Collette Devlin

17 Jul 2018 1:07 PM

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Keywords

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The public transport network in Wellington has had a shakeup after Tranzit took over the ...

Newstalk ZB (Wellington), Wellington, 12:00 News, Newsreader

17 Jul 2018 11:59 AM

Duration: 0 min 48 secs • NZ • New Zealand • Radio & TV - Transport • ID: X00075356501

The public transport network in Wellington has had a shakeup after Tranzit took over the contract for most commuter routes on Sunday following online complaints from commuters about some drivers taking the wrong route or using paper to know where they are going. Greater Wellington Regional Councillor Daran Ponter told Heather du-Plessis Allan this is because some drivers had come across from other operators while others had only days of training which is a problem Australasia is facing.

Audience

2,700 All, 1,200 MALE 16+, 1,500 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Daran Ponter, Councillor, Greater Wellington Regional Council



Regional councillor Daran Ponter says another six months was needed to successfully ...

Radio NZ - National, Wellington, 11:00 News, Newsreader

17 Jul 2018 11:03 AM

Duration: 0 min 43 secs • NZ • New Zealand • Radio & TV - Transport • ID: X00075355778

Regional councillor Daran Ponter says another six months was needed to successfully introduce radical changes to Wellington's bus network. Ponter also says bus companies don't have enough drivers. It's understood the new bus timetables began this week.

Audience

60,200 All, 27,000 MALE 16+, 33,200 FEMALE 16+

Interviewees

Daran Ponter, regional councillor

Also broadcast from the following 2 stations

Radio NZ - National (Christchurch), Radio NZ - National (Auckland)



Major water management reform could take responsibility for drinking water from councils

stuff.co.nz by Dominic Harris

17 Jul 2018 7:12 PM

707 words • Internet - Land and Water • ID: 983039494

Local Government Minister Nanaia Mahuta speaks about water management reform at the 2018 LGNZ conference in Christchurch.

New Zealand councils could lose responsibility for providing drinking water under a major reform of national water management, th...

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Audience

737,274 UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS, 6,119 UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS

Keywords

chlorination(1),Christchurch(5),drinking(7),Maori(1),New Zealand(2),suppliers(1),water(24),waters(3)



Former Hamilton Mayor to chair Environmental Protection Authority

stuff.co.nz

17 Jul 2018 4:34 PM

417 words • Internet - Land and Water • ID: 982996377

She used to be the mayor of Hamilton, now Julie Hardaker is taking on an environmental role. Hardaker was announced as the chair of the Environmental Protection Authority Board on Tuesday afternoon.

The authority is the government's environmental...

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Audience

737,274 UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS, 6,119 UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS

Keywords

Environment(2),Environmental(6),Hamilton(4),New Zealand(2),NZ(2),organisations(2),Waikato(1)



Water regulator 'all but certain'

The Dominion Post, Wellington, General News, Dominic Harris

18 Jul 2018

Page 8 • 301 words • Photo: No • Type: News Item • Size: 192.00 cm² • NZ • New Zealand • Press - Greater Wellington Regional Council • ID: 983124312

New Zealand councils could lose responsibility for providing drinking water under a major reform of national water management, the Government has announced. Local Government Minister Nanaia Mahuta said she is exploring whether dedicated water providers should take over, as recommended from an inquiry launched after the deadly Havelock North gastroenteritis outbreak in August 2016.

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Audience

48,092 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Government(6),Local(2),Local Government New Zealand(1),New(1),Zealand(1)



Bus network rollout goes well

Kapiti News, Kapiti, General News, Penny Gaylor

18 Jul 2018

Page 8 • 303 words • Photo: No • Type: News Item • Size: 134.00 cm² • NZ • New Zealand • Press - Greater Wellington Regional Council • ID: 983291783

This is the big week everyone when the huge transformation of the Wellington bus network goes live across the Kapiti Coast, Porirua and Wellington City. Having already rolled out changes in the Wairarapa and the Hutt to help stagger the complexity of change, we've been able to see what we need to learn to have the best possible success for users from the get-go.

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Audience

25,493 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Gaylor(1),Penny(1)





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True blue concerns

Transport

**Damian George,
Collette Devlin and
Katarina Williams**

Some Wellington commuters are complaining the neon blue lighting in the city's new fleet of buses is causing headaches.

The blue lights introduced to "minimise reflection" on the driver's windscreen have been criticised for being "too aggressive" and "unhealthy".

Metlink said the lights were not installed for aesthetics, but for an "operational purpose".

"Like some other changes around the bus network, there are people in favour and others against. Some customers say it adds a distinctive look to the new buses."

Yesterday, WorkSafe was asked who bus passengers should complain to about the lighting.

The response did nothing to quell social media users – one wondering whether her mode of transport was "a disco bus".

The lights complaint was the latest about the new bus network introduced on Sunday.

Greater Wellington Regional Council said the network performed far better yesterday compared with its first major test during Monday morning's peak-hour commute.

Regional councillor Daran Ponter said there were a couple of cancelled and late services yesterday, but the service was an improvement on Monday.

"There were no dropped services today across the network and there was a full complement of staff, which made a big improvement."

Monday's commute resulted in a flood of complaints from dissatisfied peak-hour travellers about missed connections, buses

that failed to show, long waits, overcrowded buses and some drivers who appeared not to know their new routes.

One commuter posted on Monday night that her driver had driven up Ngaio Gorge instead of Ngauranga Gorge, which is about 8km further north. She was worried about her safety because the top of the double-decker bus she was travelling in scraped power lines in the Ngaio Gorge.

There was more social media venting yesterday morning as some commuters took to Twitter to express frustration at buses running late, not showing up or going the wrong way.

A regional council spokesman said there were still a few things to be ironed out, but that was to be expected.

Ponter said things had largely improved after a day of familiar-

isation for many Wellingtonians with the network changes that involved an overhaul of the city's routes, timetables and fares.

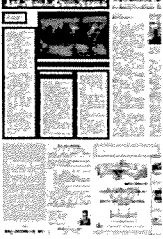
"They may not accept it but people are becoming more familiar with the new route and timetables and asking less questions than yesterday [Monday]."

Metlink confirmed one driver had driven up Ngaio Gorge instead of Ngauranga Gorge, and that the former was not an approved double-decker route.

"We've instructed the operator to urgently advise drivers to stay off that road."

The incident was the only one involving power lines being hit, Metlink said.

It also confirmed it was aware of some drivers who had been brought in from outside Wellington to help with the new network. They were Transit employees on permanent or short-term contracts, it said.



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Complaints about Metlink's new blue lights were the latest in a long line of issues raised by passengers about the new bus network. KEVIN STENT/STUFF



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Water regulator 'all but certain'



Management
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Local Government Minister Nanaia Mahuta said she is exploring whether dedicated water providers should take over, as

recommended from an inquiry launched after the deadly Havelock North gastroenteritis outbreak in August 2016.

Mahuta confirmed she has ruled out privatisation of existing infrastructure, saying the need for it to remain in public hands remained a "core pillar" for the Government.

In a speech to the Local Government New Zealand annual conference in Christchurch yesterday, Mahuta suggested establishing an independent

drinking water regulator was all but certain.

But in a boost for Christchurch, she said Health Minister David Clark is giving "serious consideration" to the possibility of exemptions for certain areas if mandatory permanent chlorination of drinking water is introduced.

The minister warned the country's water systems face "significant challenges" and that "neither central nor local government can address these alone".

Plans to overhaul three waters infrastructure – drinking, storm and waste waters – are still in the "conceptual policy stage", with government ministers developing a strategy that will involve the interests of iwi and Māori and reporting back to Cabinet in October.

The minister has just returned from a trip studying the public provision of water services in the United Kingdom. She said any solution here "must fit our context, what we value and undoubt-

edly what is in the best strategic interest for our citizens".

And she promised it would be a "core pillar for the Government" that water provision would not be privatised.

"Any option that goes forward for consideration must ensure continued public ownership of existing infrastructure assets and we must provide the protections of that assurance through governance and ownership arrangements, at law and ministerial oversight."



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Bus network rollout goes well



Greater Good
Penny Gaylor
Wellington Regional Council

This is the big week everyone — when the huge transformation of the Wellington bus network goes live across the Kāpiti Coast, Porirua and Wellington City.

Having already rolled out changes in the Wairarapa and the Hutt to help stagger the complexity of change, we've been able to see what we need to learn to have the best possible success for users from the get-go.

At the time of writing this Sunday's first day of the new buses, routes, drivers, and Snapper card had gone pretty well, with very minor hiccups given the scale of change.

The Monday crunch time for commuters did bring stories of glitches in some parts of the

Wellington City new routes.

Here in the Kāpiti Coast we have not heard of any such glitches. Let's hope that continues.

I know the Uzabus team delivering in the Kāpiti Coast area are really enthusiastic about providing the services here — as they have done in Ōtaki for some time.

There are a number of new drivers who want to do their best so please have some patience

should there be any issues.

Snapper card will be new to customers so we really appreciate your (and our) patience while everyone gets used to the new system.

We can confirm a full turnout of drivers for both Tranzurban and Uzabus.

Website traffic was about double our usual amount for a Sunday morning, with most queries relating to routes and

fares.

The Contact Centre was well resourced, with most callers seeking information, and notably some asking where they could catch a double decker with the kids!

We expect that AmBUSsadors are successfully handling a number of the inquiries that would normally come to the Contact Centre — so good that in this day and age the human contact approach is still provided.

Rory Cathcart

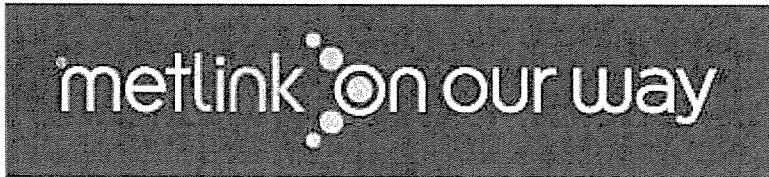
From: Wayne Hastie
Sent: Wednesday, 18 July 2018 10:20 AM
To: Greg Campbell
Subject: FW: A happy bus customer

Maybe something for your note to councillors.

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From:
Sent: Wednesday, 18 July 2018 8:22 AM
To: Wayne Hastie <Wayne.Hastie@gw.govt.nz>; Rhona Hewitt <Rhona.Hewitt@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: A happy bus customer

Good morning Wayne and Rhona

Just thought I would send a quick email to say my trip this morning on the Number 1 service from Churton Park was perfect ☺

My bus arrived on time, we had a really nice friendly driver, the Snapper system worked, we had a lovely new comfortable double decker bus which was driven really well.
We arrived into town on time and with lots of other happy customers.

The new services are definitely bedding in and people seem to be getting their head around how to best use them.
Many thanks to you both and your teams for all the hard work.
I'm sure PT is set to grow massively in Wellington now.

Best regards

Rory Cathcart

From: Greg Campbell
Sent: Wednesday, 18 July 2018 11:51 AM
To: Deborah Hume; Wayne Hastie; Andrew Cooper; Alan Seay
Subject: FW: Day 4 - Wellington Bus Transition

FYI, note sent to Councillors this morning.

Greg Campbell | Chief Executive
GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL
Te Pane Matua Taiao
T: 04 830-4205 | M: 021 445 373

From: Greg Campbell
Sent: Wednesday, 18 July 2018 11:50 AM
To: COUNCILLORS <MailCOUNCILLORS@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: Day 4 - Wellington Bus Transition

Councillors,

We have continued to see performance improvements across the new bus network today. As a consequence, we are seeing calls into our contact centre, complaints and numbers of negative social media posts starting to decline.

The smaller operations of Newlands and Uzabus are performing very well. The larger operations serving Wellington City of NZ Bus and Tranzit less so, with reliability rates between 50% and 65%.

Generally progress is following a similar path to that experienced with the Hutt Valley start up. NZ Bus reported that the profile of issues and progress is very similar to that being experienced with the new routes in Auckland, although the difference is that Wellingtonians definitely demand a higher level of service!

We are continuing to have specific problems. The most significant, we have identified Snapper faults which result in inaccurate reporting in RTI. This has been elevated to our top priority to resolve – it is one thing if buses are not keeping to time, but it is much worse if this is not reported accurately in RTI and our app/online. We are confident that this is not a software development issue, more likely there are mismatches in route data loaded by us and operators.

Other issues include drivers stopping at the incorrect stops at the station (ironically, experienced drivers are our biggest challenge – habits die hard!) and drivers simply driving tentatively and slowly as they get used to the new routes and vehicles. With improved frequencies in key areas, this has led to “bunching” of buses. The first bus does all the hard lifting, picking up most passengers, the one behind catches it up but cannot pass. We are finding double decker dwell time at bus stops to still be very slow. When these “bunch”, you find all services falling behind schedule and the first bus being packed, with the ones behind being virtually empty. Generally, double deckers cannot pass each other!

Tranzit lost radio contact with its fleet all day Monday. This was a blow on the day but is back again and making a real difference.

We continue to have our managers deployed from very early morning until late in the day, to support operators and ensure fast, agile decision making. We are working through contingencies for Monday, when school services recommence. Our approach for Monday is to ensure all school services operate well, if we run into any operational or driver shortage problems, these services will not be affected.

We also continue to deploy our “AmBUSsadors” across the city and a number of GW staff volunteers are on buses with new drivers as “driver buddies” to provide reassurance and assistance wherever possible. We underestimated the volume of paper material (especially timetables) demanded by commuters so are rushing to keep up with this demand.

These are long and challenging days but we are confident that operators will get across the issues and steadily improve.

I am conscious that many of you will bear the brunt of some angry communications from frustrated commuters. Unfortunately happy experiences are seldom committed to emails and social media! (There are some wonderful exceptions!). If we can help in constructing responses to these, or if you need any further information, let me or Alan Seay know.

Greg

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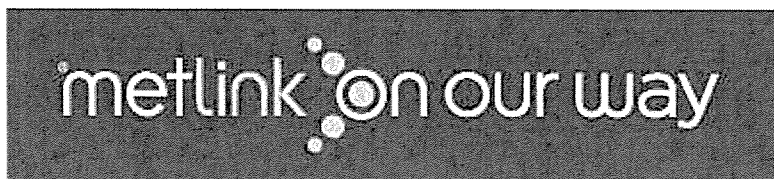
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Sent: Thursday, 19 July 2018 6:25 PM
To: Daran Ponter - External; Sue Kedgley - External; Ian McKinnon; Roger Blakeley - External; Chris Laidlaw - Chair
Cc: Greg Campbell
Subject: FW: Schools eDM - there may be a few bumps in the road

As per previous email.

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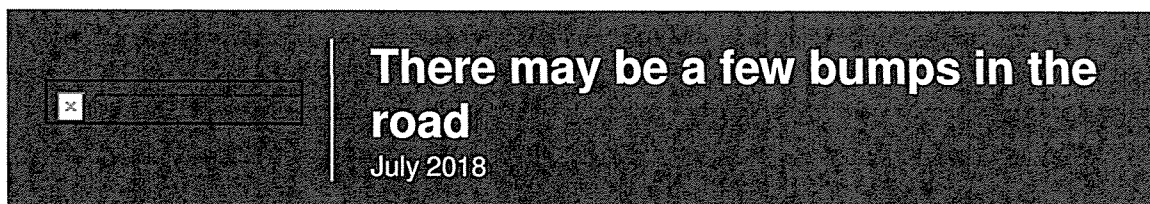
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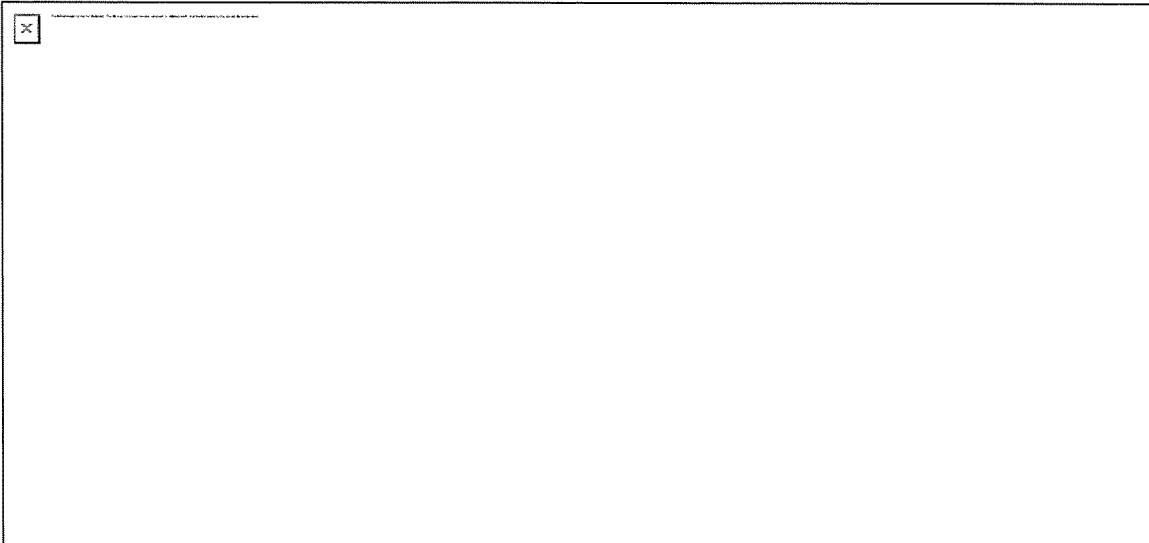


From: Andrew Cooper
Sent: Thursday, 19 July 2018 6:16 PM
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Cc: Deborah Hume <Deborah.Hume@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Schools eDM - there may be a few bumps in the road

This has been issued to schools. Best view is to click on the link.

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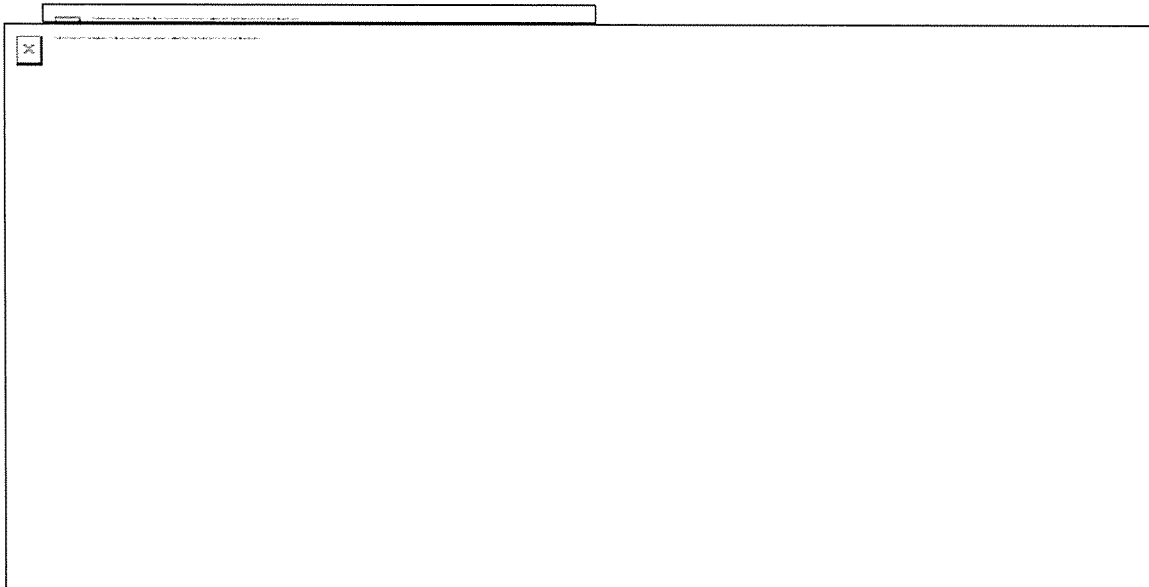




From Kāpiti to Karori, Miramar to Masterton and everywhere in between, thousands of us rely on public transport to get us around the beautiful region we call home.

We've made some big changes to improve our public transport network to be connected to the people, places and events we love, everyday.

We've completely redesigned Wellington City's bus network to carry more of us, more places, every day of the week, with less congestion and more connections. The changes went live on **Sunday 15 July**.

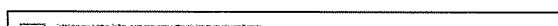


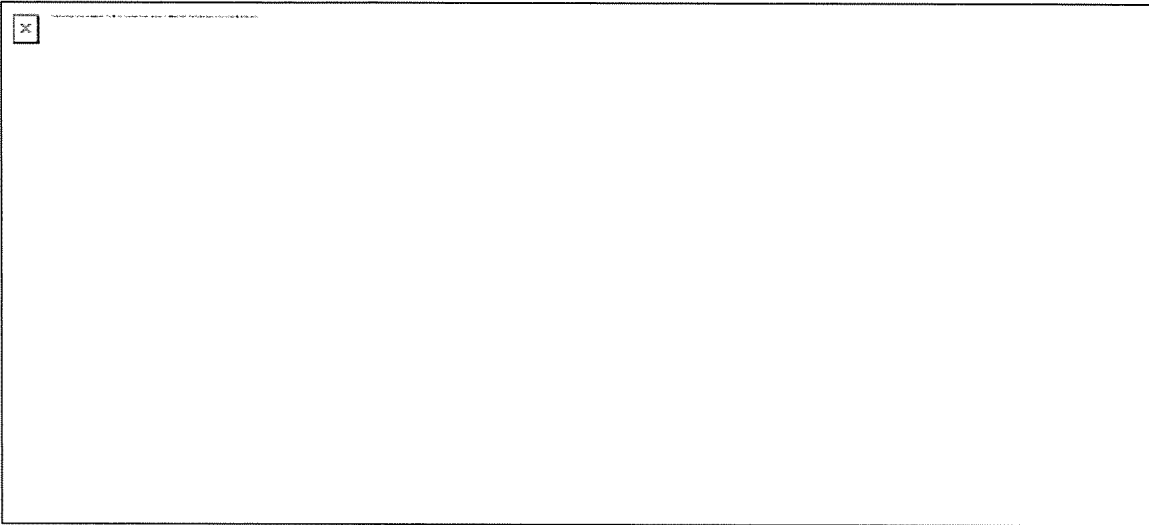
Any disruption means a lot to us, please bear with us

As with any change of this size, the largest to public transport in our region, so we'd expect a few bumps in the road as our new network beds in.

We're working hard to minimise any inconvenience to you, but there may be a few services that don't run as planned that could impact your school, with students and staff affected.

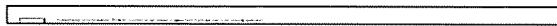
For the short-term, we are asking you to bear with us while we iron out any bumps. The information provided below will help your school staff and students to be prepared.





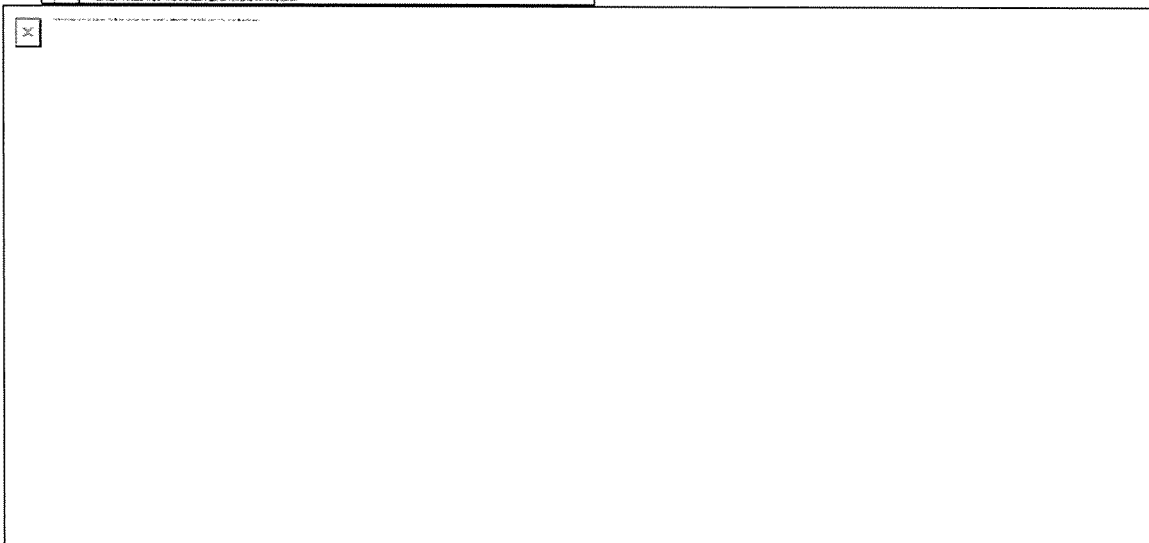
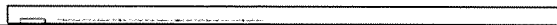
Know before you go

The best way to keep informed as we improve our bus and train services is to check out our [real-time bus timetables](#) online, [sign up for a MyMetlink account](#) to receive Metlink alerts, or download the [Metlink Commuter app](#). For assistance please call 0800 801 700.



Changes to Metlink school bus routes and timetables

There may be changes in your school bus routes and timetables.

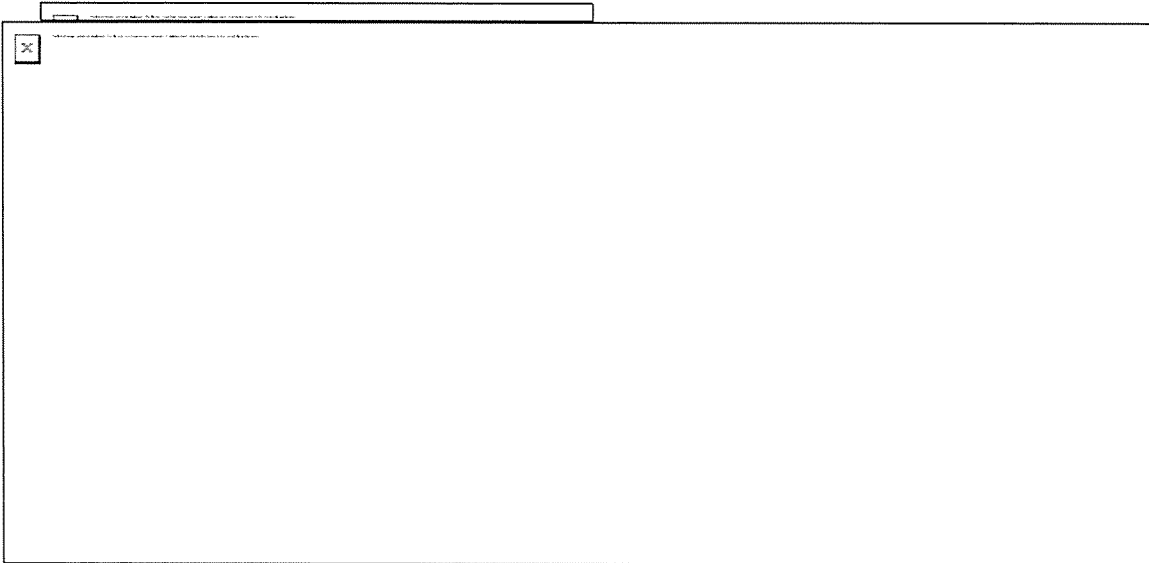


Changes to paying for travel

Snapper cards are now accepted on all Metlink buses. **School term passes have been discontinued.** Students who have Mana/Newsland Cards can pick up a free Snapper until **Friday 27 July** [at selected locations](#).

If students don't have a Snapper card they can [purchase one from Snapper retailers or the Snapper website](#) and remember they need to ensure it is loaded with a child concession to receive the 50% discount.

School term passes and Child Concessions



New fares, tickets and discounts

As part of the changes, we are providing a 50% discount off the adult fare for all school students either in school uniform, or with a student ID. This discount is available to all your students when using:

- [A Snapper card with a Child Concession](#) loaded onto it
- [A Concession 10-Trip Ticket, a Child Rail Monthly or MonthlyPlus pass](#) on Metlink trains
- [A Child 10-Trip Ticket or Monthly Pass](#) on ferry
- Paying by cash (although the discount on cash fares may not be exactly 50% of the adult fare because the cash fares are rounded up to the nearest 50 cents).

There are changes to some routes and fare zones across the network. Check out our [website](#) to see how these might affect your community.

Child and School Concessions

Thanks for taking this journey with us.

Rory Cathcart

From: Martin Sheffield
Sent: Thursday, 19 July 2018 8:01 AM
To: Deborah Moriceau; Bruce Horsefield; Matthew Lear; David Boyd; Matt Aldiss; Marcus Simons; Jonathan Hales; Paul Blane; Angela Whiteman; Alan Seay; Deborah Hume; Marcus Bone; Andrew Cooper; Jonathon Gear; Samantha Gain; Rhona Hewitt; Greg Campbell; Siobhan Leader; Rob Braddock; Wayne Hastie; Michelle Bertauche; James Meffan
Cc: PT Interest Group; Managers - ELT
Subject: RE: DAY 4: Metlink Network, July 18 - Resolve lens

Hi all

Piggy-backing on Deb2's address list – have knocked-up a very rudimentary table of cases logged in Resolve over the last three business days and % of those relating to operational performance – below. Top-of-mind takeaway is that while overall case numbers have increased each day, operational performance issues (connections not made, failed to appear, late running, failed to pick-up, etc.) are **decreasing** – i.e. everyone's hard work seems to be paying off in perception of service delivery...

Customer attention is turning to capacity, timetables, staff and driving, etc...

RESOLVE CASES

	16-Jul			17-Jul			18-Jul		
	Total	Op. Perf	%age	Total	Op. Perf	%age	Total	Op. Perf	%age
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	51	26	51%	65	26	40%	80	28	35%
	7	4	57%	10	6	60%	9	3	33%
	3	2	67%	8	3	38%	4	2	50%
	5	3	60%	2	1	50%	2	1	50%
	6	1	17%	3	1	33%	6	6	100%

Rory Cathcart

From: Stephen Heath
Sent: Thursday, 19 July 2018 11:18 AM
To: Sophie Gibson; Stephen Heath; Chris Laidlaw - Chair; COUNCILLORS; Greg Campbell; Managers - ELT; Admin Services Masterton; Ali Caddy; Alistair Allan; Alistair Cross; Amanda Cox; Amanda Vickerman; Angus Gabara; Chris Maggs; Claudia O'Neale; Dave Grimmond; Davor Bejakovich; Deborah Hume; Graeme Butcher; Graeme Campbell; Harriet Shelton; Helen Guissane; Iain Dawe; 'info@waterwairarapa.co.nz'; Lisa Gray; Mark Ford; Mike Timmer; Mike Ward; Natasha Hayes; Nicola Shorten; Paul Kos; Pauline Hill; PC – CustomerEngagement; Ross Jackson; Samantha Seath; SCE Sustainable Transport; Shane Parata; Sue Faulkner; Susan Hutchinson-Daniel; Tamsin Mitchell; Tim Gale; Tim Porteous; Joshua McLennanDeans; Matthew Hickman; Michael Bassett-Foss; Suze Keith; Kat Banyard; Jamie Steer; Jacky Cox; Richard Romijn; Alistair Allan; Philippa Crisp; Lizzy Baker; Julia Congalton; Monica Fraser; Samantha Gain; Linda Going; Mark Hooker; Jeremy Holmes; Hayley Vujcich; Grant Nalder; Alex Pezza; Jimmy Young; Mark Heath; Rob Masters; Mike Thompson; Natasha Tomic; Louise Holloway; Evan Harrison; Jo Fagan; Doug Mzila; Francie Morrow; Ben Barrett
Subject: Media clip 19 July 2018
Attachments: Media clip 19 July 2018.pdf

Good morning,

Today's media clip:

Transport stories

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The Wellington bus network is melting down and commuters are losing their shit

Transdev managing director Alan Bannister leaves capital after less than two years in charge

Wellington commuter chaos as Tranzit takes over bus routes

[Sydney's first driverless metro train passes major test](#)

[EU Electric-Car Sale Growth Sputters on Battery, Charging Limits](#)

Other stories

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Cheers

Steve

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The Dominion Post, Wellington, Letters

19 Jul 2018

Page 11 • 183 words • Photo: No • Type: Letter • Size: 78.00 cm² • NZ • New Zealand • Press - Transport • ID: 983632820

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Capital chatter

The Dominion Post, Wellington, General News, Eleanor Wenman

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@ThomedySci There's a youth event being held up at Vic and seeing all these highschoolers in business attire is the most adorable thing. @cjsbishop Cherry Ripe muffins for our first #potluckwithpoliticians dinner tonight in Wellington. What are you making and bringing, @NicolaWillisMP?

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Hardly an improvement

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In a few words Regional councillor Daran Ponter said Tuesday's bus services were a big improvement on Monday's, with no dropped services across the network. I beg to differ. On Monday two scheduled No 7 buses did not turn up between 4pm and 4.35 pm at the Supreme Court bus stop. On Tuesday, at the same bus stop during the same time period, three scheduled No 7 buses did not turn up.

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Transdev managing director Alan Bannister leaves capital after less than two years in charge

stuff.co.nz by Damian George

18 Jul 2018 6:17 PM

389 words • Internet - Transport • ID: 983541668

Transdev managing director Alan Bannister is heading back to Australia after less than two years in his Wellington role. Bannister was appointed managing director of Transdev's Wellington office in January last year, having first joined the team at th...

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737,274 UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS, 6,119 UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS

Keywords

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The Wellington bus network is melting down and commuters are losing their shit

thespinoff.co.nz

18 Jul 2018 3:00 PM

1428 words • Internet - Transport • ID: 983486883

This school holiday Danyl Mclauchlan caught the bus to Wellington Zoo. It was not fun. "Please," I pleaded, standing in the door of a bus at Wellington's Railway Station, my six-year old daughter's tiny hand in mine, "We just want to get to the..."

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Keywords

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Rate rises continually outstrip incomes and inflation - do they need an overhaul?

stuff.co.nz by Dominic Harris

19 Jul 2018 5:12 AM

1867 words • Internet - Land and Water • ID: 983794180

Christchurch City Council is hiking rates by 52 per cent over the next 10 years.

Rates bills are set to soar by about 50 per cent over the next decade. Dominic Harris examines how that will hit property owners and asks whether the rating system is...

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Councils back move to charge significantly higher fees for dumping rubbish

stuff.co.nz by Amber-Leigh Woolf

18 Jul 2018 7:44 PM

581 words • Internet - Land and Water • ID: 983567476

The amount of money Kiwis pay to dump rubbish at landfills could soon quadruple.

Councils across the country are calling for an increase to the \$10 waste disposal levy the Government currently charges on every tonne of rubbish disposed of in landfills...

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dump(1),Hutt(1),landfill(8),landfills(5),Porirua(1),previous(1),recent(1),rubbish(5),Valley(1)



Spade Aid in the park

Kapiti Observer, Paraparumu Kapiti, General News

19 Jul 2018

Page 16 • 319 words • Photo: Yes • Type: News Item • Size: 321.00 cm² • NZ • New Zealand • Press - Greater Wellington Regional Council • ID: 983826132

Feel like a bit of exercise as well as doing your bit for conservation? Kapiti will gain 5000 new native trees and the regional council has issued an invite to locals keen to get involved.

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Audience

30,724 CIRCULATION

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Council(2),councillor(1),Greater(2),Lamason(1),Prue(1),regional(2),Wellington(2)



\$95,000 to wine and dine business clients

The Dominion Post, Wellington, General News, Collette Devlin

19 Jul 2018

Page 3 • 568 words • Photo: Yes • Type: News Item • Size: 372.00 cm² • NZ • New Zealand • Press - Greater Wellington Regional Council • ID: 983635727

Wellington's economic agency has forked out more than \$95,000 on schmoozing clients in the past eight months. But the agency, which is owned by Wellington City Council (80 per cent) and Greater Wellington Regional Council (20 per cent), says it has to spend money to bring economic benefits to the region.

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Climate threat - where to start

New Zealand Herald, Auckland, General News, Jamie Morton

19 Jul 2018

Page 14 • 687 words • Photo: No • Type: News Item • Size: 281.00 cm² • NZ • New Zealand • Press - Greater Wellington Regional Council • ID: 983671711

Top Niwa scientist says councils know there's a problem but are unsure how to begin tackling it Councils are struggling with planning for future sea level rise - and their biggest hurdle seems to simply be deciding where to start.

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Audience

117,269 CIRCULATION

Keywords

Government(5),local(5),Local Government New Zealand(1)



Wellington commuter chaos as Tranzit takes over bus routes

newshub.co.nz by Patrick Gower

18 Jul 2018 8:45 PM

373 words • Internet - Greater Wellington Regional Council • ID: 983585526

Wellington's buses have been taken over by company Tranzit - and it appears as though there are a whole lot of new drivers that are struggling.

Lizzie Simmons is one the people who uses the bus system in Wellington, and her trip on the city's number 1...

[Read on source site](#)

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17,534 UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS, 1,011 UNIQUE DAILY VISITORS

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Greater Wellington Regional Council(1),previous(1),top(1)





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It appears Greater Wellington Regional Council's so called "improvements" are nothing but huge cost-cutting, increasing services in some areas while drastically reducing them in others. As compensation for losing the trolley buses we were promised more electric buses, more bus lanes, more efficient routes. We haven't got them.

I would like to see Wayne Hastie, general manager of public transport, step down, along with GWRC chairman Chris Laidlaw, who signed off the contract giving us this substandard service while agreeing to poorer working conditions for drivers.

Miranda Munro, Melrose



19 Jul 2018
The Dominion Post, Wellington

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@cjsbishop Cherry Ripe muffins for our first #potluckwithpoliticians dinner tonight in Wellington. What are you making and bringing, @NicolaWillisMP?

@andersen_ellen Just saw my first Wellington double-decker, with 3 little kids and a nan in the front row, top level with the biggest grins on their faces!

@honorarykiwi Oi, Wellington. Not fair. Was just about to head out and grab a coffee, and it started bucketing down. Currently

favouring dryness over awakens.

@sarahhbickerton I am so so proud that our annual fireworks for Wellington are now not for Guy Fawkes, but rather for Matariki

@MataiGG I'm going outside to catch a bus on the first commuter morning of the new Wellington bus schedule. I may be some time.

@ALFIEEV Overheard: 80y/o grannie gets fed up waiting for a bus, tells everyone she's gonna buy a skateboard and roll into the city from now on cause it'll be quicker.

@JeromeChandra Good morning, @metlinkwgn. Is it true that if you are the first person on the top deck of the bus and you sit right at the front, you are known as captain of the bus and are entitled to wear a fancy hat?

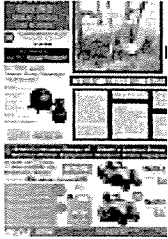


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Spade Aid in the park

Feel like a bit of exercise as well as doing your bit for conservation?

Kāpiti will gain 5000 new native trees and the regional council has issued an invite to locals keen to get involved.

The mass planting on Sunday, July 29 is the latest step in the transformation of Queen Elizabeth Park and will see community volunteers, families, corporate teams and Greater Wellington Regional Council staff gather to take part in the annual Spade Aid event.

While the main focus is on the planting, the event will also be a fun family affair. Local musicians will play throughout the day and there will be a supply of the sausages being sizzled.

Recent years have seen big changes in the park, with the development of the Te Ara o Whareroa trail, significant retire-

ment of land from farming, restoration of waterways and a start on the full restoration of its north east peatlands.

The focus of this year's Spade Aid will be on restoring the area near Kāpiti Aeromodellers airstrip, the Whareroa Stream and Te Ara o Whareroa trail.

About 5000 trees will go in, a mix of species such as cabbage tree, ngaio, akeake, flax, kanuka, manuka, ribbonwood, mahoe, broadleaf, lemonwood and five finger.

Greater Wellington councillor

Prue Lamason said the park was changing, and for the better.

"Restoration of the park depends on large-scale community participation in planting. It's what drives the landscapes and habitats of the future and bonds the communities on which we depend to the park."

Last year more than 300 people

turned up.

"Without volunteer effort we simply couldn't push ahead with our vision of a park that returns to its past glory as a storehouse of habitat for native birds and other animals."

■ **Sunday, July 29 from 10am.**
Whareroa Beach, Mackays Crossing entrance, Queen Elizabeth Park



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\$95,000 to wine and dine business clients



Wreda hosting
Collette Devlin
collette.devlin@stuff.co.nz

Wellington's economic agency has forked out more than \$95,000 on schmoozing clients in the past eight months.

But the agency, which is owned by Wellington City Council (80 per cent) and Greater Wellington Regional Council (20 per cent), says it has to spend money to bring economic benefits to the region.

The latest spending revelations follow criticism of Wellington Economic Development Agency (Wreda) board chairman Peter Biggs and former chief executive Chris Whelan who came under fire last year for dining charged to their ratepayer-funded work.

Documents released under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act reveal the agency wined and dined guests at some of Wellington's top restaurants, some with significant amounts spent on drinks.

Shed 5, The Bresolin, Ortega Fish Shack, Charley Noble, Dragonfly, Noble Rot, Shepherd and QT Museum Hotel (Hippopotamus) are just some of top spots preferred for the entertaining.

Stuff requested receipts for all bills over \$200 and was given 90

The agency divided its entertainment expenses into: tourism travel trade (\$16,916), media/PR/social influencers (\$8639), event attractions (\$10,716), international student attraction (\$22,155), Screen Wellington (\$9128), business growth/development (\$19,024) and board/stakeholders (\$8826). Its expenses totalled \$95,404.

One receipt shows three Wreda staff hosted 19 Melbourne agents at Shed 5, racking up a bill of \$3294. This included a \$1314 bar tab, which was made up of 19 bottles of wine, a few beers and \$180 on bottled water.

Another event attended by 48 people at the Roxy produced a bill of \$2387.

A dinner for Swiss and German tourism agents at The Bresolin was attended by a dozen people and cost \$1014 with more than \$400 spent on alcohol, which included \$67 bottles of wine.

A North American tourism dinner for nine people was held at the same venue and cost \$761, while a Wreda trade manager treated six tourism buyers to a \$654 meal and drinks at the Ortega Fish Shack.

A dinner at Rydges Hotel for two managers and three clients from the Australian society for the study of brain impairment set the agency back \$482, a meal for



Significant economic benefits had been generated for the region as a result.

Wreda chief executive Lance Walker



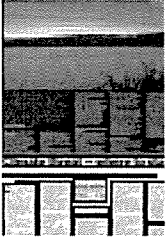
six guests from a science conference and three Wreda staff at Noble Rot cost \$567, while an "incentive" dinner for two guests and a Wreda manager at Logan Brown cost \$280.

Many of the dearest bills were for event catering, which included \$5859 for 80 people attending an international student function in Beijing. There was also \$3000 for another international student event at the Wellington Club for 100 people.

Wreda chief executive Lance Walker said hosting formed an important part of what the agency did to promote the region and generate economic growth. Its mandate was to promote Wellington as a destination and, as such, all expenses were budgeted for, as well as being funded by commercial partnerships.

Significant economic benefits had been generated as a result of the hosting. After dividing the number of people hosted (3222) by the total spend, he considered \$26.52 per person good value.

"The recent successes we have had in attracting over \$28 million of conference business to the city and the decision of global software giant Shopify to set up its first Australasian remote hub in Wellington and creating 100 jobs is a great example of our hosting work delivering results."



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Climate threat – where to start

Top Niwa scientist says councils know there's a problem but are unsure how to begin tackling it

Jamie Morton science

Councils are struggling with planning for future sea level rise – and their biggest hurdle seems to simply be deciding where to start.

That's according to a top Niwa scientist, now holding nationwide workshops with several other experts, and who wants to see communities acting as soon as possible.

Two-thirds of Kiwis live in areas that are vulnerable to flooding, and an estimated \$200 billion of public assets and infrastructure is at risk from rising seas.

Niwa senior scientist Dr Rob Bell is part of a team now working on localised projections that vary from storm surge to the incursion of salt water into aquifers, estuaries and wetlands.

Bell has also co-authored separate guidance for councils that predicted between half a metre and 1.4m of sea level rise by 2120, depending on how global emissions tracked over this time.

"I think councils generally know there's a problem and want to get on with it, but what I've picked up is that they don't quite know where to start – often the biggest hurdle is getting off the starting blocks."

The Niwa-hosted workshops, run by the Ministry for the Environment with the support of the Deep South National Science Challenge, were aimed at council staff, engineers, planners and infrastructure operators.

Their advice included how to get teams together to tackle the issue, and what they should be talking to their communities about.

While there was some unpredictability around what impacts would come, Bell didn't see any room for complacency. "We've got to get on and do something now despite the uncertainty. Decisions can't wait, so we are suggesting that adaptive planning and monitoring progress towards decision points is the best tool in the box.

"Each coastal situation is different – some issues are imminent and some are down the track so councils

and communities need to work out when they have to adapt and what short and long-term options are available to them," Bell said.

"When they near a threshold they can then decide which of the options they want to implement."

Monitoring what was happening would point councils to which sea level rise scenario was playing out, and whether they should be slowing down or speeding up their planning.

"Any decision made now will have repercussions for flexibility to adapt in the future but it is important to know what is coming, what the threshold is and have a plan in your pocket to switch to."

Preparing early was a point stressed by Local Government New Zealand president Dave Cull at the council lobby group's conference at Christchurch over the weekend.

Cull saw an urgent need to sort out goals, roles and responsibilities between central and local government.

"Some councils have proposals or ideas, but there are legal challenges – and there are cases where councils are reluctant to take risks because of impending costs."

On a national scale, the high-level Climate Change Adaptation Technical Working Group has handed the Government a list of 21 recommendations as areas to focus on first.

Specific recommendations included amending the Local Government Act 2002 to specify climate change adaptation as a function of local government, and removing legal barriers so the work can happen more easily. Adaptation itself, the group's report explained, could be split into four categories: avoiding places exposed to climate change impacts; retreating from those places over time; accommodating changes; and protecting against them through hard engineering.

Climate Change Minister James Shaw said public consultation on the Zero Carbon Bill, which closes this evening, included those proposals – namely requiring a national climate change risk assessment to be regu-

larly undertaken. "In addition to that, we have the Productivity Commission launching its inquiry into how local government is funded, and that inquiry will take note of the financial demands local councils are facing as they deal with the risks and impacts of climate change."

Big numbers

\$200 billion

Value of infrastructure and public assets at risk from rising sea levels

0.5m – 1.4m

Sea level rise guidance for councils by 2120

Rory Cathcart

From: Wayne Hastie
Sent: Thursday, 19 July 2018 12:15 PM
To: Ian McKinnon
Cc: Deborah Hume; Alan Seay
Subject: FW: Wellington bus service upgrades
Attachments: EVDD fact sheet FINAL FINAL.DOCX

Hi Ian

Looks like [redacted] has sent his questions to several councillors – below is what I sent through to Chris earlier today.

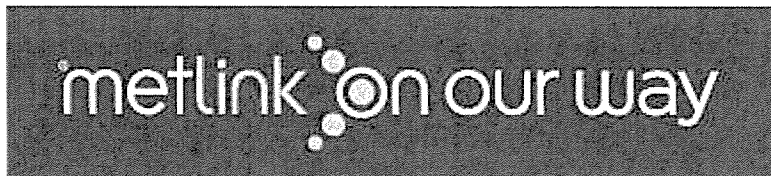
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From: Wayne Hastie
Sent: Thursday, 19 July 2018 10:04 AM
To: Chris Laidlaw - Chair <Chris.Laidlaw@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Wellington bus service upgrades

Hi Chris

The simple answer is that the buses will be charged during the day, at Island Bay initially. Each charge takes 6-10 minutes at the end of the route. The attached document provides some more details.

In addition we are still working to have the old trolley buses re-powered with batteries so we can re-introduce them to the network.

Cheers

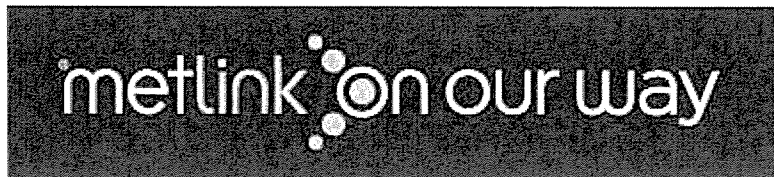
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From: Chris Laidlaw - Chair
Sent: Thursday, 19 July 2018 9:06 AM
To: Wayne Hastie <Wayne.Hastie@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Wellington bus service upgrades

Can someone put together the details needed to put his mind to rest.

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From: ~
Sent: Wednesday, 18 July 2018 9:09 p.m.
To: Chris Laidlaw - Chair
Subject: Wellington bus service upgrades

Dear Chris,

I'm writing with respect to the recent bus network overhaul and in particular, the decision to move toward electric buses augmenting the fleet.

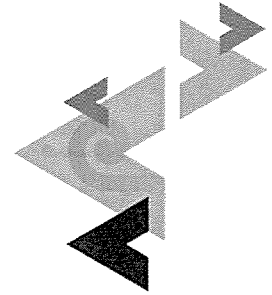
As I understand from reporting, there are currently two new electric double decker buses currently in the fleet, and it has been alleged that those vehicles are not in active transit service at this stage. According to another report, the maximum range of these buses is approximately 150 kilometers, which would suggest a capacity for approximately 3-4 round trips within Wellington City.

I dearly hope I am mistaken in this calculation, but according to these figures it would appear that these buses will need to return to the Rongotai depot to recharge after approximately three to four hours of service, which would indicate that around three buses of this type would be required to service just one route in a 12-hour period.

From this deduction it would appear that these buses are not fit for purpose in replacing a diesel bus in terms of range, or perhaps a mains-powered trolley bus network for which a single vehicle's range is effectively limitless. As I'm sure you are aware, Wellington had a reasonably extensive trolley network until 2017 when the network was completely removed at a cost of approximately \$45 million, if I recall correctly.

Can you confirm or deny whether this is a contributing factor to the limited utilisation of electric buses following the celebratory unveiling of this revolutionary service, and if so, what will be done to address the functional limitations of battery electric vehicles as the expected number of EVs in the fleet increases, and who will take ultimate responsibility of the outcomes for Wellington citizens once sufficient time has passed to make a complete judgment on the value of the new approach?

Yours faithfully,



Tranzit Electric Double Decker Factsheet

New Zealand's first fully electric double-decker bus fleet is here in Wellington. An initial fleet of 10 electric double-deckers will be phased in from July 15 in Wellington and bolstered by 10 more in 2020 and another 12 in 2021. They comprise a fleet of 234 brand new electric and diesel buses to service the bulk of Wellington and Hutt Valley commuter routes.

The EV Bus

The electric double-deckers (EVDDs) were assembled and built by Kiwi Bus Builders in Tauranga. Although the body was made by Kiwi Bus Builders, the battery technology and charging infrastructure has been sourced from global sector leaders, with batteries from Microvast and chassis by TEG. Each bus weighs about 12 tonnes, about the same as a new Tranzit single-deck diesel, and costs \$1 million. With the charging apparatus on top, each EVDD is 4.75m high, 2.5m wide and 10.4m long. The bus generates 320hp with 1500nm of torque.

Battery technology

The EVDDs use the latest and safest Microvast lithium ion-based batteries. The battery cell is secured in a sealed, fire-safe pouch to prevent gassing/venting. Each battery has a lifespan of up to 10 years.

Charging

The EVDDs undergo two types of charging – fast and slow. Each bus will be slow-charged overnight at Tranzurban's depot in Rongotai. Fast charging takes 6-10 minutes at strategically-placed stations en route. Each bus can travel up to 150km on a single charge costing as little as \$22.

Transportation and Emissions

Each EVDD can carry up to 82 passengers. They have been extensively road tested on Wellington routes. The buses produce zero emissions while transporting passengers.

Interesting facts

* Batteries are capable of recharging when braking occurs in traditional coasting mode, as well as under braking. This significantly extends the range of each bus.

* At the end of its 10-year lifecycle, a battery will still hold about 90% of its original charge capacity depending on use. When a battery is replaced, the old battery will be repurposed for other uses (eg. to power depot buildings), further reducing environmental impact.

Rory Cathcart

From: Wayne Hastie
Sent: Friday, 20 July 2018 5:21 PM
To: Metlink Resolve
Subject: FW: Unacceptable bus services to Vogeltown

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Sent: Friday, 20 July 2018 9:47 AM
To: Wayne Hastie <Wayne.Hastie@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: Fwd: Unacceptable bus services to Vogeltown

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Date: 19 July 2018 at 11:22:07 PM NZST
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Subject: Re: Unacceptable bus services to Vogeltown

Thanks and I appreciate your email.

In case you weren't aware, the Greater Wellington Regional Council operates the bus services (through Metlink) and will be responsible for making tweaks if required. I have cc'd Chris Laidlaw (Greater Wellington Regional Council Chair) here along with Daran Ponter (GWRC Councillor) and Wayne Hastie (GWRC General Manager Public Transport).

There have been significant changes and some will take time to settle. GWRC has undertaken to review the services and make changes where necessary. I'm aware of issues being raised in Vogeltown and Mornington, but Wayne's team will be able to provide more detail regarding your particular route.

They are working very hard at the moment and hopefully will be able to address your concerns.

Thanks

Justin

On 19/07/2018, at 7:01 PM,

wrote:

Hi Justin

Can I add my voice to no doubt numerous others and talk about the appalling new bus service

My usual trip home was 15 mins - it's taken over an hour each day.

The Vogeltown route is now a two bus journey with a hub at Hutchison Road. We are meant to catch a 3 from town and change onto a 23. The 3 was touted as a high frequency bus route.

It turns out the 3 is unreliable and often too full to let people on board. And the interchange is far from seamless - on Tuesday the 7:11 didn't show so in the dark i walked up the hill on a poorly lit road that feels unsafe as you walk alongside the town belt trees with no houses in sight. If I hadn't done this I'd have had to wait until 8:11. Sadly the lady at the bus stop in her 60s hadn't the option to walk and so I had to leave her in the dark in the middle of the road workings at the Hub alone.

When people have pointed out the problems to Metlink they say we should be using the 7. Have they seen the hills we need to climb?

I cannot adequately express my anger at this move and the amount of stress we are going through - not to mention how it is affecting home life as we are losing 45 mins of time each night.

Can we at least get a through bus at peak times?

I'm not sure whether you will be able to help us - but when we are trying to reduce our emissions as a country the number of people already saying the only option to get to work and home again on time is to drive shows how their actions are adversely affecting more than just our time.

I have been having conversations with a number of people on bus services other than ours and they are having real issues with getting on buses too - but at least they don't have to then repeat it all again at a hub.

Cheers

Sent from my mobile

Rory Cathcart

From: Greg Campbell
Sent: Friday, 20 July 2018 11:59 AM
To: Sue Kedgley - External; Roger Blakeley - External
Cc: Chris Laidlaw - Chair; Roger Blakeley; Daran Ponter; Ian McKinnon
Subject: RE: Updated briefing on roll out of bus network

Will look at times for Tuesday.

Note the shifts referred to by Tramways are only Hutt Valley. Interestingly, if you look deeply into their claims, they actually also refer to NZ Bus -- you might notice that in today's newspaper article.

I have not seen any rosters which are illegal. There are some long ones, though they are certainly not the rule. We are already working with Transit to redo rosters next week, effective 29 July, to resolve any long shift issues. It is not about just being legal, long shifts are not sustainable on a health and safety basis -- even with willing workers. And aside from these issues, rostering is part of the solution to resolve network issues being experienced this week.

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Subject: Re: Updated briefing on roll out of bus network

Hi there

Thanks for the offer of coming along today. I can't make it today because of prior commitments but great if we can have a briefing next week. Could we have it later in the afternoon of Tuesday?

In the meantime I have asked for a response to Tramways allegations that drivers are working 14 hour shifts.

Sue Kedgley
Wellington Regional Councillor
Board Member, Capital and Coast District Health Board: Consumer NZ:

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> On 20/07/2018, at 11:41 AM, Roger Blakeley <roger.blakeley@gw.govt.nz> wrote:
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> The time of 11am to 1 pm next Thursday is now available(was Joint GWRC/ WCC transport group now cancelled).
Could we use that for s Joint briefing of WCC and GWRC on the bus network rollout? Roger
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To: Sue Kedgley - External; Chris Laidlaw - Chair
Cc: Roger Blakeley - External; Roger Blakeley; Daran Ponter; Ian McKinnon
Subject: RE: Updated briefing on roll out of bus network

I am briefing the Public Transport Chairs Group at 1.15pm today for 30 minutes, at Walter Street. If any other Wellington Councillors want to join that, you'd be welcome. Regardless, I will organise another briefing on Tuesday for all Councillors -- I would prefer not to commit to Monday as will need to be fully agile in managing operational issues that day.

I had hoped that my and Deb's emails were keeping Councillors informed of developments, but if that is insufficient Sue or anyone else, let me know. Happy to do a quick stand up or telephone briefing anytime.

We are following a similar pattern of improvement as we experienced at Hutt Valley, just feels so much more uncomfortable given the impact of route changes and, of course, the intensity and higher capacity of Wellington City routes. We have settled down to very high levels of service delivery. We are still well behind.

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Good morning,

Today's media clip:

Wellington bus service cutover

More teething problems for Wellington's updated bus networks when two buses were ...

A Wellington local contacted Newstalk ZB, saying two buses were grounded around 6:30 ...

Give us a decent bus service

Union says bus rosters 'illegal'

Kiwis lash out at new 'migraine trigger' blue neon lights on buses

New bus service 'a shambles'

Q: Commuters are asked - what do you think of Wellington's new bus network?

Tramways Union, Wellington's bus driver union, says government officials undermine its ...

RNZ interview with Chris Laidlaw this morning on Checkpoint-

https://www.radionz.co.nz/audio/player?audio_id=2018654435

Interview with Kevin O'Sullivan:

<https://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/morningreport/audio/2018654434/wellington-bus-drivers-face-14hr-shifts-union>

Other stories

NZ gets electric vehicle charging database

Manuka, natives, tested for ability to kill nitrate leaching

Porirua is hoping to be pest-free by 2025. Mayor Mike Tana thinks the target is ...

East side copping bad air (Masterton)

The things that mattered this week (news round up)

Cheers

Steve