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MURTON'S CITYBUS NEWS – AUGUST 2009

Welcome to the August 2009 edition of CityBus News - keeping Broken Hill up to date on New Buses, Town Service Timetable and Route Changes.

New Buses

We mentioned in our January 09 CityBus News a new \$300,000 air-conditioned was being purchased to replace an existing unit – this new bus is now in service, much to the delight of passengers and staff alike.

We can now announce that the existing Town Service buses are to be replaced two new advanced specification larger capacity Town Service buses. These new buses will feature a significantly larger flat floor (step-less) area within the buses providing improved accessibility to passengers with pushers and for those who have difficulty in negotiating steps.

Delivery of these new buses is expected in August / September – Further details of the buses and photographs are available under the NEW BUSES tab.

Town Service

We at Murtons have looked hard and long at the present timetable and the roads travelled around the town and though we have plan for the future which would involve significant timetable changes, it unfortunately comes at a much higher operating cost.

So, in the meantime, in these difficult economic times, we have taken several steps which, we believe will provide an improved service but at an affordable operating cost:

- The new buses will be smoother/quieter, more accessible, have more capacity with improved heating/air-conditioning, and are more fuel efficient.
- An additional service to the South at 5.00pm – returning to the City at 5.15pm.
- Changes to the roads used around Westside Plaza to assist in on time running to & from the South.
- Changing the Eastern part of Duff Street (between Rockwell and King Street) to service by request only – a phone call to Murtons for pick up or a request to the driver for set down is all that will be required. Again this will assist in on time running to and from the South.
- The Saturday Hillside and South services will travel via Bromide, Williams & Galena Streets to Westside Plaza.
- A new improved timetable with more detail (intermediate timing points, useful places of interest served by the buses) and modern “metro” style route map.

We are planning to introduce the new timetable from Monday 31st August, however this will be confirmed shortly, through your local newspaper and by information provided in the buses.

Additionally, we will ensure that all passengers, prospective passengers and relevant business in Broken Hill receive the new timetables in good time.

The new timetables are being designed by Transit Graphics (who are Australia's foremost transit marketing specialists) and will be a significant improvement in layout, design and content – thus making bus travel planning and travel itself even easier!

Bus Stop and information panels will also be updated at that date – we have also commenced a program of working with appropriate organisations to improve signage and timetable information at key locations around the town.