

# Department of State Growth

PASSENGER TRANSPORT DIVISION

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Parents of students using Irishtown and Mella school buses

Dear Parents,

## Proposed Merger of Irishtown and Mella School Buses

The Department of State Growth has responsibility for contracting school bus services across Tasmania. As part of a recontracting process, the department has been reviewing bus services around the state to ensure that the contracted bus network meets school transport needs, is provided in a fair and equitable way across the state, and is sustainable.

This review has identified the potential for Irishtown and Mella bus services to be merged with other services operating in the area. Given this, and following discussions with the operator and the school, we are proposing to merge these services with other services in the Smithton area, commencing at the start of the 2018 school year. Note: The two existing services will continue to operate for the remainder of the 2017 school year.

While the proposal to merge the existing services would mean that some students would have a slightly longer travel time, the longest travel times are still considered reasonable for primary school students.

There may also be some students who need to travel a bit further from their home to the nearest bus stop on the new route. However, if the services are merged into a single service at the end of the year, any parent who has a student living further than five kilometres from the new route, or from the school, is able to apply for Conveyance Allowance. Conveyance Allowance helps families in meeting some of the costs of transporting students to school in a private car.

Students travelling from Scotchtown and Irishtown to Smithton will have a direct service by travelling on the Trowutta and Edith Creek to Smithton services. Students who are located along Giddens Rd or in Upper Scotchtown will be able to use the proposed Upper Scotchtown service to Smithton.

Attached is a copy of the indicative timetables for the proposed services.

Before a final decision is made in regard to the future of the service, I wish to give all affected parents/students the opportunity to provide feedback. If you wish to provide any comment/feedback please contact me on 6166 3296 by the 8th November 2017.

Yours sincerely  
Andrew Kruup  
POLICY ANALYST (PROJECT 2018)

25 October 2017

**Togari to Smithton via Mella – Proposed Timetable**

<b>Estimated AM Time</b>	<b>Stop Name</b>	<b>Estimated PM Time</b>
7:38	326 Rennison Rd	3:58
7:41	244 Rennison Rd	3:51
7:48	Cnr Partridge Rd & Blackwood Rd	3:48
7:49	Park & Blackwood Rd	3:47
7:51	238 Park Rd	3:45
7:52	233 Park Rd	3:44
7:54	Park & Partridge Rd	3:42
8:01	24918 Bass Highway	3:37
8:02	24790 Bass Highway	3:36
8:03	24662 Bass Highway	3:35
8:07	Riseborough Rd	-
-	24334 Bass Highway	3:31
8:16	737 Mella Rd	3:20
8:19	499 Mella Rd	3:17
8:21	Mella/Malunga's Rd	3:15
8:23	Mella/Hardman's Rd	3:13
8:24	153 Mella Rd	3:12
8:25	32 Mella Rd	3:11
8:28	Smithton High School	3:08
8:35	Circular Head Christian School	3:00
8:36	Smithton Primary School	3:02

**Redpa to Smithton – Proposed Timetable**

<b>Estimated AM Time</b>	<b>Stop Name</b>	<b>Estimated PM Time</b>
7:30	308 Comeback Rd - Old Redpa Shop	4:08
7:33	409 Comeback Rd	4:04
7:39	800 Comeback - Narrawah Shop	4:00
-	821 Comeback Road - Marrawah Hotel	3:59
7:44	27212 Bass Highway	3:56
-	Fairview Rd/Bass Highway	3:53
7:48	Comeback Rd/Bass Highway	3:52
7:49	26842 Bass Highway	3:49
8:00	25619 Bass Highway	3:39
8:12	23970 Bass Highway	3:27
8:13	23889 Bass Highway	3:26
8:14	23852 Bass Highway	3:25
8:17	Blamey's Rd	3:22
8:18	23573 Bass Highway	3:21
8:20	23239 Bass Highway	3:19
8:22	23153 Bass Highway	3:17
8:23	23111 Bass Highway	3:16
8:24	23072 Bass Highway	3:15
8:25	23038 Bass Highway	3:14
-	Kubanks Road	3:13
8:31	Smithton High School	3:08

**Upper Scotchtown – Proposed Timetable**

<b>Stop Name</b>	<b>Estimated AM Time</b>	<b>Stop Name</b>	<b>Estimated PM Time</b>
Connells Rd Cross Rd	7:45	St Peter chanel	2:45
Nikitda Dr	7:47	Circular Head Christian School	2:55
Rubida Dr	7:49	Smithton Primary School	3:00
Mauds Rd	7:51	2 Wedge St	3:02
258 Upper Scotchtown Rd	7:05	Smithton High School	3:08
236 Upper Scotchtown Rd	7:54	Cnr Poke St & West Esp	3:10
111 Upper Scotchtown Rd	7:56	152 Nelson St	3:13
153 giddens Rd	8:01	207 Nelson St	3:14
Cnr Giddens & Nicholls Rd	8:02	129 Emmett St	3:14
76 Scotchtown Rd	8:08	109 Emmett St	3:15
60 Scotchtown Rd	8:09	19 Nelson St	3:19
14 Scotchtown Rd	8:11	14 Scotchtown Rd	3:20
19 Nelson St	8:12	60 Scotchtown Rd	3:22
152 Nelson St	8:13	76 Scothtown Rd	3:23
207 Nelson St	8:15	153 Giddens Rd	3:26
129 Emmett St	8:17	Cnr Giddens & Nicholls Rd	3:27
109 Emmett St	8:18	111 Upper Scotchtown Rd	3:36
Cnr Poke St & West Esp	8:23	236 Upper Scotchtown Rd	3:37
Smithton High School	8:25	258 Upper Scotchtown Rd	3:38
Circular Head Christian School	8:30	Rubida Dr	3:39
Smithton Primary School	8:31	Mauds Rd	3:41
2 Wedge Street	8:32	Nikitda Dr	3:43
St Peter Chanel	8:38	Connells Cross Rd	3:45