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Trial of new bus service

COMMUTERS to Lismore from Ballina, Lennox Head and Byron Bay will be able work, read, catch up on TV or just look at the scenery on their journey to work thanks to a new commuter bus trial.

Social Futures' transport development officer Alex Lewers said the trial was put forward by the Lismore Sustainable Transport Group and championed by Lismore MP Thomas George.

"This is a great win for commuters," he said.

The new service, delivered by Blanch's Bus Company, will run on a six-month trial.

The service will depart from Byron Bay and pick up at Lennox Head (Beachfront Bus Zone) at 7.40am and Ballina (Tamar Street) at 8am and arrive at the

Lismore Transit Centre at 8.40am stopping at Lismore Base Hospital and Southern Cross University along the way. The return trip will depart Lismore Transit Centre at 5.15pm and follow the same route.

The commuter bus will cost \$6.60 for a single adult fare outside of Lismore, with usual concessions applying. Regular commuters can also purchase an unlimited travel, daily pass for \$12 or a weekly unlimited travel Freedom Pass for \$36.

For more information and to view the timetable, visit www.goingplaces.org.au/new-commuter-bus-service-lismore or phone Blanch's on (02) 66862144.

For anyone wishing to discuss public transport contact Mr Lewers on 0402 134311 or email alex.lewers@socialfutures.org.au.