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TWEED PUBLIC TRANSPORT WIN

The Tweed community can celebrate a win as hundreds of additional weekly services began on Monday 16 December as part of a major refresh of the bus network by the New South Wales Government.

Social Futures CEO Tony Davies said the new look bus network was a great example of what can be achieved when government and community work together.

“The new services are the result of years of hard work and persistence from Social Futures and Tweed Shire Council, along with other local transport advocates, who worked to identify and map service gaps and demonstrate the benefits of providing an improved public transport network,” Mr Davies said.

“We undertook a major analysis of public transport options in the Northern Rivers back in 2017 to help inform the government of community needs and expectations. Since that time we’ve worked closely with the Tweed Active and Public Transport Group, Tweed Shire Council and Transport for NSW to make an improved bus network for Tweed a reality.

“We are delighted with the new look network unveiled by the State Government. With more than 450 additional weekly services and more frequent services on major routes, it’s a fantastic outcome.

“Access to affordable, efficient and reliable transport is vital to deliver economic growth, connecting people to employment, education, healthcare, and their community.

“I am heartened by the Government’s commitment to improving bus services in other regional cities across NSW including nearby Lismore,” he said.

Social Futures Transport Development Project works to reduce transport disadvantage and improve access to affordable transport options for Northern Rivers’ residents.

“While the revamped timetable is a win, we will continue to work Tweed Valley Council and Transport for NSW to find improved transport solutions for Tweed residents,” Mr Davies said.

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Note to editors:

1. Social Futures is a community service organisation based in Northern NSW. We have more than 40 years' experience as a regional leader, advocating with the communities we work in; working in partnership with others; and providing services that promote inclusion, fairness and social justice. Our work encompasses homelessness and housing supports, youth and family services, programs that promote genuine participation for people with disability, community sector support, professional development, and systemic advocacy.