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Bay and Basin Easter Bus launch 2010

Shoalhaven City's Bay and Basin Easter Bus is gearing up to provide late night transport for the Easter long weekend in April 2010.

The Easter Bus is a collaborative community initiative of Southern Region RTA and South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Health, and is supported by Shoalhaven City Council.

Following the great success of the Bay and Basin Easter Bus in 2009 and the Summer Bus in 2009/2010 the local venues have requested the service operate again this Easter. The pilot Easter Bus in 2009 demonstrated the viability of a long term service in the Bay and Basin area, both over the busy summer and Easter holidays. Nowra Police believe the Summer Bus and Easter Bus significantly reduces the incidents of drink driving, drink walking and alcohol related anti-social behaviour in the area.

Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green said: "The Bay and Basin Summer Bus is a late night alternative transport service which aims to reduce drink driving and drink walking over the Easter holiday period. The services will start Easter Thursday 1 April and continue until Easter Sunday night."

On each service there will be a security guard. The free service will follow a special route.

Clr Green said: "The Easter Bus provides a safe, simple and affordable alternative transport option late at night when people influenced by alcohol need transport from licensed venues. Not only do alternative transport projects like the Easter Bus have a significant impact on drink driving and drink walking but they have also been shown to dramatically reduce other alcohol related offences such as vandalism, assault and public nuisance."

Timetable information on the Easter Bus is available from licensed venues on the route, Nowra Coaches, Shoal Bus and at the internet site at www.summerbus.com.au.

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