

SYDNEY BUS ROUTES

Special event routes to Homebush Bay/Sydney Olympic Park

Also referred as "regional" routes

Routes 1, 1A, 1B, 2, 2A, 2B, 3, 4, 4A, 4B, 5, 5A, 5B, 6, 7, 7A, 7B, 8

Histories of bus services between various suburbs in the metropolitan area of Sydney, NSW, Australia to the Homebush Bay (now Sydney Olympic Park) area for special events

(The part of the suburb of Homebush Bay where the Showground and other venues served by these bus routes is located was renamed Sydney Olympic Park in 2009.)

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(■) denotes this route or this version of the route no longer operative.

Summary of Homebush Bay special event routes

1	Dee Why-Homebush Bay
1A	Warriewood-Homebush Bay
1B	Warriewood-Homebush Bay
2	Glebe-Homebush Bay
2A	Glebe-Homebush Bay
2B	Glebe-Homebush Bav

3	Marsfield-Homebush Bay
4	Maroubra Bch-Homebush Bay
4A	Maroubra Bch-Homebush Bay
4B	Campsie-Homebush Bay
5	Castle Hill-Homebush Bay
5A	Hills Showgr'd-Homebush Bay

5B	Tallawong-Homebush Bay
6	Woronora-Homebush Bay
7	Cronulla-Homebush Bay
7A	Miranda-Homebush Bay
7B	Cronulla-Homebush Bay
8	Dural-Homebush Bay

Overview

The network of regional routes from various suburban locations, not well served by train, to the Homebush Bay precinct first operated to the Royal Easter Show in 1998, when the Show was moved from Moore Park. Bus services to events held at Homebush Bay in 1998-9 were regarded as tests of the transport network leading up to the Olympic Games in 2000. Eight regional routes ran in 1998, but, by the following year's Royal Easter Show, ten routes were in operation. During the period of the Olympic Games in late 2000 there were 13 routes, but that number of routes has progressively reduced to nine since. Buses stop at specific stops, some of which have varied over time.

Until 2001, the routes were under the control of the Olympic Roads & Transport Authority (ORTA). After Easter 2001, however, that body was disbanded and management of the routes passed to the Ministry of Transport (now Transport for NSW).

Operation of all routes has been contracted out by ORTA and its successors to a range of private operators and the State Transit Authority. The contractor/s shown for each route are understood to be the principal contracto/s, but services on most routes were supplemented by one or more sub-contractors. Fresh contracts for the operation of these routes have been entered into periodically since 1998.

These routes cater not only for visitors to the annual Royal Easter Show but also for attendees at a number of venues in the Homebush Bay area, where a range of sporting and entertainment events take place. Services run as required when fixtures are scheduled. Timetables vary from one event to another, depending on expected attendances. Stop locations have been included here to give an indication of the routes taken.

No attempt has been made here to record the many temporary bus routes which ran in and around the Olympic Games venues in Homebush Bay during the period of the Olympic & Paralympic Games in late 2000.

DEE WHY - HOMEBUSH BAY via Warringah Rd■

Timeline

Easter 1998:

- Commenced.
- Contracted by ORTA to Hopkinsons.

Easter 1999:

- Extended to run Warriewood Dee Why Homebush Bay via Warringah Rd.
- Renumbered 1A when 1B commenced.

Stop locations

Similar to equivalent section of 1A.

Route 1A

WARRIEWOOD - HOMEBUSH BAY via Warringah Rd

Timeline

Easter 1999:

- Renumbered from 1, when 1B commenced.
- Compared with 1, extended from Dee Why to Warriewood.
- Contracted by ORTA to Shorelink (John A Gilbert).

15 September to 1 October 2000 (period of Olympic Games): Principal contractor was Shorelink (John A Gilbert).

3 September 2001: Shorelink transferred to Transdev.

Easter 2002: Contract transferred to State Transit Authority.

2021: Contract transferred to Keolis Downer Northern Beaches as successful tenderer for Contract Region 8 bus services.

Stop locations

Warriewood (Pittwater Rd)

Narrabeen Lakes (Pittwater Rd at Albert St)

Narrabeen (Pittwater Rd at Goodwin St)

Collaroy Beach (Pittwater Rd at Collaroy St)

Collaroy (Pittwater Rd at Ocean Gr)

Dee Why Lagoon (Pittwater Rd at South Creek Rd)

Dee Why (Pittwater Rd at Howard Av)

Narraweena (Warringah Rd at Alfred St)

Beacon Hill Warringah Rd at Willandra Rd)

The Forest High School (Warringah Rd)

Forestville (Warringah Rd at Starkey St)

Roseville Chase (Babbage Rd at Duntroon Av)

Roseville (Boundary St at Archbold Rd)

Chatswood West (Fullers Rd at Greville St)

Macquarie Park (Delhi Rd at Plassey Rd) [now North Ryde Station]

Macquarie Park (Wicks Rd/Epping Rd)

North Ryde Pubic School (Lane Cove Rd at Ford St)

Ryde (Lane Cove Rd at Quarry Rd)

Top Ryde shops (Devlin St)

Ryde Bridge (Church St at Riverside Av)

Rhodes (Concord Rd at Llewellyn St)

Sydney Olympic Park

Locations of some stops have varied over time.

Route 1B

WARRIEWOOD - HOMEBUSH BAY via Mona Vale Rd

Timeline

Easter 1999:

- Commenced.
- Contracted by ORTA jointly to Forest Coach Lines (Royle family) & Shorelink (John A Gilbert).

15 September to 1 October 2000 (*period of Olympic Games*): Principal contractor was Forest Coach Lines (Royle family).

19 December 2014: Forest Coach Lines transferred to Next Capital (a private equity firm)

29 August **2018:** Forest Coach Lines transferred to ComfortDelGro Corporation.

Stop locations

Warriewood (Pittwater Rd)

Mona Vale Hospital (Pittwater Rd)

Mona Vale (Rowan St)

Mona Vale Junction (Park St at Barrenjoey Rd)

Ingleside (Mona Vale Rd at Manor Rd)

Terrey Hills (Booralie Rd at shops)

St Ives North (Mona Vale Rd at Kitchener St)

St Ives (Mona Vale Rd at Brigidine College)

St Ives (Mona Vale Rd at Link Rd)

St Ives shops (Mona Vale Rd)

Locations of some stops have varied over time.

Pymble (Mona Vale Rd at Telegraph Rd) Gordon West Public School (Ryde Rd) North Ryde (Lane Cove Rd at Talavera Rd)

North Ryde Pubic School (Lane Cove Rd at Ford St)

Ryde (Lane Cove Rd at Quarry Rd)

Top Ryde shops (Devlin St)

Ryde Bridge (Church St at Riverside Av) Rhodes (Concord Rd at Llewellyn St)

Sydney Olympic Park

Route 2

GLEBE - GLADESVILLE - HOMEBUSH BAY ■ GLEBE - HUNTERS HILL - HOMEBUSH BAY

Timeline

Easter 1998:

- Glebe Gladesville Homebush Bay commenced.
- Contracted by ORTA to Hopkinsons.

Easer 1999: Contract transferred to State Transit Authority.

By September 2000 (commencement of the Olympic Games): Split into:

2A Glebe – Gladesville – Homebush Bay

2B Glebe – Hunters Hill – Homebush Bay.

June 2014: 2B renumbered back to 2 when 2A ceased.

By 2021: Contract transferred to Transdev.

Stop locations

See 2A & 2B

Route 2A

GLEBE POINT - GLADESVILLE - HOMEBUSH BAY■

Timeline

By September 2000 (commencement of the Olympic Games): As a result of the split of 2 into two routes:

- Renumbered from 2.
- Contracted by ORTA to Crossley Buslines.

15 September to 1 October 2000 (period of Olympic Games): Principal contractor was Crossley Buslines.

By 2001: Contract transferred to State Transit Authority.

Easter 2002: Contract transferred to Westbus (National Express Group).

August 2005: Westbus transferred to ComfortDelGro Cabcharge.

June 2014: Ceased due to low patronage.

Stop locations

Glebe Point (Federal Rd)

Glebe (Glebe Point Rd at Bridge Rd)

Forest Lodge (Bridge Rd at Ross St)

Harold Park (Minogue Cr at Wigram Rd)

Rozelle Bay (The Crescent)

White Bay (Victoria Rd at Robert St)

Rozelle (Victoria Rd at Darling St)

Drummoyne (Victoria Rd at Lyons Rd)

Gladesville Hospital (Victoria Rd) Gladesville (Victoria Rd at Massey St) Tennyson (Morrison Rd at Tennyson Rd) Putney (Morrison Rd at Delange Rd) Meadowbank (Church St?) Rhodes (Concord Rd at Llewellyn Rd)

Sydney Olympic Park.

Locations of some stops have varied over time.

Route 2B

GLEBE - HUNTERS HILL - HOMEBUSH BAY■

Timeline

By September 2000 (commencement of the Olympic Games): As a result of the split of 2 into two routes:

- Variation of original 2 commenced between same termini as 2 but via Hunters Hill instead of Gladesville.
- Contracted by ORTA to Crossley Buslines.

15 September to 1 October 2000 (period of Olympic Games): Principal contractor was Crossley Buslines

By 2001: Contract transferred to State Transit Authority.

By 2002: Contract transferred to Westbus (National Express Group).

August 2005: Westbus transferred to ComfortDelGro Cabcharge.

June 2014: Renumbered back to 2 when 2A ceased.

Stop locations

Glebe Point (Federal Rd)

Glebe (Glebe Point Rd at Toxteth St)

Glebe (Wigram Rd at Glebe Point Rd)

Harold Park (Minogue Cr at Wigram Rd)

Rozelle Bay (The Crescent at City West Link)

White Bay (Victoria Rd at Lilyfield Rd)

Rozelle (Victoria Rd at Darling St)

Iron Cove Bridge, Drummoyne (Victoria Rd at

Thornley St)

Drummoyne (Victoria Rd at Lyons Rd)

Locations of some stops have varied over time.

Hunters Hill shops (Gladesville Rd)

St Josephs College, Hunters Hill (Ryde Rd at Luke St)

Gladesville (Pittwater Rd at Ryde Rd)

Gladesville (Victoria Rd at Hepburn St)

Ryde Aquatic Centre (Victoria Rd at Tennyson Rd)

Tennyson Point (Morrison Rd at Tennyson Rd)

Putney (Morrison Rd at Delange Rd)

Meadowbank (Belmore St at Suttor Av)

Rhodes (Concord Rd at Llewellyn Rd)

Sydney Olympic Park

Route 3

MARSFIELD - MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY - HOMEBUSH BAY■

Timeline

Easter 1998:

- Macquarie University Homebush Bay commenced.
- Contracted by ORTA to Hopkinsons.

Easter 1999: Contract transferred to Westbus (Bosnjak family).

15 September to 1 October 2000 (period of Olympic Games): Principal contractor was Westbus (Bosnjak family).

Circa 2001: Contract transferred to State Transit Authority.

By 2002: Contract transferred to Westbus (National Express Group).

By 2009: Extended to run Marsfield – Sydney Olympic Park.

2014: Ceased. Partly replaced by 1A & 1B.

Stop locations

Marsfield

Macquarie University

Macquarie Centre (bus terminal)

North Ryde (Kent Rd, ELS Park)

North Ryde Pubic School (Lane Cove Rd at Ford St)

Locations of some stops have varied over time.

Ryde (Lane Cove Rd at Quarry Rd)

Top Ryde shops (Devlin St)

Ryde Bridge (Church St at Riverside Av)

Rhodes (Concord Rd at Llewellyn St)

Sydney Olympic Park

MAROUBRA BEACH - EASTGARDENS - CAMPSIE - HOMEBUSH BAY

Timeline

Easter 1998:

- Commenced.
- Contracted by ORTA to State Transit Authority.

By September 2000 (commencement of the Olympic Games): Split into:

- 4A Maroubra Beach Homebush Bay
- 4B Campsie Homebush Bay

Easter 2001:

- Renumbered from 4A when 4B ceased.
- Contracted by ORTA to State Transit Authority.

4 April 2022: Contract transferred to Transdev John Holland Buses as successful tenderer for Contract Region 9 bus services.

Stop locations

Maroubra Beach (Marine Pde)

Maroubra (Maroubra Rd at Malabar Rd)

Maroubra Junction (Maroubra Rd at Anzac Pde)

Maroubra (Bunnerong Rd)

Eastgardens shops (Banks Av)

Pagewood (Wentworth Av at Bay St)

Mascot (King St at Botany Rd)

Kyeemagh (General Holmes Dr at Bestic St)

Brighton-le-Sands (Bay St)

Rockdale Station (Bay St at Princes Hwy)

Bexley (Bexley Rd at Godwin St)

Bexley North Station (New Illawarra Rd at Fortescue

Clemton Park (Bexley Rd at William St)

Campsie Station (Beamish St at North Pde)

Enfield (Georges River Rd at Portland St)

Strathfield South (The Boulevarde at Liverpool Rd)

Sydney Olympic Park

Locations of some stops have varied over time.

Route 4A

MAROUBRA BEACH - EASTGARDENS - HOMEBUSH BAY■

Timeline

By September 2000 (commencement of the Olympic Games):

- Renumbered from 4 when 4 split into 4A & 4B.
- Contracted by ORTA to State Transit Authority.

15 September to 1 October 2000 (period of Olympic Games): Principal contractor was State Transit Authority. Easter 2001: Renumbered 4 when 4B ceased.

Stop locations

Similar to 4

Route 4B

CAMPSIE - HOMEBUSH BAY■

Timeline

By September 2000 (commencement of the Olympic Games):

- New route as a result of 4 being split into 4A & 4B.
- Contracted by ORTA to State Transit Authority.

15 September to 1 October 2000 (period of Olympic Games): Principal contractor was State Transit Authority. By Easter 2002: Ceased. Absorbed back into 4(?).

Stop locations

Similar to equivalent part of 4.

CASTLE HILL - HOMEBUSH BAY■

Timeline

Easter 1998:

- Commenced (included a stop at Ermington).
- Contracted by ORTA to Westbus (Bosnjak family, proprietors).

Easter 1999: Ceased to stop at Ermington. Service between Ermington & Homebush Bay replaced by new full time route (commenced 20 April 1998) 5 Parramatta – Ermington – Homebush Bay [interim number of 5 listed here under 1925 route numbers].

May 1999: Majority share of Westbus transferred to National Express Group.

By September 2000 (commencement of the Olympic Games): Split into:

5A Castle Hill – Homebush Bay

5B Bella Vista – Homebush Bay.

Stop locations

Same as or similar to equivalent part of 5A. Included stop at Ermington (1998 only).

Route 5A

HILLS SHOWGROUND Station - CASTLE HILL - HOMEBUSH BAY via Windsor Rd

Timeline

By September 2000 (commencement of the Olympic Games): Split into:

- Castle Hill Homebush Bay renumbered from 5 when 5 split into 5A & 5B.
- Contracted by ORTA to Westbus (National Express Group).

15 September to 1 October 2000 (*period of Olympic Games*): Principal contractor was Westbus (National Express Group).

December 2004: Operator's name of this part of Westbus altered to Hillsbus.

August 2005: Hillsbus transferred to ComfortDelGro Cabcharge joint venture.

April 2017: ComfortDelGro Cabcharge rebranded as ComfortDelGro Corporation following withdrawal of Cabcharge from the joint venture in February 2017.

By October 2021: Extended to run Hills Showground Station – Homebush Bay.

Stop locations

Castle Hill (The Hills Centre) [later Hills Showground Station (Doran Dr])

Castle Hill Public School

Castle Hill shops

Baulkham Hills Junction (Windsor Rd at Olive St)

Baulkham Hills TAFE (Windsor Rd)

Locations of some stops have varied over time.

Northmead (The Willows retirement village, Windsor Rd)

Northmead (Windsor Rd at Churchill Dr)

Northmead

Sydney Olympic Park

Route 5B

TALLAWONG - BELLA VISTA - HOMEBUSH BAY via Old Windsor Rd (later Northwest T-way), Norwest Blvd & Windsor Rd

Timeline

By September 2000 (commencement of the Olympic Games):

- New route Bella Vista Homebush Bay commenced as a result of 5 being split into 5A & 5B.
- Contracted by ORTA to Westbus (National Express Group).

15 September to 1 October 2000 (period of Olympic Games): Principal contractor was Westbus (National Express Group).

December 2004: Operator's name of this part of Westbus altered to Hillsbus.

August 2005: Hillsbus transferred to ComfortDelGro Cabcharge joint venture.

Apil 2017: ComfortDelGro Cabcharge rebranded as ComfortDelGro Corporation following withdrawal of Cabcharge from the joint venture in February 2017.

By 2009: Extended to run Rouse Hill – Bella Vista – Homebush Bay.

By 2022: Extended to run Tallawong – Bella Vista – Homebush Bay.

Stop locations

Tallawong Station (Implexa Pde)

Rouse Hill Town Centre

Sanctuary stop (North-west T-way at Sanctuary Dr) Merriville stop (North-west T-way at Merriville Rd)

Kellyville stop (North-west T-way at Samantha Riley Dr)

Burns stop (North-west T-way at Burns Rd [now Memorial Av])

Balmoral stop (North-west T-way at Balmoral Rd)

Bella Vista Station (North-west T-way)

Bella Vista (Lexington Dr at Meridian Pl)

Bella Vista (Norwest Blvd at Lexington Dr)

Bella Vista (Norwest Blvd at Edgewater Dr)

Locations of some stops have varied over time.

Norwest Station (Norwest Blvd)

Baulkham Hills (Norwest Blvd at Columbia Ct)

Baulkham Hills (Windsor Rd at Parsonage Rd)

The Hills Private Hospital (Windsor Rd)

Baulkham Hills (Windsor Rd at Roxborough Park Rd)

Baulkham Hills High School (Windsor Rd)

Baulkham Hills Community Centre (Windsor Rd)

Baulkham Hills (Torrs St car park)

Northmead (The Willows retirement village, Windsor Rd)

Northmead (Windsor Rd at Mary St)

Northmead shops (Windsor Rd at Campbell St)

Sydney Olympic Park

Route 6

WORONORA - MENAI - BANKSTOWN - HOMEBUSH BAY

Timeline

Easter 1998:

- Menai Homebush Bay commenced.
- Contracted by ORTA to Southtrans (Deane family).

Easter 1999:

- Contract transferred to joint operation by Southtrans (Deane family) & Punchbowl Bus Co (Griffin family/Steve Scott).
- Extended to run Bangor Homebush Bay.

15 September to 1 October 2000 (*period of Olympic Games*): Joint principal contractors were Connex Southtrans & Punchbowl Bus Co (Griffin family/Steve Scott).

June 2002: Operator's name of Connex Southtrans changed to Connex NSW.

18 April 2006: Operator's name of Connex NSW changed to Veolia Transport.

1 July 2013: Operator's name of Veolia Transport changed to Transdev, following the merger of Transdev & Veolia Transport on 3 March 2011.

By October 2021:

- Extended to run Woronora Menai Homebush Bay.
- Contract transferred to Transdev.

Stop locations

Woronora (Menai Rd at Prices Cct)

Bangor (Menai Rd at Dandarbong Av)

Bangor (Menai Rd at Anzac Rd)

Menai (Menai Rd at Allison Cr)

Menai (Old Illawarra Rd at Bradman Rd)

Menai High School (Menai Rd)

Illawong (Blaxland Dr at Old Illawarra Rd)

Padstow Station (Howard St)

Bankstown (Fairford Rd at St

Bankstown (Fairford Rd at Stacey St)

Bankstown Central shops (The Appian Way)

Yagoona (Rookwood Rd at Liverpool Rd)

Chullora (Rookwood Rd at Brunker Rd)

Sydney Olympic Park

Locations of some stops have varied over time.

CRONULLA - MIRANDA - HOMEBUSH BAY

Timeline

Easter 1998:

- Miranda Homebush Bay commenced.
- Contracted by ORTA to Southtrans (Deane family).

Easter 1999: Contract transferred to joint operation by Southtrans (Deane family) & Punchbowl Bus Co (Griffin family/Steve Scott).

July 2000: Southtrans transferred to Connex Southtrans.

By September 2000 (commencement of the Olympic Games): Split into:

7A Miranda – Homebush Bay

7B Cronulla – Homebush Bay.

After 2011: 7A & 7B re-amalgamated as 7 Cronulla – Miranda – Homebush Bay. Contractor was Veolia Transport. **1 July 2013:** Operator's name of Veolia Transport changed to Transdev, following the merger of Transdev & Veolia Transport on 3 March 2011.

By 2021: Contract transferred to Punchbowl Bus Co (Griffin family/Steve Scott).

Stop locations

See 7B

Route 7A

MIRANDA - HURSTVILLE - HOMEBUSH BAY■

Timeline

By September 2000 (commencement of the Olympic Games):

- Renumbered from 7 when 7 split into 7A & 7B.
- Contracted by ORTA jointly to Connex Southtrans & Punchbowl Bus Co (Griffin family/Steve Scott).

15 September to 1 October 2000 (*period of Olympic Games*): Joint principal contractors were Connex Southtrans & Punchbowl Bus Co (Griffin family/Steve Scott).

June 2002: Operator's name of Connex Southtrans changed to Connex NSW.

18 April 2006: Operator's name of Connex NSW changed to Veolia Transport.

After 2011: 7A & 7B re-amalgamated as 7 Cronulla – Miranda – Homebush Bay.

Stop locations

See 7B

Route 7B

CRONULLA - HURSTVILLE - HOMEBUSH BAY■

Timeline

By September 2000 (commencement of the Olympic Games):

- New route as a result of 7 being split into 7A & 7B.
- Contracted by ORTA jointly to Connex Southtrans & Punchbowl Bus Co (Griffin family/Steve Scott).

15 September to 1 October 2000 (*period of Olympic Games*): Joint principal contractors were Connex Southtrans & Punchbowl Bus Co (Griffin family/Steve Scott).

June 2002: Operator's name of Connex Southtrans changed to Connex NSW.

18 April 2006: Operator's name of Connex NSW changed to Veolia Transport.

After 2011: 7A & 7B re-amalgamated as 7 Cronulla – Miranda – Homebush Bay.

Stop locations

Cronulla Leagues Club (Shark Stadium, Captain Cook

Endeavour High School (The Boulevarde at Taren Point Rd)

Miranda (Westfield, Kiora Rd)

Miranda (Seymour Shaw Park, Wandella Rd at The Boulevarde)

Miranda (Netball Courts, Bellingara Rd)

Sylvania High School (Bellingarra Rd)

Southgate shops (Port Hacking Rd)

Blakehurst (Princes Hwy at King Georges Rd)

Locations of some stops have varied over time.

South Hurstville shops (Connells Point Rd) Hurstville (Butler Rd) Beverly Hills (King Georges Rd at Norfolk Av) Roselands shops

Wiley Park (King Georges Rd at Stanlea Pde) Greenacre (Korean Church, Waterloo Rd)

Chullora Public School (Waterloo Rd at Norfolk Rd)

Sydney Olympic Park

Route 8

DURAL - PENNANT HILLS - HOMEBUSH BAY

Timeline

Easter 1998:

- Commenced.
- Contracted by ORTA to Glenorie Bus Co (Keith Todd)

Easter 1999: Ceased to stop at Ermington. Service between between Ermington & Homebush Bay replaced by new full time route (commenced 20 April 1998) 5 Parramatta – Ermington – Homebush Bay [interim number of 5 listed here under 1925 route numbers].

15 September to 1 October 2000 (period of Olympic Games): Principal contractor was Glenorie Bus Co (Keith Todd).

18 December 2001: Glenorie Bus Co transferred to National Express Group.

December 2004: Operator's name altered to Hillsbus.

August 2005: Hillsbus transferred to ComfortDelGro Cabcharge joint venture.

April 2017: ComfortDelGro Cabcharge rebranded as ComfortDelGro Corporation following withdrawal of Cabcharge from joint venture in February 2017.

Stop locations

Dural Caravan Park (New Line Rd)
Dural (Old Northern Rd at Derriwong Rd)
Round Corner, Dural (Old Northern Rd at Stonelea Ct)
Glenhaven (Old Northern Rd at Glenhaven Rd)
Cherrybrook (New Line Rd at James Henty Dr)
Cherrybrook (Macquarie Dr at Shepherds Dr)
West Pennant Hills Sports Club (New Line Rd)

West Pennant Hills (Thompsons Corner, Castle Hill Rd at Church St)

West Pennant Hills (Pennant Hills Rd at Aiken St) Carlingford (Pennant Hills Rd at North Rocks Rd) Carlingford Court (Pennant Hills Rd) Telopea (Evans Rd)

Ermington (Victoria Rd at shops) (1998 only)

Sydney Olympic Park

Locations of some stops have varied over time.