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MORE THAN 3,500 EXTRA PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES LIGHT THE WAY FOR VIVID SYDNEY

Visiting Vivid Sydney will be easier this year with more than 3,500 extra public transport services available to help people travel to and from festival precincts, including the new Martin Place venue, as well as festival favourites Circular Quay, Darling Harbour, Walsh Bay and North Sydney.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Tourism and Major Events Andrew Stoner said public transport was the best way for people to get out and about in the Harbour City and enjoy Vivid Sydney.

“Last year 800,000 visitors experienced Vivid Sydney, and this festival is shaping up to be our biggest and brightest event ever,” Mr Stoner said.

“The NSW Government has been working hard to ensure that the best transport and traffic measures are in place for another huge year of Vivid Sydney, and to make sure that visitors can move around the city there will be road closures in effect at various times, as well as special event clearways.

“We are also providing a one-stop shop for the latest information about trains, buses, ferries, taxis and light rail services at the vivid Sydney.com website.

“This will include all the latest information about trains, buses, ferries, taxis and light rail services that connect the Vivid Sydney Precincts right across Sydney,” he said.

Vivid Sydney begins with ‘Light’s On’ Friday 23rd May at 6pm and runs nightly, 6pm – midnight until Monday 9th June.

Over the three weekends of the event, almost 3200 extra bus services will run in addition to the regular timetable services, moving an extra 160,000 passengers.

An extra 350 train services will also be running on top of the regular weekend services to move an extra 500,000 people.

And an additional 132 ferry services will also be running over the weekends however these are expected to be very crowded, so the extra train and bus services are the best way to get to and from Vivid.

Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian encouraged people take advantage of the additional public transport services and suggested that they build travel time into their festival plans in order to make the most of everything Vivid Sydney has to offer.

“Vivid Sydney is a significant event for our city, so ensuring that our transport and roads network can contribute to a great event is critical,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“Just like planning ahead for New Year’s Eve and Australia Day, the message is clear - leave the car at home and catch public transport.

“We encourage everyone to take public transport to and from the event, and those with young families and strollers should consider coming to Vivid Sydney earlier in the week, when visitor numbers are expected to be smaller than during weekends.

A full media kit and high-res imagery including 2014 Vivid Light renders and 2013 footage of festival highlights, is available at <http://vivid Sydney.com/media-centre>

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