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Public Transport

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All aboard

Public Transport in Knox

Better public transport in Knox will be the continuing focus of new recruits to a Council committee.

Committee Chair, Councillor Mick Van de Vreede, said he was delighted to welcome community members to positions on the Knox Public Transport Consultative Committee (PTCC).

"This is a fantastic opportunity for community members to have a say about public transport in Knox," Cr Van de Vreede said.

"We welcome these seven representatives and are looking forward to working with them and hearing their public transport ideas."

Council will also continue to seek nominations for youth representation for the committee.

State Government and Public Transport

Mayor Joe Cossari said the PTCC is eagerly awaiting the outcome of the State Government's Knox/Maroondah/Yarra Ranges Bus Service Review.

"I'm particularly interested in findings relating to estates currently without a bus service," Cr Cossari said.

Council asked the State Government for Telebuses – which have a designated route and also operate a dial-a-bus service – for these estates.

"It is important that all Knox residents have appropriate access to bus services and funding buses for estates should be a priority for the State Government," Cr Cossari added.

Cr Van de Vreede noted that estates in Stamford Park and Timbertop were examples of areas lacking adequate bus coverage.

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“There is an ageing population living in these estates, as well as an over dependence on cars, and access to buses is more important than ever,” he explained.

“The State Government believes, in the shorter term, buses are the answer for the outer east, so let’s see them deliver on that.”

The Councillors also welcomed Victorian Public Transport Minister Martin Pakula to his new post.

“We are looking forward to working with Minister Pakula in the future as we strive to improve public transport for all Knox residents,” the Mayor added.

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