

Baylink Shuttle **Free community bus service**

Fact sheet

About the Baylink Shuttle

The Baylink Shuttle is a free community bus service connecting Wentworth Point to Rhodes train station.

The current 3-month trial, is part of Billbergia's proposal to deliver \$45 million in additional community infrastructure and facilities at Wentworth Point that has been offered in a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) to City of Parramatta Council.

Who has proposed the Baylink Shuttle?

The Baylink Shuttle was first proposed during consultation with the community in 2014, and followed discussions between Billbergia and the previous Auburn City Council for the last stage of Billbergia's waterfront development at Wentworth Point.

Why is the service only being introduced as a 3-month trial?

A decision on the VPA and the last stage of Billbergia's waterfront development was transferred to City of Parramatta following Council amalgamations in May 2016. Billbergia has pursued its Baylink Shuttle proposals with the new Council and has now opted to run the service as a trial to assess community demand, prior to a decision on the VPA by City of Parramatta.

Who is funding the trial?

The Billbergia Group is funding the Baylink Shuttle as a 3-month trial. Telford's Bus and Coach has been contracted to operate the service on behalf of Billbergia.

What happens at the end of the trial?

Billbergia has allocated \$21 million for the long-term operation of the Baylink Shuttle - with ongoing operation subject to agreement with City of Parramatta for the VPA and additional development.

Will the Baylink Shuttle remain free?

Subject to agreement with City of Parramatta, Billbergia has committed funding to operate the Baylink Shuttle, as a free service for the next 20 years.

Will there be any after hours and weekend services?

Billbergia's long-term plans for the Baylink Shuttle include weekend and after hours services, (subject to agreement on the VPA with City of Parramatta).

Will the normal government buses still operate?

Yes, the Baylink Shuttle will operate as a separate service to complement the current government bus service.

What else is Billbergia proposing in the VPA?

In addition to \$21 million funding for the Baylink Shuttle, Billbergia's proposal includes:

- funding for the internal fit out of the Wentworth Point Library
- funding for road infrastructure upgrades in Wentworth Point
- funding for the construction and fit-out of a new childcare centre
- delivery of additional public open space including a Foreshore Promenade and park facilities with BBQ and picnic areas, amphitheatre and play equipment.

These benefits are part of an application for additional residential floor space to be developed over a 5-year period.

Who determined the route of the trial and why doesn't it go to Rhodes shopping centre and the Piazza at Wentworth Point?

The Baylink Shuttle trial is being serviced by two buses. The primary aim of the trial is to provide a fast and frequent service to Rhodes train station and Sydney Olympic Park ferry wharf to encourage public transport usage.

The route has been determined after consultation with representatives from various community associations and ensures reliable free shuttle service, connecting Wentworth Point to Rhodes.

Is there an opportunity to amend the route of the Baylink Shuttle and add additional services in the long term?

Yes, the current service is a trial only. Subject to approval of the VPA between Billbergia and City of Parramatta, two additional buses will be added, and extra stops and services will be considered in consultation with the community, as part of the long-term operation of the service.

When will a decision be made on the VPA?

A timeframe for a decision on the VPA is expected before the end of the trial, although a date is yet to be determined.

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