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On Demand Bus Service Pilot Coming to Carlingford & North Rocks

Imagine no need for a timetable and buses arriving where and when people need them.

"From February 2018, Transport for NSW will trial a new 'On Demand' bus service in Carlingford and North Rocks, giving commuters a convenient way to get to a major transport hub," said Member for Parramatta, Geoff Lee.

Four vehicles with a capacity to carry up to 10 passengers including two people in wheelchairs will operate within 5km of local transport hubs.

Customers will be able to book the new service via an app, online or by phone, with payment of the standard \$5 fare made in advance via credit card.

As an example, residents in the Carlingford zone will be able to travel to Carlingford Station following a fixed route from 5:30am to 9am and from the Station to their door from 5pm to 8pm.

"This service is great news for commuters," said Geoff.

"On Demand services are set to play a big role in the future of public transport in NSW and I am delighted that residents in North Rocks and Carlingford will be among some of the first customers to experience the new service," Geoff added.

"I encourage all residents to take part in this unique trial that will help shape the future of transport not just here but across our state," said Mr Lee.

The services will be run by private operator ComfortDelGro Corporation with data from the trial used to inform future improvements across the transport network.

Geoff Lee said the trial will provide standalone services and will not affect any existing local bus services.

More information will be made available early next year.

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