

Paraparaumu Beach, Otaihanga and Riwai Street

Bus timetables for these areas have not been shown on the website, because we (Regional Council Transport and Mana Coach Services) are planning to introduce completely new routes and services during the course of 2000.

The Changes

Most current users of buses in the Paraparaumu Beach area will find that the services they use will be better than before. We hope that the improved services will encourage more people to use the buses so that they can be improved further in the future.

There will be two simple, more direct routes instead of the difficult-to-understand circuit routes which operate at present. No more wondering which side of the road to stand on for the next bus to Coastlands! There will be more train connections in peak periods, and there will be Sunday services for the first time. All trips will be operated by low-floor buses to improve access for people who have difficulty using steps, and those carrying shopping or pushing children in buggies.

Each route will have buses at least every 30 minutes between 6.00am and 8.00pm, Monday to Friday, with extra trips in peak periods to ensure connections with all trains to and from Wellington.

The New Routes

- 71 From Paraparaumu Beach shops via Manly Street, Ngapotiki Street, Te Kupe Road, Mazengarb Road, Arawhata Road, Kapiti Road, Rimu Road and Coastlands to Paraparaumu Station.
- 72 From Paraparaumu Beach shops via Golf Road, Martin Road, Gray Avenue, Eatwell Avenue, Ocean Road, Kapiti Road, Langdale Avenue, Guildford Drive, Te Roto Drive, Kapiti Road, Rimu Road and Coastlands to Paraparaumu Station.

The different route numbers are being introduced as part of a scheme to eliminate duplication of bus route numbers in the Wellington Region.

Weekend Services

Initially the only improvement to weekend services will be that the current Saturday timetable will also operate on Sundays and all public holidays.

We hope to introduce further improvements to weekend services later in the year.

Part of a Package

These new services are the first part of a package of improvements to Kapiti's transport infrastructure which will be funded by the Wellington Regional Council over the next few years. These improvements will include:

- Similar changes to bus services in Raumati Beach and Raumati South, to be implemented later this year.
- Major improvements to the level of service on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.
- Extension of electric train services to Waikanae.
- New railway stations at Raumati and Lindale.
- More frequent train services in both peak and off-peak periods.

For more information about the Regional Land Transport Strategy, [click here](#).

The Downside

As with any change, there will unfortunately be some who are disadvantaged. To help pay for the extra cost of improving services for the majority, three poorly used routes will be withdrawn. They are:

- Route 6 Otaihanga on Tuesdays and Thursdays only
- Route 11 "The Local" - Paraparaumu Hospital and Paraparaumu Beach
- Route 12 "The Local" - Riwai Street on the eastern side of the railway line

Feedback please!

If you have any comments to make on these proposals, please contact the Wellington Regional Council:

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