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GRAFTON GETS ON BOARD WITH REAL-TIME TRACKING

Grafton customers will be able track the arrival of their bus in real-time, as new technology rolls out on buses across regional NSW.

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Paul Toole said technology rolling out on 68 buses in Grafton will allow customers to track the location of a bus, its estimated arrival at a stop, and how full the bus is.

"We've already rolled this technology out in six regional centres, and to expand that to Grafton will allow even more customers to see exactly when their bus will be arriving. For mums and dads, it will help them track the arrival of the school bus and for passengers – whether students or adults - it means less time waiting at the stop and more time at your destination," Mr Toole said.

"The launch of this technology is a huge step forward for people travelling in regional areas. It shows our ongoing commitment to make public transport a first-choice option as we build a safer, stronger regional NSW."

Member for Clarence Chris Gulaptis said four different operators will be rolling out the technology across 12 regular routes and 123 school routes.

"This technology will change the way the community moves around, providing important connections to key locations like the Grafton City Centre, Grafton Base Hospital and schools in Grafton and surrounding areas," Mr Gulaptis said.

"The data collected from the program will also assist operators and Transport for NSW with how to improve services into the future."

"This is just another way the NSW Government is strengthening our public transport offering right across the regions and builds on the addition of an extra 41 weekly bus services across Grafton, Maclean and Yamba last year."

Busways, BNA Buses, Atwal Bus and Lawrence Bus Service will use the new technology.

To learn more, use the Transport for NSW Trip Planner tool at https://transportnsw.info/trip and other third-party public transport apps.

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