

Changes to bus services and routes from Chatwood Interchange

Reference: <https://transportnsw.info/news/2020/northern-beaches-lower-north-shore-bus-service-improvements>

Effective date: either 13 or 20 December 2020 (both are Sundays)

Transport for NSW will be adding more than 2,000 additional weekly bus services added in Sydney's Northern Beaches and Lower North Shore in December.

The new frequent routes operating every 10 minutes across the day, seven days a week are:

- **Route 144 - Manly to Chatswood via St Leonards** (will not operate into RNSH, from Chatswood will need to walk up Reserve Road to Hospital, from Crows Nest you can change at St Leonards Station for Route 114 to RNSH main entrance)
- **Route 160X - Dee Why to Chatswood** (please note 160X will run into Chatswood via Boundary Road and not Eastern Valley Way/Smith Street/Victoria Ave like the old 136 route, I am seeking clarification from Sydney buses to see if some of the Forrest Buses will divert off Boundary Street and enter Chatswood via Smith Street and stop at the old 136 bus stops from Boundary Street/Eastern Valley way to Chatswood Interchange)

Routes removed:

- **136 (Manly to Chatswood (via Dee Why))** replaced by Route 160X, for users who used the 136 for destinations between Frenchs Forest to Manly via Dee Why Beach, you will need to transfer off the 160X somewhere to get on the new Route 166 (Frenchs Forest to Manly via Dee Why Beach)
- **257 (Balmoral Beach to Chatswood)**, partly replaced via route 114 (Balmoral Beach to Royal North Shore Hospital) with a change at Woolworths Crows Nest to the 343 to link to Chatswood

Future Changes:

- In the first half of next year Sydney buses is expecting lower north shore routes to be reviewed and adjusted which include 340 and 343 bus routes.
- Based on these December changes to northern beaches routes, if you note the changes that have been made to route 430 (the old Route M30) Mosman to Sydenham, the 430 is no longer a cross city route, the 430 will only run between Sydenham and the City, and a new Route 100 will run from Taronga Zoo to the city.
- Based only on the changes to route 430, next year's adjustments could see changes to route 340 and 343 which may see these routes terminate in the city (no longer cross city routes). We may see a return back to the old 272 and 273 routes to replace the 340 and 343, we will have to wait and see.

Road Changes due to bus movements:

- The removal of Route 136 and 257 will likely reduce the bus movements on Victoria Ave between Penhurst Street and Chatswood interchange.
- The removal of the Route 257 will likely also reduce bus movement through the Willoughby Road/Mowbray Road/Penhurst Street intersection.
- The addition of Route 160X will likely add bus movements on Boundary Street/Archer Street/Ashley Street/Anderson Street/Help Street (east of train line)

Changes buy Route:

<p>Route 144 Manly to Chatswood via St Leonards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a new frequent route that will replace routes 143 (Manly to Chatswood via St Leonards) and 144 (Manly to Chatswood via Royal North Shore Hospital). • It will operate from early morning until around midnight, seven days a week. • At St Leonards, route 144 will operate direct via the Pacific Highway, with stops for RNS Hospital near Reserve Road. Customers wishing to access the main entrance of RNS Hospital can use new route 114 (Balmoral Beach to RNS Hospital).
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<p>Route 160X Dee Why to Chatswood via Frenchs Forest (limited stops)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a new frequent route with limited stops that will operate from early morning until around midnight, seven days a week. • Buses will run at least every 10 minutes across the day, and at least every 20 minutes in the early morning and late at night. <p>The following are the new stops for route 160X:</p> <p>Dee Why to Chatswood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dee Why Shops, Pittwater Rd (209922) • Warringah Rd opp Alfred St (209991) • Warringah Rd at Willandra Rd (210069) • Frenchs Forest Rd opp Inverness Ave (208642) • Frenchs Forest Rd after Bantry Bay Rd (208645) • Rabbett St at Forest Way (208649) • Warringah Rd at Starkey St (208714) • Babbage Rd at Allan St (206969) • Chatswood Station, Stand D (206722) <p>Chatswood to Dee Why</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chatswood Station, Stand A (206720) • Babbage Rd at Park Ave (206966) • Warringah Rd after Ferguson St (208738) • Forestway Shopping Centre, Forest Way (208671) • Frenchs Forest Rd opp Bantry Bay Rd (208636) • Skyline Shops, Frenchs Forest Rd E (208617) • Warringah Rd before Willandra Rd (2100114) • Warringah Rd before Alfred St (2099108) • Dee Why B-Line, Pittwater Rd (209913)
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Route 114 Balmoral Beach to Royal North Shore Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a new route that will replace routes 245 and 257 in the Mosman area, and will replace route 144 serving RNS Hospital. • Customers travelling from Balmoral Beach to the city can transfer to the frequent route 100 (Mosman to City) at either Spit Junction or Neutral Bay Junction; customers travelling from the Mosman area to Willoughby can transfer from route 114 to route 343 at Crows Nest.
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Route 136 Chatswood to Manly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This route will be withdrawn and replaced by frequent route 160X (Dee Why to Chatswood via Frenchs Forest [limited stops]) and route 166 between Manly, Freshwater, Dee Why and Frenchs Forest.
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Route 143 Manly to Chatswood via St Leonards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This route will be renumbered as part of the frequent route 144 (Manly to Chatswood via St Leonards).
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Route 166 Frenchs Forest to Manly via Dee Why Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New route. This route will replace existing route 136 between Frenchs Forest and Manly.
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Route 257 Chatswood to Balmoral via Crows Nest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This route will be withdrawn and replaced by route 114 between Balmoral Beach and Crows Nest. • Customers travelling towards Willoughby can transfer to route 343 at Crows Nest.
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Route 144N Manly to North Sydney (late night service)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New route. Route 144N will operate as a new overnight route between North Sydney and Manly, operating seven nights a week, with connections to and from B-line services at Neutral Bay.
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Route 160X Mona Vale to Chatswood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Route 160X will be upgraded to a frequent route operating limited stops between Dee Why, Frenchs Forest and Chatswood. • Customers from Mona Vale to Dee Why can catch frequent route B1 or route 199 and transfer to route 160X for travel to Chatswood.
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