

Bus services suggestions north of Mona Vale

Community groups north of Mona Vale solution:

- Have an “E90”, a **new** bus, which goes around Palm Beach area. It should go all stops into MV **then stopping only at Warriewood, Warringah Mall Junction, Neutral Bay Junction and the City**. This should go **ever 20 minutes in off-peak and ever 15 minutes in peak times**.
 - Set-down only Warriewood, Warringah Mall and Neutral Bay Junction after Mona Vale going into the city
 - Pick-up only at Neutral Bay, Warringah Mall and Warriewood Junction before Mona Vale going towards Avalon.
- Have an “E88”, a normal size **new** bus, which goes around Careel Bay area via Avalon. This route should **not go down** Central Road but Avalon Pde instead. It should go **ever half-hour throughout the day** all stops into MV **then stopping only at Warriewood, Warringah Mall Junction, Neutral Bay Junction and the City**.
 - Set-down only Warriewood, Warringah Mall and Neutral Bay Junction after Mona Vale going into the city
 - Pick-up only at Neutral Bay, Warringah Mall and Warriewood Junction before Mona Vale going towards Avalon.
- Have an “E89”, a normal size **new** bus, which goes around Clareville/Bilgola area via Avalon (see map for more detail) **ever half-hour in throughout the day** all stops into MV **then stopping only at Warriewood, Warringah Mall Junction, Neutral Bay Junction and the City**.
 - Set-down only Warriewood, Warringah Mall and Neutral Bay Junction after Mona Vale going into the city
 - Pick-up only at Neutral Bay, Warringah Mall and Warriewood Junction before Mona Vale going towards Avalon.
- One of the above routes needs to go around the “Newport Arms” route to collect West Newport residents. The other two should go the more direct route along Barrenjoey Road.
- The 199 Manly to Palm Beach bus is a “nice-to-have” service. However it is of the lowest priority. It should not take priority or replace a direct service into the city.

Aims/Goal

- A bus stop within about 10mins walking time of most homes
- Buses get to their destination by about an hour
- Have no buses terminating in our village centres
- Take pressure off Mona Vale B-Line service - make it more reliable, less congested
- **Not** to turn Avalon, Newport or Mona Vale into car-parks - a public transport which relies on ‘park-and-ride’ is a **bad** system
- No bus changes if you are going into Sydney CBD - each time you change adds at least 10 minutes to your trip (some cases it could add up to an hour or even leave you stranded)
- Have each bus route as simple as possible - i.e. it **shouldn't** change depending on the time of day. It **shouldn't** sometimes terminate in Avalon, sometimes in Palm Beach. It shouldn't terminate sometimes in MV, sometimes in Newport.
- Limit buses on our narrowest of streets - this causes delays as buses have to squeeze down these streets.

CABPRA worked with the Avalon Preservation Association, Newport Residents Association and Palm Beach & Whale Beach Association to come up with this solution. Together they have talked with more than 400 residents.

At a Glance

Palm Beach at a glance

An express bus, for simplicity lets call it the 'E90', will travel to Mona Vale. In **peak hours**, timing of these buses will be **every 15 minutes**, in **off-peak every 20 minutes**. After Mona Vale they will:

- Set-down only Warriewood, Warringah Mall and Neutral Bay Junction after Mona Vale going into the city
- Pick-up only at Neutral Bay, Warringah Mall and Warriewood Junction before Mona Vale going towards Palm Beach.

Palm Beach will also have the '199' to Manly.

Careel Bay at a glance

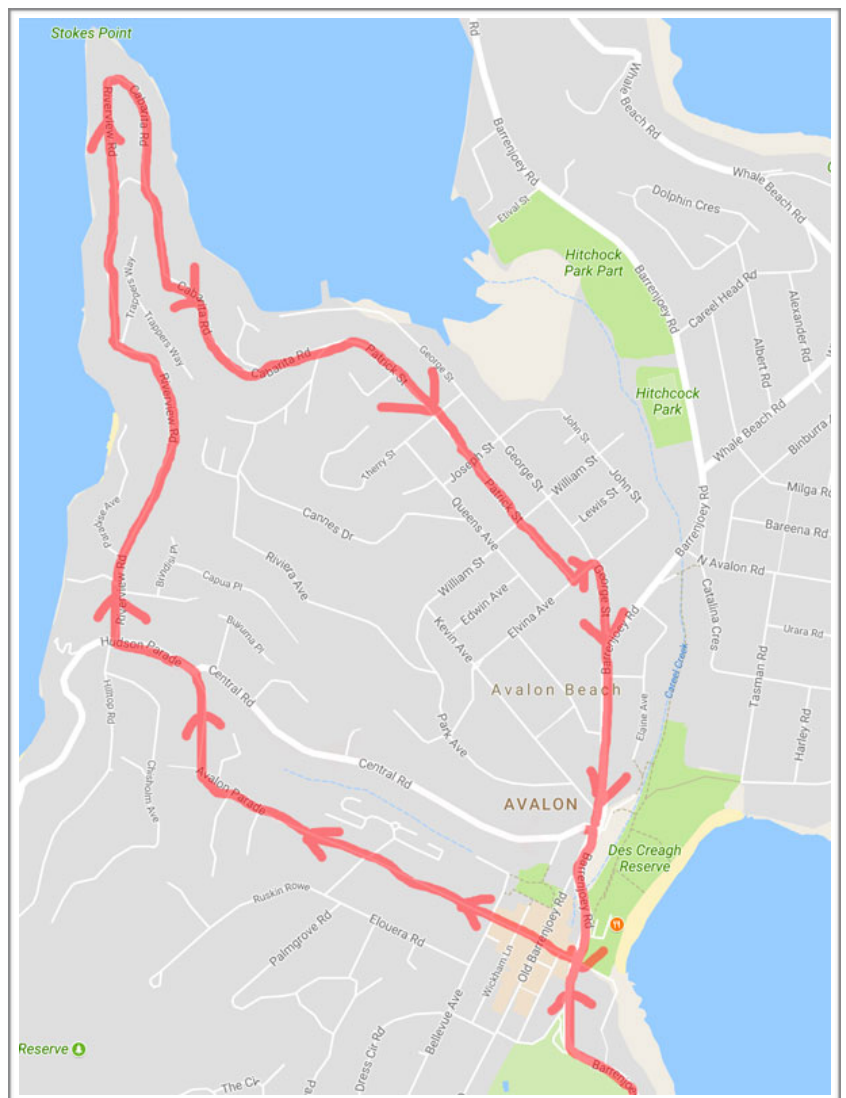
An express bus, for simplicity lets call it the 'E88', will travel the existing 192 bus route but with the change of going down Avalon Parade rather than Central Road (see map). The reason for this is that Central is becoming too congested for buses. It will also mean the elimination of the bus stop in Old Barrenjoey Road.

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Clareville & Bilgola Plateau at a glance

An express bus, for simplicity lets call it the 'E89', will travel a similar route to the existing 191 (see map next page). However we need to cut out the Argyle Street and Raymond Terrace loop as it is too congested for buses.



From Avalon this bus will then travel the existing E88 route to Mona Vale. This bus will go every **20 minutes in peak hours** and every **30 minutes through-out the day**. After Mona Vale they will:

- Set-down only Warriewood, Warringah Mall and Neutral Bay Junction after Mona Vale going into the city
- Pick-up only at Neutral Bay, Warringah Mall and Warriewood Junction before Mona Vale going towards Avalon.

Also with these proposed E88 and E89 bus routes, there will be no need for the 191 or the 192. This will cut down on the number of buses through Avalon. It will also mean we no longer need the bus stops in the centre of Avalon. They can be relegated to the edge of the village (see map).



Avalon at a glance

In peak-hour Avalon will have:

- nine 'E' buses going into the city each hour.
- '199 buses' from Palm Beach to Manly.

In off-peak Avalon will have:

- seven 'E' buses going into the city each hour.
- '199 buses' from Palm Beach to Manly.

Buses will not stop in the centre of the village, only on the edge. This eliminates the two existing bus stops in the village freeing the area up for other use. Plus buses will no longer need to turn at the Old Barrenjoey and Barrenjoey Roads intersection.

Newport at a glance

In peak-hour Newport will have:

- nine 'E' buses going into the city each hour.
- '199 buses' from Palm Beach to Manly.

In off-peak Newport will have:

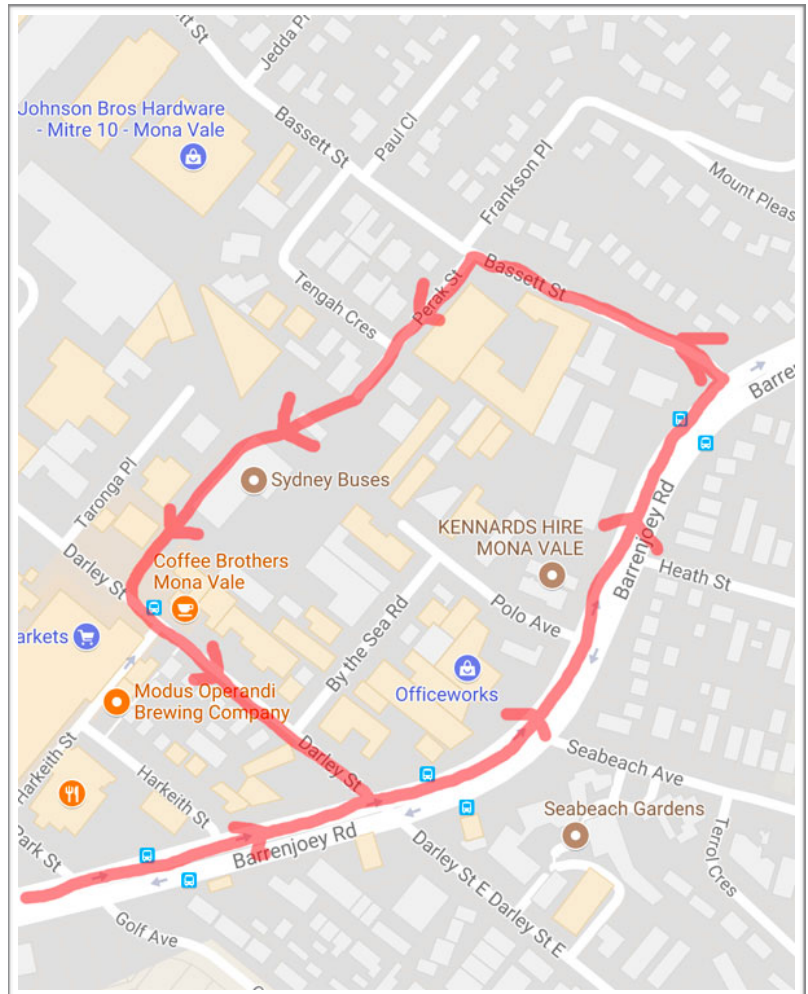
- seven 'E' buses going into the city each hour.
- '199 buses' from Palm Beach to Manly.

Mona Vale at a glance

The B-line should terminate at Mona Vale. It is a natural transport hub, going further to Newport makes no sense and will be costly.

Build the B-Line terminus at Mona Vale bus depot (see illustration), as suggested by the Mona Vale Residents Association. Transport NSW can build a carpark there, maybe a coffee shop. There will be toilets. It can ensure the carpark is for users of the B-Line only, if it wants. It will be a secure and safe stop for passengers getting on and off at night. Plus it is right opposite one of the major shopping centres in Mona Vale.

If you plan a proper bus service for people north of Mona Vale, this will take pressure off the B-Line from Mona Vale. It will make it quicker, less congested. It could also mean less buses on our roads. It will definitely mean less buses terminating and turning in our villages. Plus less need for expensive, ugly car-parks.



Final suggestion

Some money saved by not having the B-Line going to Newport could be spent on putting in safety footpaths along these bus routes where they are desperately needed, making it safer for users to walk to the bus stops.

Compiled in conjunction with all residential community groups north of Mona Vale:

- CABPRA (Clareville and Bilgola Plateau Residents Association)
- PBWBA (The Palm Beach & Whale Beach Association)
- APA (Avalon Preservation Association)
- NRA (Newport Residents Association)