

World Youth Day 2008



Not attending World Youth Day events?

A guide to travelling in
and around Sydney



Monday 14 July to Sunday 20 July 2008



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Introduction

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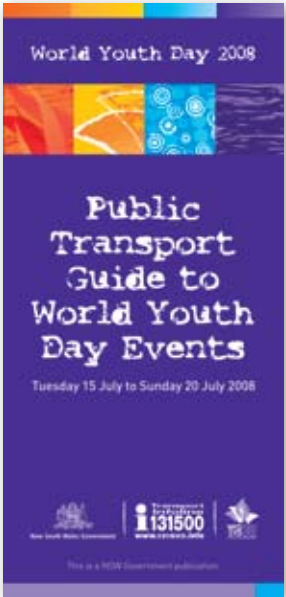
Sydney is hosting the XXIII World Youth Day and the 10th international World Youth Day. This historical week long event welcomes Pope Benedict XVI on his first visit to Australia.

World Youth Day 2008 will be the largest gathering of people in one place in Sydney’s history and the largest youth event internationally in 2008. More than 500,000 people are expected to attend the Final Mass on Sunday 20 July, most from Sydney and surrounding areas.

This guide is for people not intending to participate in World Youth Day events but want to understand changed traffic and travel arrangements throughout the week.

Do you intend to participate in World Youth Day events?

If you intend to participate in World Youth Day events, please pick up a copy of the Public Transport Guide to World Youth Day Events. This guide has been written to provide useful information to help you get to events with a minimum of fuss and have a safe and enjoyable time. This guide is available from CityRail stations, TransitShops, Sydney Visitor Centre, major CBD Motor Registry offices or Sydney Ferries. Alternatively you can download a copy from www.131500.info



Traffic and public transport changes

Every effort is being made to minimise disruption to Sydney residents and businesses and to make only essential changes. Commuter morning and evening peak services are being retained. However, public transport and traffic arrangements throughout the Sydney CBD, Surry Hills, Randwick and North Sydney are affected throughout this event. This affects Sydney Buses services, many of which have terminal and route changes. Most restrictions apply intermittently, with changes and diversions at their peak from Tuesday 15 to Sunday 20 July.

There are 300 road closures or changes and 500 Special Event Clearways in place during this period. We ask that motorists be alert and watch for pedestrians.

Many of the international visitors to Sydney are from countries with very different road and pedestrian rules to ours. We ask that motorists be alert while driving near World Youth Day events.

Extra public transport services

To manage the 185,000 extra people that are expected to use public transport during this event, train and bus services are operating over four peak periods each day. This means an extra 4,000 train services and 16,500 buses. In addition, Sydney Ferries are operating extra services.

Events avoid commuter peaks

Participants and others travelling to World Youth Day events are using the public transport system throughout the six days.

Most weekday events do not start until after morning peak hour and finish after the evening peak hour. Participants are asked to travel outside peak hours.

Expect possible delays when planning to travel.

Please take the time to read this Guide to see how World Youth Day may affect your travel and inform decisions you make to minimise the impacts.

Overview of World Youth Day events

Monday 14 July

This is the busiest day of arrivals for participants from interstate and overseas. Expect to see lots of visitors and their luggage around Sydney, many of whom are using public transport. Volunteers are on hand at major public transport and key venues.

To avoid overcrowding, we recommend commuters travel between 7.00am and 10.00am and between 4.00pm and 7.00pm.

Please be patient when travelling and allow extra time if you are using Sydney Airport on this day.

Final day of the Journey of the Cross and Icon

The Cross and Icon will travel from Manly, then through the CBD. This is expected to lead to some temporary road closures and traffic diversions.

Tuesday 15 July

Opening Mass of Welcome, 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Cardinal George Pell, Catholic Archbishop of Sydney will celebrate the formal opening of World Youth Day at Barangaroo (East Darling Harbour) where there is expected to be as many as 150,000 people. Significant CBD road closures are in place for pedestrian access. See the road section in this guide for more information about road closures.

This is the first day of the Youth Festival and large crowds are in the City this evening.

Wednesday 16 to Friday 18 July

Catechesis (teaching) sessions are taking place in the mornings at about 300 suburban locations and Youth Festival events at City locations in the afternoon and evening. Suburban public transport, schools and churches will have a high level of activity.

Festival events are expected to finish between 7.30pm and 10.00pm.

Thursday 17 July

Arrival and welcome of Pope Benedict XVI followed by the Papal Motorcade, 2.45pm – 5.30pm

The Pope arrives at Barangaroo via a boat that will travel through Sydney Harbour. This will cause minor cancellations and disruptions to ferry services. After the Papal Welcome concludes at 4.30pm, the Pope makes his way by motorcade from Barangaroo to St Mary's Cathedral, which will necessitate some temporary road closures and changes to Circular Quay bus terminals.

This is expected to be one of the busiest days during the week.

Avoid the CBD, particularly Wynyard and Circular Quay between 11.00am and 7.00pm.

Friday 18 July

Stations of the Cross, 3.00pm – 6.00pm

This is one of the highlights of World Youth Day for participants and takes place at six City sites.

Try to avoid the CBD on Friday 18 July, particularly Wynyard, St James, Martin Place and Central stations between 11.00am and 7.00pm.

Ferry services may experience minor delays between 3.30pm and 6.30pm due to Harbour traffic associated with Stations of the Cross.

Saturday 19 July

There is a Pilgrimage Walk over the Sydney Harbour Bridge from 5.30am to approximately 4.00pm to Randwick Racecourse on Saturday – **for 180,000 registered pilgrims**. People will also be walking from Central Station to Randwick Racecourse during the day.

Significant road closures are in place, including the Harbour Bridge, which is closed between 2.00am and 5.00pm. Sydney Ferries will operate a shuttle service between Milsons Point/Luna Park Wharf and Circular Quay during the closure of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Parts of South Dowling and Cleveland Streets, Alison Road and Anzac Parade are also closed to allow for safe pedestrian access. See the road section in this guide for more information about road closures.

Trains through the CBD are expected to be crowded throughout the day. Try to avoid North Sydney, Milsons Point and Central stations before 2.30pm and Randwick Racecourse and Centennial Park for the day.

As many as 300,000 people are expected to participate in an Evening Vigil with the Pope at Randwick Racecourse and Centennial Park. This event finishes at 9.00pm and pedestrians will be walking back to public transport, mostly Central Station, after this time.

Sunday 20 July

Final Mass at Randwick Racecourse and Centennial Park, 10.00am – 12.00pm

Today is the actual World Youth Day and the highlight of the week's events for participants. People attending the Final Mass are expected to travel early to this event.

At the conclusion of the Final Mass, about 500,000 participants are expected to walk back from Randwick Racecourse and Centennial Park to public transport hubs such as Central Station and Railway Square bus interchange. Expect large numbers of people walking through areas such as Moore Park, Surry Hills and Elizabeth Street. Some people will also walk to Green Square Station to travel to the airport or to Kensington and Rosebery to catch private coaches.

Trains and buses to the CBD are expected to be crowded from early Sunday morning. Trains and buses from the CBD are expected to be very crowded from 12.00pm onwards. Avoid Central Station, the surrounding precinct and Randwick Racecourse and Centennial Park until late in the afternoon, and expect some delays.

There are major road closures between Surry Hills and Randwick Racecourse. See the road section in this guide for more information about road closures.

Allow extra travelling time if using Sydney Airport during today.

Monday 21 July

This is the busiest day of departures at Sydney Airport so allow extra time if you are using the airport.

CBD walking routes and major road closures – Tuesday to Friday



Walking routes with high pedestrian volume and closed roads

Partial road closure

Main event venues



This map is indicative of major road closures only. Please visit

www.rta.nsw.gov.au for times and specific details of full road closures. Special Event Clearways are in effect for most parts of the northern end of the City.

There will be additional temporary road closures on Monday 14 July and Thursday 17 July.

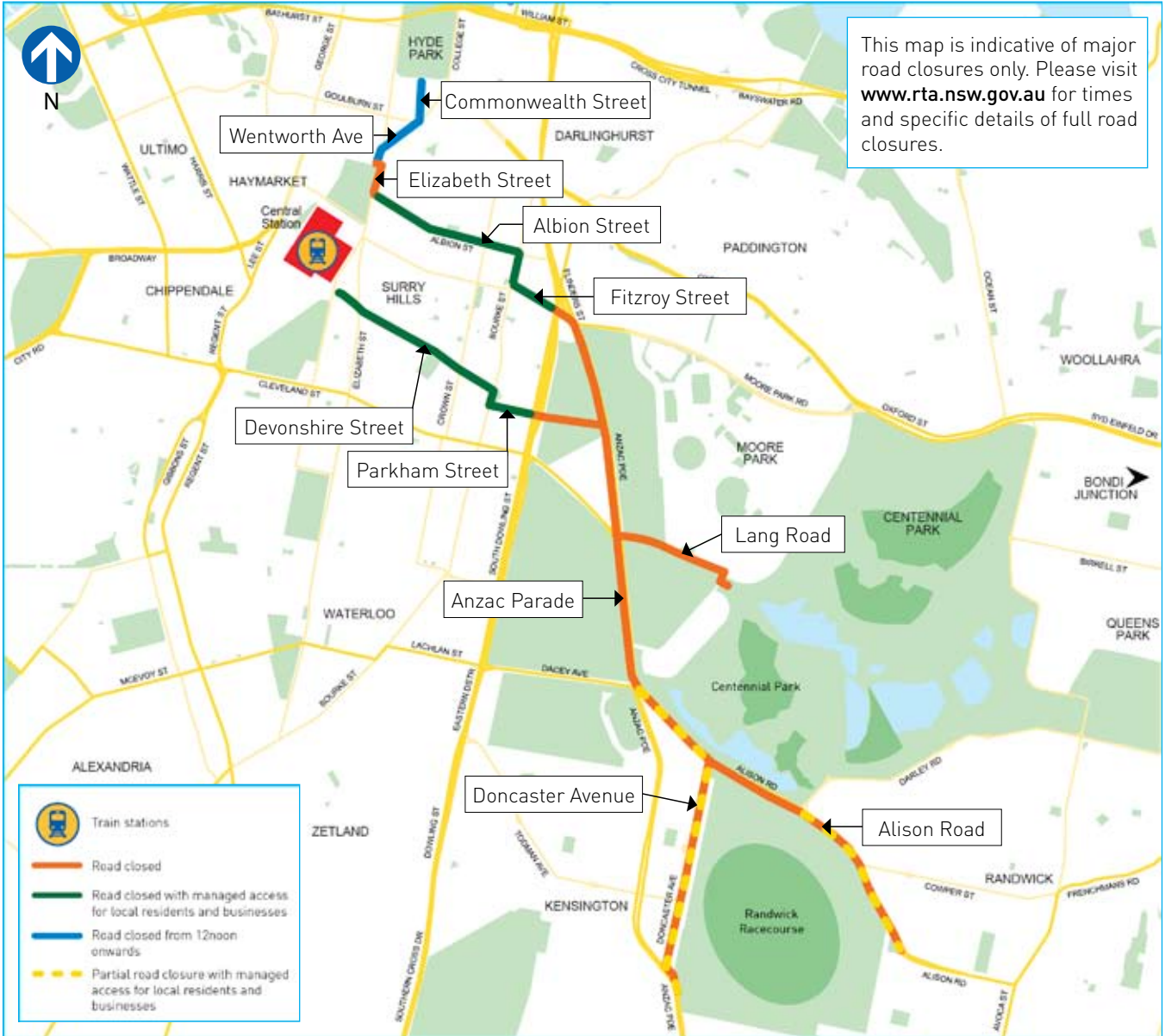
North Sydney to Randwick – major road closures – Saturday



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For resident access to neighbourhoods please visit www.wydca.nsw.gov.au

Central Randwick – major road closures – Sunday



What are the changes for public transport?

Extra bus, train and ferry services are operating, however large numbers of people are travelling on them. Be patient and plan your journey.

For quick and convenient access to train, bus and ferry timetables, trip planning and other public transport service information, visit www.131500.info or call the Transport Infoline on 131500. You can also use the 131500 mobile internet service, which enables you to download information on your phone, Palm and other electronic organisers from the Internet. To use this service go to mobile.131500.info



By train

CityRail is running extra services to move both regular commuters and the large numbers of participants travelling during this event.

North Sydney, Milsons Point, Circular Quay, Wynyard, Town Hall and Central stations are expecting large numbers of people travelling through them during this week. Major suburban stations such as Lidcombe, Parramatta, Strathfield, Liverpool, Chatswood and Hornsby are also expecting large numbers of people. The South and Western lines are expected to be particularly busy.

Visit www.cityrail.info for timetable information.

There are no scheduled service cancellations or trackwork.

Regular commuter timetables have been retained for the morning and afternoon peak periods.

Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 July

Additional services are operating to cater for the expected numbers of participants arriving in Sydney.

From Monday 14 to Friday 18 July

The weekday timetable caters for the equivalent of four peak periods with additional services operating between 10.00am and 3.00pm to the City and from 7.00pm to midnight from the City. **Commuter morning and evening peak services are being retained.**

Start and finish times for weekday events have been scheduled to avoid participants travelling during commuter peak periods.

On Monday 14 July, large numbers of people are travelling on services from Newcastle. Large numbers of people are also travelling to and from Wollongong throughout the week.

On Thursday afternoon, 17 July, Circular Quay Station has restricted access to and from the platforms. If possible please use another station to avoid the crowds.

Expect large crowds in the City

Large numbers of people are using public transport to return home after events which finish around evening peak time on Tuesday 15, Thursday 17 and Friday 18 July.

Saturday 19 July

Increased services are operating from all suburban and intercity lines to transport participants to the start of the Pilgrimage Walk.

Large numbers of people are travelling through Central, Milsons Point and North Sydney stations on Saturday morning. Expect delays and plan your travel early.

Sunday 20 July

Increased services are operating between 5.00am and 9.00am from all suburban and intercity lines to transport people to Central Station who are travelling to the Final Mass at Randwick. Increased services are operating between 1.00pm and 10.00pm to accommodate the large numbers of people departing from the Final Mass.

changes to public transport

Central Station and the surrounding precinct are expected to be extremely busy on Sunday afternoon as large numbers of people return from the Final Mass. Where possible avoid using Central Station and make alternative arrangements.

Monday 21 to Wednesday 23 July

Additional services are operating to cater for the large numbers of people departing Sydney.

Allow extra time if travelling to and using Sydney Airport on these days.

Light Rail and Monorail services

Light Rail services are running approximately every 10 minutes on Sunday 20 July, however services terminate at Haymarket between 12.00pm and 8.00pm, to ensure the safety of crowds moving through the City after attending the Pope's Final Mass at Randwick Racecourse and Centennial Park.

For more information www.metrolightrail.com.au.

There are no changes to Sydney Monorail services.

For information visit www.monorail.com.au.



By bus

Sydney Buses and private bus operators are servicing their normal routes, however there are a number of diversions and temporary terminals in place due to road closures in the CBD and the Eastern Suburbs.

Monday 14 July

Additional services are operating to cater for the expected numbers of participants arriving in Sydney. Due to the Journey of the Cross procession, there are temporary service disruptions from Circular Quay to Central Station along Pitt Street from 11.30am. Otherwise normal bus routes are operating.

Tuesday 15 to Friday 18 July

There are changes to locations where buses depart around Circular Quay. George Street corridor services travelling to and from Circular Quay depart from Pitt Street (near Alfred Street) and travel via Park, Elizabeth and Castlereagh streets after 10.00am on these days.

Victoria Road 500 series services to the city travelling towards Circular Quay operate via Druitt Street and continue across into Park Street.

University of New South Wales express services and the Sydney Explorer and Bondi Explorer services **are not operating**.

Saturday 19 July

Northern services normally operating to the City via North Sydney or the Warringah Freeway terminate at North Sydney until 4.00pm on Saturday 19 July, due to the closure of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Bus tickets are recognised on CityRail services between North Sydney and the CBD today.

Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 July

Services operating around Central Station and on the George Street, Randwick Junction, Alison Road, Anzac Parade and Crown Street corridors travel via altered routes during this weekend.

The Sydney Explorer and Bondi Explorer services **are not operating**.

Bondi Road services to the City including Route 333 are **operating as usual**.

Visit www.131500.info and click on Trip Planner to plan your journey, including accessibility transport options.

For more detailed information on local service changes including maps showing route changes visit www.sydneybuses.info.

Bus Terminal information



Tuesday 15 to Sunday 20 July, with exceptions on Thursday 17 and Saturday 19 July

In most cases regular bus terminals are in operation, however some temporary terminals, bus stop relocations and route diversions are necessary. These adjustments start from 10.00am each morning.

Due to the closure of George Street between Market Street and Circular Quay, after 10.00am services travelling towards Circular Quay will operate via Elizabeth Street with Millers Point services operating via Kent Street.

The majority of Inner West services will operate via Pitt Street and Castlereagh Street before returning to their normal routes at Town Hall.

Glebe Point Road services from Millers Point will operate via Kent and York Streets before returning to their normal routes at the Strand Arcade in George Street.

1. Eastern services
Routes 301-303, 309-311, 324-326, 333, 373, 374, 376, 377, X73, X74, X77, 380, 389, 391, 392, 394, 396, 397, 399, X94 and L94. Depart Alfred Street, Circular Quay.

2. Newtown, Parramatta Road, Victoria Road and Gresham Street services
Routes 422, 423, 426, 428, 435-438, 440 and 470, Route 500-series and L20. Depart from Alfred and Pitt streets, Circular Quay.

Routes 308, 327, 343 and 391 depart from Gresham Street.

3. Millers Point (The Rocks) services
Routes 431- 434. Depart from High Street. Services start from Terminal 2 on Saturday and Sunday. Route 339 departs from Pitt Street, near Spring Street.

4. King Street Wharf services
Routes 412 and 413. Depart from King Street Wharf as normal.



5. Lower North Shore services

Routes 202, 207, 208, 263 and 273. Depart from Wynyard as normal.

6. Northern Beaches services

Northern Beaches services and routes 243-249. Operate as normal.

7. Lane Cove, Epping Road, Pyrmont, Balmain and Northern services

Routes 194, 252-254, 261, 270, 288-292, 441, 442, 443 and 594. Depart as normal from York Street at QVB.

8. Hills District services

Routes 610, 613-617, 620, 642, 650, 652 and 654. Depart from Clarence Street (between Druitt and Market streets).

9. Burwood services

Routes 461, 480 and 483. Operate via Park Street to the Domain Terminal.

Thursday 17 July 2008

To accommodate the Papal Motorcade, temporary terminals are located at Martin Place from approximately 12.00pm for services that normally terminate and depart from Circular Quay.

10. Botany Road and Surry Hills services

Routes 301, 302, 303, 308, 309, X09, 310 and X10. Depart from Castlereagh Street south of Martin Place.

11. Eastern Suburbs and Randwick Junction services

Routes 311, 324-327, 333, 371, 373, X73, 374, X74, 376, 377, X77, 380, 389, 391, 392, X92, 394, X94, L94, 396, X96, 397, 399. Depart from Elizabeth Street at Martin Place.

12. Newtown, Clovelly and Rosebery services

Routes 339, 343, 422, 423, L23, 426, 428 and L28. Depart from Castlereagh Street north of Martin Place.

13. Parramatta Road and Victoria Road services

Routes L03, X04, 435-438, L38, L39, L40, 440, 470, 500 series, X00, X06, X15, X18, and L20. Depart from Pitt Street at Martin Place.

Saturday 19 July 2008 until approximately 5.00pm

Northern services

While the Sydney Harbour Bridge is closed for the Pilgrimage Walk, bus routes that normally travel to the CBD via the Bridge (mainly stops 5, 6, 8, and some of 7 listed in this guide) terminate and depart from North Sydney. Bus tickets are recognised on CityRail services between North Sydney and the CBD today.

Parramatta Road services

While the Pilgrimage Walk is crossing George Street, services operating along Broadway and George Street are diverted via Wattle and George streets (north of Bathurst Street) to Circular Quay. Route 501 terminates at Railway Square.

Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 July

Eastern Suburbs services

Sydney Buses have route diversions and temporary bus terminals throughout the City and the Eastern Suburbs.



By ferry

Sunday 13 to Sunday 20 July

Sydney Ferries are operating additional services. The Darling Harbour service will operate to a special World Youth Day timetable – please visit www.sydneyferries.info for details.

Minor disruptions may be experienced throughout the week due to higher passenger numbers and World Youth Day events. Additional staff will be available to assist customers during this period to help you plan your travel with Sydney Ferries.

Thursday 17 July

Due to the exclusion zones for the Papal boat-a-cade, some Sydney Ferries services may be prevented from operating in the early afternoon. In addition, Rose Bay Wharf will be closed from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

The Papal Motorcade will be travelling in the vicinity of Circular Quay during the afternoon peak period. Due to large crowds and road closures associated with this event, customers may experience delays and difficulties accessing Circular Quay. Customers are advised to travel out of the afternoon peak and to expect minor delays.

Friday 18 July

Minor delays or disruptions to some services due to increased harbour traffic associated with Stations of the Cross and expected crowds.

Saturday 19 July

Sydney Ferries will operate a shuttle service between Circular Quay and Milsons Point/Luna Park Wharf during the closure of the Harbour Bridge.

Harbour access restrictions

Disruptions to normal recreational harbour traffic should be minimal, though some restrictions apply during the event on Tuesday 15, Thursday 17 and Friday 18 July.

Check www.maritime.nsw.gov.au for more details.



By road

Taxis and coaches

Taxis and coaches are allowed to travel in the precinct bounded by road closures, but there might be delays. Parking space for coaches is extremely limited in Sydney during this event.

NSW Police will facilitate access for people requiring the use of wheelchair accessible taxis. There are some changes to taxi ranks in the CBD, including the provision of temporary ranks.

Please check www.nswtaxi.org.au for details.

Road access restrictions

People driving vehicles are recommended to avoid the CBD from Tuesday 15 to Friday 18 July, and Randwick Racecourse and Centennial Park on 19 and 20 July. Special Event Clearways and road closures start on Friday 11 July and get progressively more extensive each day until the Final Mass with the Pope on Sunday 20 July. There are 300 road closures or changes and 500 Special Event Clearways in place. Some Special Event Clearways are in place until Tuesday 22 July. The road closures are very complex and include significant parts of the CBD, around St Mary's Cathedral, near Randwick Racecourse, the Harbour Bridge and between Central Station and the event sites.

Major road closures include:

Saturday 12 to Sunday 20 July

Hickson Road closed.

Monday 14 to Sunday 20 July

Macquarie, College and surrounding streets around Cook and Phillip Park are closed or partly closed from 8.00pm, Monday 14 July.

Tuesday 15 to Friday 18 July

George Street (north of King Street) closed from 10.00am until midnight each day.

Thursday 17 to Sunday 20 July

Alison Road Randwick closed from midnight, Thursday 17 July extending to all roads around Randwick Racecourse by 8.00pm, Friday 18 July. Suburbs affected include Surry Hills, Moore Park, Centennial Park, Kensington and Randwick.

Saturday 19 July

Harbour Bridge and approaches closed from 2.00am to 5.00pm.

Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 July

Parts of Anzac Parade, South Dowling and Cleveland Streets are closed from 2.00am, Saturday 19 July.

Road closures can alter every day as events, crowd management and security arrangements change and people should visit the RTA website for more details.

Special Event Clearways extend as far as North Ryde to help traffic avoid the CBD and the bridge.

Please check the Special Events page of www.rta.nsw.gov.au for latest road changes and road access information, including links to maps and suggested alternative routes. If you have a specific road enquiry, please call 132 701.

Central Station – parking

From 10.00pm, Friday 19 July to 4.00am, Monday 21 July there is no parking and no pick-up or drop-off at the Western Forecourt outside Central Station and on the Hay Street Ramp.

Tips for travelling during World Youth Day events

Leave the car at home

Leave the car at home and catch public transport. Wherever possible, walk to and from train stations, bus stops and ferry wharves.

Plan ahead

The earlier you start planning your travel during World Youth Day, the easier it is to arrange the best way to get around using public transport. Be sure to allow plenty of time for your journey and try to avoid travelling at peak times or on 17, 18, 19 and 20 July.

Be patient

There are large numbers of overseas visitors in Sydney who may not speak much English. They should have tour guides with them. However, please be helpful if you are approached for assistance.

Plan to walk in the CBD

Be conscious of road safety, in particular when crossing roads using marked crossings. Due to temporary bus terminals and restricted access in the northern part of the Sydney CBD, The Rocks and Circular Quay, you might have to walk. So remember to wear comfortable walking shoes if visiting the City.

Getting to hospital

If you need to travel to Sydney Hospital or any of the major hospitals at Randwick, then please check www.rta.nsw.gov.au for a written description of best routes. For the Randwick hospitals there is an access map.

Streets surrounding Sydney Hospital will be Special Event Clearways most of the time so parking close by is extremely difficult. Public transport is the best way and the nearest train station is Martin Place. Allow extra travelling time on all public transport, and expect to see more people than usual at CBD stations.

The streets surrounding the Randwick based hospitals have changed conditions starting on Friday 18 July and will return to normal by Monday 21 July. Street parking is still available although you may have to walk a longer distance to the hospital. Bus services are diverting around the Randwick Racecourse area so check **www.131500.info** or call 131500 to find out the closest bus stop to the hospital you need to get to. If you are driving to visit or pick-up/drop-off a patient Friday 18 – Monday 21 July, then allow extra time.

Travelling to other events during World Youth Day

Remember, you **must purchase a transport ticket** before you travel to these and other events taking place during World Youth Day, **as they do not include travel on public transport.**

- 16, 17, 18 and 20 July: Disney on Ice, Acer Arena, Sydney Olympic Park
- 17, 18, 19 and 20 July: Cirque du Soleil, Entertainment Quarter, Moore Park

Please note that there will be extensive delays to traffic, especially when the road closures start to be implemented around the Moore Park/Randwick area from midnight, Thursday 17 July to 4.00am, Monday 21 July. Please visit RTAs website **www.rta.nsw.gov.au** for further information about travelling to this event.

- NRL matches: ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park (18, 19, 20 or 21 July – dates to be confirmed)

Plan your weekend

If you want to get out and about during World Youth Day in Sydney, visit **www.sydney.com** where you will find some great deals on restaurants, accommodation and attractions on offer across Sydney and Regional NSW.

Allow plenty of time if using Sydney Airport

If you are flying in or out of Sydney on Monday 14 July, Sunday 20 July or on Monday 21 July, train services to Domestic and International stations on the Airport Line are likely to be very crowded. We recommend you allow plenty of time to travel to the airport. Expect large crowds at the airport checking onto flights, which may cause further delays. If you have family or friends arriving at either the domestic or international terminals during this week, please make them aware of possible delays around the airport.

Where to get further information

For the latest information on public transport during World Youth Day week including accessibility transport options, visit **www.131500.info** or call the Transport Infoline 131500.

TTY (Teletypewriter Service for hearing and speech impaired customers only) **1800 637 500.**

For information about government services relating to this event, go to **www.wydca.nsw.gov.au.**

For information about the event go to the WYD08 website at **www.wyd2008.org** or call the Infoline on 1300 993 793.

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