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NEW 'ON-DEMAND' TRANSPORT TRIAL FOR CENTRAL WEST

Member for Dubbo Troy Grant has announced two new On Demand bus services for the state's Central West with one designed to connect customers with major town centres, and another linking Mudgee to Dubbo.

LiveBetter will operate four vehicles offering village to town connections across the region, including Collarenebri to Narrabri, Tullamore to Dubbo, Portland to Lithgow and Ivanhoe to Hay with standard fares starting from \$7.20.

Ogden Coaches will operate an On Demand service taking customers between Mudgee and Dubbo via Gulgong with a standard fare of \$26.00.

Half-price concession fares and the \$2.50 Regional Excursion Daily ticket will also be available on both services.

Both trials are due to start around the middle of this year.

"This is public transport at a time that suits you, arriving where and when people need them, offering greater flexibility to rural and regional residents than ever before," Mr Grant said

"With On Demand public transport, customers can book a service via phone, online or through an app, get picked up near home or a convenient nearby location and be taken to a local transport hub or other point of interest.

"Through our collaboration with local transport operators who have in-depth knowledge and experience of these regional areas, we aim to stimulate economic growth and mobility in regional NSW."

On Demand services are designed to provide residents in regional and rural NSW with access to town centres, opening up better connections to key health, retail, educational and social services.

The NSW Government has been trialing On Demand public transport pilots in Sydney since late 2017 and across rural and regional NSW since November 2018.

"We've seen great success with existing trials with more than 200,000 passenger trips delivered and we can't wait to see these numbers grow across the state as these trials in rural and regional areas commence operations," Mr Grant said.