

## Registration Opens for BusNSW Conference

12 May 2019

Registration has opened for the **2019 BusNSW Conference** to be held at the Fairmont Resort Blue Mountains on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 July 2019.

BusNSW Executive Director, Matt Threlkeld, said the conference theme, *Forging the Future Together*, reflects the need for bus operators, industry suppliers and government to work collaboratively to support customer expectations through the integration of new technology and the safe and efficient movement of people on the ground.

“Whilst forward planning and embracing the emerging technology is important for industry and government, there is an ongoing need to develop the operational expertise required to move people around our cities and regions each day,” Threlkeld said.

“Following the recent NSW State Election, BusNSW welcomed the renewed focus on Regional NSW and we are very pleased that The Hon. Paul Toole MP, the new Minister for Regional Transport and Roads has agreed to speak at the conference,” Threlkeld said.

“Transport for NSW will soon be restructured to align with the new Ministerial arrangements and the conference will be an important opportunity to learn about the new operating model and what it means for the NSW bus and coach industry”, Threlkeld said.

Conference Program Highlights include:

- Welcome and introduction from John King, BusNSW President
- Government address from The Hon Paul Toole MP, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads
- Special Guest Speaker - Kurt Fearnley AO, Australian Wheelchair Racer and the 2019 NSW Australian of the Year
- Presentations from NSW Police, Office of Transport Safety Investigations, Transport for NSW, Local Government NSW and Industry subject matter experts

Topics include a rural & regional project update, managing informal school bus stops, bus fires and evacuation, chain of responsibility, the NSW Government’s future transport strategy, heavy vehicle safety and compliance, bus operator accreditation matters, and connected vehicles.

The conference includes a 9 hole golf shoot out and half day conference session on Thursday 18 July 2019 and a full day conference on Friday 19 July 2019. For conference and accommodation details and the full program visit <https://busnsw.com.au/events/2019-busnsw-conference/> or contact BusNSW on 02 8838 9500. Delegates are encouraged to register for the conference **before 5 June** to take advantage of the “early bird” discount.