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Holiday fun on the horizon

Summer days have an extra sparkle each year for young people in the Great Southern hinterland thanks to the Holiday Bus service supported by the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC).

For the past decade, the GSDC-initiated Holiday Bus has provided teenagers and accompanied younger children with a low-cost return day trip to Albany from towns along the Great Southern Highway.

GSDC Board Chairman Peter Rundle said the Holiday Bus service, also supported by local governments along the route, helped families in the region to provide healthy holiday activities for their children for only \$5 per trip.

“Young people from Wagin to Mount Barker can join the Holiday Bus on Tuesdays and Thursdays during most of January,” Mr Rundle said.

“Supporting this service helps to strengthen families in the Great Southern’s inland towns, which in turn sustains those communities.

“Last summer the coach carried 231 passengers to destinations in Albany and I expect it will be well used again this summer,” Mr Rundle said.

This summer the twice-weekly service starts on Tuesday 8 January and ends on Thursday 31 January.

Holiday Bus runs start at 7am in Wagin and the coach picks up passengers in towns along the Great Southern Highway, at the Kendenup Westrail stop on request, and in Mount Barker.

The coach arrives in Albany in the mid-morning and drops passengers at the city centre, the Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre, the cinema and Middleton Beach.

Transfers during the day between the four Albany destinations can be arranged.

Return trips begin at 3.45pm at Middleton Beach and end in Wagin at 7pm.

Cargo bays on the 46-seat Nichols coach are big enough for BMX bikes, skateboards, body boards and surfboards.



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Unaccompanied passengers must be 14 to 18; younger teenagers and primary school-age children can use the service if accompanied by a responsible adult.

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