

EXTENDED OMEO –BRIGHT “ALPS BUS LINK” WINTER SERVICE

SUNDAY 30TH MAY –END 3 OCTOBER 2010

(as of 25/5/10)

Department of Transport officials have just announced that extended funding has been approved through the Department's Transport Connections Flexible Fund to **extend the trial of the Omeo to Bright (Alps Bus Link) service** from the end of May to 31 December 2010. The extension of the trial will allow DOT to review the service to determine its viability as a permanent fixture in the future. **The Winter Alps Bus Link service will begin operating Sunday 30th May 2010 until the 3rd October 2010, three days a week-Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays.**

The Alps Bus Link service is the result of inter-regional partnerships between the Let's GET Connected and the North East Transport Connections Projects along with key local stakeholders. Both projects are funded by the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) through the Victorian Government's Transport Connections Program, a successful state cross government initiative, to assist communities work together to improve local transport. Further partners or supporters include the East Gippsland and Alpine Shire Councils, Mount Hotham Resort Management Board, Omeo Region & Business Tourism Association and the Mount Hotham Ski Company, who support the all year bus service as an important link between local communities.

The Winter Alps Bus Link service will assist local residents across Omeo and its district, Dinner Plain, Mt Hotham, Harrietville and Bright to access a range of winter employment at the snow fields, as well as education and training, shopping, medical, essential services, winter sport and recreational opportunities locally and across the wider region.

OMEO TO Mt HOTHAM WINTER SERVICE NB –Times approximate only, subject to weather /road conditions.		
Sundays, Wednesdays & Fridays-30 th May –3 rd October 2010	AM	PM
Omeo -Shire Offices)	8.00	4.10 #(Wed)
Cobungra	8.20	4.30
Dinner Plain -(Forecourt)	8.50	5.00
Mt Hotham -(The Big D) (Hotham Central Transit Lounge on request)	9.20/ 9.30	5.20/ 5.30
Mt HOTHAM TO OMEO WINTER SERVICE NB –Times approximate only, subject to weather /road conditions.		
Sundays, Wednesdays & Fridays-30 th May –3 rd October 2010	AM	PM
Mt Hotham -(Hotham Central on request)(The Big D)	9.50/ 10.00	5.40/ 5.50
Dinner Plain -(Forecourt)	10.20	6.05
Cobungra	10.50	6.30
Omeo -(Shire Offices)	11.10	6.50

BRIGHT TO Mt HOTHAM WINTER SERVICE NB –Times approximate only, subject to weather /road conditions.		
Sundays, Wednesdays & Fridays -30 th May –3 rd October 2010	AM	PM
Bright - V/Line Stop – Alpine Hotel	7.15	3.30
Freeburgh - Bus Shelter – Hall (Booking Only)	7.25	3.40
Harrietville - Pioneer Park	7.40	3.55
Mt Hotham - Hotham Central Transit Lounge (the Big D on request)	8.45/ 9.00	4.55/ 5.10
Mt HOTHAM TO BRIGHT WINTER SERVICE NB –Times approximate only, subject to weather /road conditions.		
Sundays, Wednesdays & Fridays-30 th May –3 rd October 2010	AM	PM
Mt Hotham - The Big D	9.30	5.40
Mt Hotham - Hotham Central Transit Lounge	9.40	5.50
Harrietville - Pioneer Park	10.40	6.50
Freeburgh - Bus Shelter – Hall (Booking Only)	11.50	7.00
Bright - V/Line Stop – Alpine Hotel	11.00#	7.10

Fares set by DOT (approx \$10 one way Omeo –Bright), **Gate entry to MHRMB required** (conditions apply-5759 3550)
 Bookings advised–1300 722 191 or email omeo.bus@bigpond.com # bus connections from Bairnsdale / to Wangaratta
 For more transport information – see the local websites www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au; www.egipps.vic.gov.au,
www.mthotham.com.au or www.flexitrans.org, www.viclink.com.au or www.vline.com.au -or contact the Lets GET
 Connected Project on 5153 9441or rhondaj@egipps.vic.gov.au or the local East Gippsland Shire Council on 5153 9500;
 the Alpine Shire Council on 5755 0555; the NTCP on 5731 3506 or tcpovens@ovensandking.org.au