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After midnight bus service extended

The Gawler after midnight bus service is to be extended following successful lobbying by local state member of parliament Mr Tony Piccolo.

Currently the service terminates outside the BP Service Station at the southern end of Murray Street. The service will now travel up Murray Street, around Light Square and provide two additional stops; one opposite the Bushman Hotel and another outside the Bank SA building.

Mr Piccolo said he wrote to the Minister for Transport requesting the extended service on "behalf of local residents, hoteliers and the Police Officers of Gawler".

In his letter to the Minister Mr Piccolo said while residents, business owners and Police Officers of Gawler have discussed the benefits of the Gawler Midnight Bus has on community they "feel that extending the current route from Murray Street to Cowan Street, to service those at the Bushman's and Exchange Hotels would be a positive move."

Mr Piccolo said extending the bus route will assist police is reducing the number of public order offences in the area and also encourage more use of the bus service, as many do not venture to the current bus stop.

In his letter advising that the request had been approved the Transport Minister Pat Conlon said the service was designed to provide public transport for those wanting to travel between Adelaide and Gawler after the last Gawler rail service in the evening.

Mr Piccolo said that his office had received great support from the Public Transport Division of the Transport Department, the Town of Gawler, local Police and Bus operator Southlink.

All the parties could see the community safety benefit from the proposal and have backed the move.

"By working together we were able to get the additional service operating quickly"

The new service comes into effect on this coming Sunday morning (27th September) and timetable details will be available from local hotels and at the bus stops.

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