

Advice for Nicklin Electorate Office on behalf of the Yandina and District Community Association

Subject: Bus services for Yandina to Coolum and the Ginger Factory

- The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) acknowledges the Yandina and District Community Association's interest in improved public transport services for their community.
- Delivering reliable and accessible transport services and infrastructure across Queensland is an important objective for TMR. However, balancing the need to address gaps in the network while ensuring services are well-patronised, reliable, and represent value for money remains a significant challenge.
- Currently, route 631 provides access to the Yandina Ginger Factory with 11 services each weekday.
- In 2024, TMR extended route 631 to the Yandina Ginger Factory and the industrial estate to improve connections to Nambour, Eumundi, Cooroy, Tewantin and Noosa. To manage passenger demand on Eumundi market days, TMR also introduced additional trips in 2025.
- While TMR acknowledges the realignment of route 631 to Bunya Road, North Arm would provide improved access for the community in this area, the low population density (less than two dwellings per hectare), the additional journey time for existing customers, and the level of investment required for new bus stop infrastructure mean there are no plans to realign the service at this time.
- Route 630 operates as an express service, providing limited services from Noosa and connections to rail services at Nambour station. This route also services the Eumundi markets to assist with passenger demand, particularly on market days.
- While there are no plans to extend route 630 to the Ginger Factory at this time, TMR will consider the community's feedback as part of future network improvements in the area.
- TMR acknowledges that customers travelling between Yandina and Coolum are required to transfer, with travel times varying between one hour and 37 minutes (including wait times) to one hour and 50 minutes or greater, depending on the time of travel.
- While TMR strives to meet the diverse travel needs of the community, it is not always feasible to provide direct services to all locations or attractions in an area. As such, transfers between services is a necessary part of many journeys.
- It is important to note that any service change is assessed against statewide priorities and funding availability.
- TMR has commenced significant planning and investment to upgrade the existing rail network and progress initiatives as part of The Wave project, which aims to provide better connectivity and meet the growing transport needs of the region.