

# All aboard public transport forum

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Illawarra residents have been encouraged to jump aboard a forum in Wollongong tomorrow geared towards improving public transport.

An expert in transport research and another on sustainable public transport methods will provide key talking points at the Boat Harbour Hotel from 7pm.

The keynote speaker will be Dr Philip Laird - a Research Fellow at the University of Wollongong and member of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport.

His areas of transport research include rail freight and passenger development, energy use in transport and road pricing.

Joining him will be Keely Boom, legal officer of the Australian Climate Justice Program and a lecturer in law at the University of Wollongong.

She has an academic and professional interest in the enforcement of the law to ensure a safe climate.

She will show how transition towns worldwide are developing resilient and sustainable public

## Residents' chance to hear experts map out the way forward

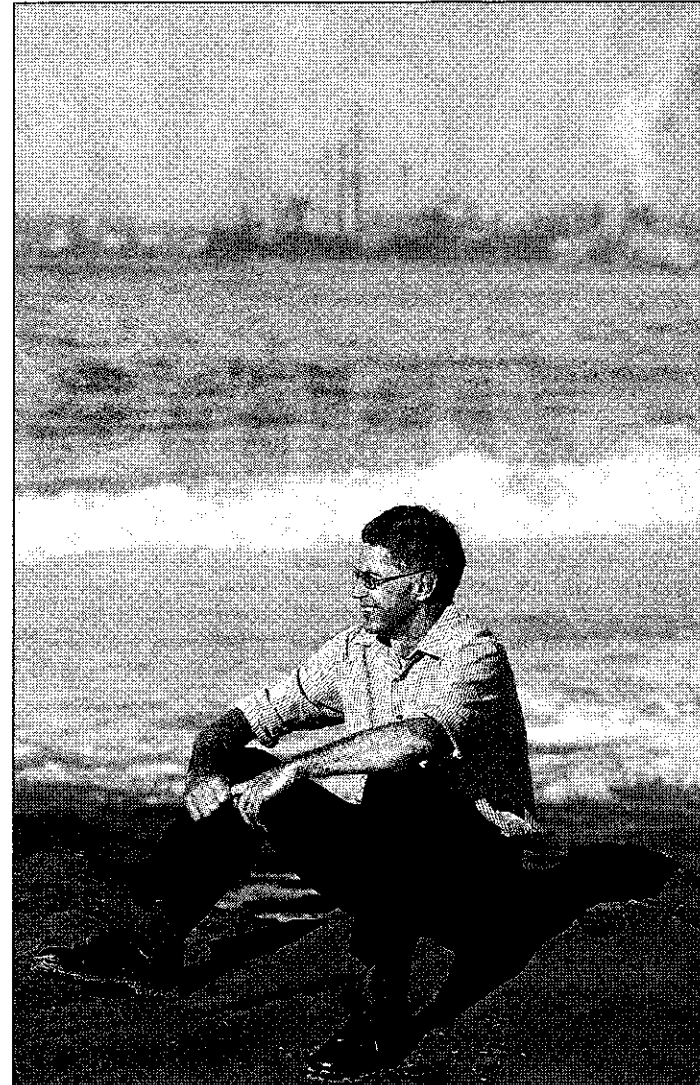
transport - and will provide a vision of what Illawarra public transport could look like in the future.

Wollongong Climate Action Network spokesperson Rowan Huxtable encouraged residents to attend.

"We need to reduce our dependence on crude oil for economic, environmental and national security reasons," he said.

"Expanding and improving our public transport is essential to making this change.

"We encourage people to attend, hear expert opinion, and have their say on this important issue. We are expecting a few MPs to attend."



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