

## Fearnes Buses



Many of you will have ridden in a Fearnes Bus. Whether it was to and from school, on a school excursion, or maybe a trip to Sydney? Fearnes was Wagga's oldest running bus company, so almost all of those people who grew up in Wagga would have caught a Fearnes bus at some stage. They also ran the public bus service around Wagga - so they were a very familiar sight.

- In 1916, William James Fearne and William Borlase started business in Wagga as general carriers and charter bus operators.
- Mr Borlase resigned as a partner in the early 1920s and William Fearne carried on the business.
- In 1929, the first route and timetable service started between Turvey Park and Docker Street and was extended later to include North Wagga.
- In 1937 Clive Fearne bought the business from his father and remained as managing director until he died in 1989.
- Garry Fearne took over running the business until he died in 1996, when Garry's wife Audrey took over as managing director.
- A daily express service between Wagga and Sydney was introduced in 1988, and the "Grasshopper" service to Sydney or Canberra from Junee, Cootamundra, Young and Harden, began in 1997.