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SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S STATEGUIDE.

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Bus SA

Last month's Table Talk (No.130, May 2003) contained some notes on the April 2003 edition of South Australia's Stateguide, the government sponsored T.T. for all non-metropolitan, surface public transport in the State. This month, we take a closer look at parts of this T.T. As in past editions, it is in full-colour, large, poster format with a map on one side and tables for all bus and ferry companies operating non-suburban services on the other. This review concentrates on the T.T. side of the poster.

# Transitplus

Telephone (08) 8339 7544 Times are accurate at time of printing. Please check with your ticket seller for most recent times & routes.

## City to Mylor, Meadows, Echuanga, Macclesfield, Strathalbyn, Langhorne Creek, Milang, Clayton

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On our page one are the front and back covers of Stateguide. It will be noted that the only reference to the T.T. date is in small print on the back cover. We have also illustrated, on our page two, the tables for two 'urban' companies: Affordable Coachlines (appearing in the Guide for the first time) and Transitplus. Below are the tables for the Hoys Roadlines services (note that the connections with Sydney trains at Albury are not shown) and for the three SeaLink bus/ferry services. As can be seen, the dates on these tables have not been updated from the Guide's last edition.



# HOYS ROADLINES PTY. LTD.

Telephone 8231 7620 or 136 196 or AH (03) 5721 5866

Times are accurate at time of printing. Please check with your ticket seller for most recent times & routes. (EST - Eastern Standard Time CST - Central Standard Time)

Albury to Adelaide		AM
Albury Station (Dep)		4.25
Wodonga Station		4.35
Wangaratta Station		5.25
Benalla Station		5.55
Shepparton Station		6.40
Shepparton - Opp. Post Office		6.43
Mooroopna - Old Mill		6.50
Echuca Ampol R/house (Arr)		7.55
Echuca Ampol R/house (Dep)		8.05
Cohuna - Opp. Post Office		8.45
Kerang Station		9.10
Swan Hill Station		9.55
Nyah - Opp. General Store		10.15
Manangatang - Fire Station		10.50
Ouyen Station		11.25
Walpeup - Walpeup Store		11.45

Albury to Adelaide		PM
Underbool - Underbool Store		1.30
Murrayville - Opp. Hotel EST		12.35
Pinnaroo - BPR/house(Arr) CST		12.25
Pinnaroo - BPR/house(Dep)CST		1.05
Parilla - Parilla Store		1.20
Lameroo - Post Office		1.25
Wilkawatt - Turn Off		1.35
Parrakie - Turn Off		1.42
Geranium - Roadhouse		1.48
Jabuk - Jabuk Store		1.55
Peake - Hotel		2.03
Buccleuch - Turn Off		2.09
Sherlock - Sherlock Store		2.5
Moorlands - Turn Off		2.5
Tailem Bend - Opp. Shell R/house#		2.55
Murray Bridge - Tourist Info Ctr #		2.55
Mt Barker - Tourist Info Stop		3.35
Adelaide Hills - Bus Stop No.24		3.45
ADELAIDE - Central Bus Station		4.15

# Set down only

Adelaide to Albury		AM
Adelaide - Central Bus St (Dep)		9.10
Adelaide Hills - BP Service St		9.40
Mt Barker - Tourist Info Stop		9.50
Murray Bridge - Tourist Info Ctr *		10.20
Tailem Bend - Shell R/house *		10.40
Moorlands - Turn Off		10.50
Sherlock - Sherlock Store		11.00
Buccleuch - Turn Off		11.06
Peake - Opposite Hotel		11.12
Jabuk - Jabuk Store		11.21
Geranium - Roadside		11.27
Parrakie - Turn Off		11.35
Wilkawatt - Turn Off		11.43
Lameroo - Post Office		11.50

Adelaide to Albury		PM
Parilla - Parilla Store		12.10
Pinnaroo - BP R/house (Arr) CST		12.25
Pinnaroo - BP R/house (Dep) CST		1.00
Murrayville - Opp. Hotel EST		1.45
Underbool - Opp. Underbool Str		2.25
Walpeup - Opp. Walpeup Str		2.40
Ouyen Station		3.00
Manangatang - Opp. Fire St		3.35
Nyah - General Store		4.10
Swan Hill Station		4.35
Kerang Station		5.20
Cohuna - Opp. Post Office		5.40
Echuca Ampol R/house (Arr)		6.28
Echuca Ampol R/house (Dep)		7.00
Mooroopna - Opp. Old Mill		7.45
Shepparton - Post Office		7.48
Shepparton Station		7.55
Benalla Station		8.45
Wangaratta Station		9.15
Wodonga Station		10.05
Albury Station (Arr)		10.15

\* Pick up only



## PUBLIC COACH SERVICE

Adelaide to Cape Jervis and return.

Telephone (08) 8231 1744

Adelaide to Cape Jervis		
DEPARTURE	LOCATION	TIME
Adelaide	101 Franklin St, Adelaide	3.30pm
Darlington	Bus Stop 30, Near Flagstaff Hill, South Road	4.00pm
Morphett Vale	Bus Stop 55 (Tucker and Restaurant), South Rd	4.15pm
Aldinga	Mobil Service Station	4.30pm
Myponga	Myponga Post Office/Store	4.40pm
Yankalilla	Yankalilla Four Square Store (opposite the Hotel)	4.55pm
Normanville	Normanville General Store (opposite the Hotel)	5.00pm
Wirrina Cove	Wirrina Cove turn off	5.05pm
Leonards Mill	Leonards Mill	5.10pm
Delamere	Delamere General Store	5.10pm
Cape Jervis	Australia Post Mail Box in Main Street	5.45pm

Cape Jervis to Adelaide		
DEPARTURE	LOCATION	TIME
Cape Jervis	Australia Post Mail Box in Main Street	9.40am
Delamere	Delamere General Store	9.50am
Leonards Mill	Leonards Mill	9.55am
Wirrina Cove	Wirrina Cove turn off	10.00am
Normanville	Normanville General Store (opposite the Hotel)	10.05am
Yankalilla	Yankalilla Four Square Store (opposite the Hotel)	10.10am
Myponga	Myponga Post Office/Store	10.20am
Aldinga	Mobil Service Station	10.30am
Morphett Vale	Bus Stop 55 (Tucker and Restaurant), South Rd	10.45am
Darlington	Bus Stop 30, Near Flagstaff Hill, South Road	11.00am
Adelaide	101 Franklin Street, Adelaide	11.25am

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## SEALINK FERRY

Telephone 131 301



## KI SHUTTLE SERVICE

Telephone (08) 8553 1122

SeaLink Ferry to Kangaroo Island		
Daily except Christmas Day	4 Sept 02 - 31 Mar 03	
	AM Service	PM Service
Coach Dep Adelaide	6.45	3.45
Ferry Dep Cape Jervis	9.00	6.00
Coach Dep Penneshaw	10.00	7.00

SeaLink Ferry from Kangaroo Island		
Daily except Christmas Day	4 Sept 02 - 31 Mar 03	
	AM Service	PM Service
Coach Dep Kingscote	7.00	5.30
Ferry Dep Penneshaw	8.30	7.30
Coach Dep Cape Jervis	9.40	8.30

Penneshaw to Kingscote via American River		
Daily except Christmas Day	4 Sept 02 - 31 Mar 03	
	AM Service	PM Service
Penneshaw	10.00	7.00
American River	10.30	7.30
Kingscote	11.00	8.00
Kingscote	7.00	5.30
American River	7.30	6.00
Penneshaw	8.00	6.30

Kingscote to Kingscote		
round trip via Vivonne Bay, Rocky River and Parndana		
Daily except Christmas Day	4 Sept 02 - 31 Mar 03	
	AM Service	PM Service
Kingscote		12.30
Vivonne Bay		1.20
Rocky River Homestead		2.05
Parndana		2.50
Kingscote	ARR	3.25

Please note - Subject to bookings services may omit American River. Bookings are essential.





CURRENT RAISING ON THE GRAPE VINE. Long Distance Rail, etc. Continued.

line practice. Break of journey in N.S.W. and Queensland is now permitted for journeys over 120 km (previously it was 100 km) but standard fares for each sector will apply on economy tickets if the break of journey is over four hours. At most places on the CountryLink and Q.R. Traveltrain (long distance) networks, there are just not enough trains to make breaks of under four hours possible! Some CountryLink agents are interpreting the new rules in such a way that they charge sector fares if a compulsory change from train to bus is involved. However, on the new Cairns tilt train, special provisions for multiple break of journey can be made on payment of about \$60 extra for the full Brisbane-Cairns single journey. It must be stated that these new rules will make the use of passes, such as Q.R.s Sunshine Rail Pass, all the more attractive. Of course, such passes will continue to provide multiple break of journey. (Sunshine Express)

Pacific National/Rail Infrastructure Corporation.

**UPDATE - C.T.C. EXTENSION.** As anticipated, on 14th April 2003 the section of standard gauge Manor Loop-Gheringhap was altered to the Centralised Traffic Control system of safeworking. Thus, the dual gauge section North Geelong C-Gheringhap was covered for both broad and standard gauge trains.

**UPDATE - SYDNEY-BRISBANE UPGRADE.** R.I.C.'s \$25 million upgrade of the Sydney-Brisbane rail line will include the extension of CTC from Casino - one source says it will go through to Greenbank, Qld., while another source says it will only go to Border Loop. Loops at Craven, Kerewong, Grafton and Loadstone are to be extended to accept trains of up to 1500 m. Eventually, the loops at Telarah and Dungog will also be extended. (Rail News Victoria)

S.R.A.(CountryLink)/Rail Access Corporation

**UPDATE - MENANGLE BRIDGE.** The Menangle Bridge reopened for all traffic on 25th April 2003 and all passenger trains to the south are now using the main line again. (Gavin Young)

Freight Australia/VicTrack

**NO FURTHER STANDARD GAUGE!** The Minister for Transport, The Hon. Peter Batchelor, announced on 16th April 2003 that work on gauge standardisation in Victoria would be put on hold indefinitely! The reasons cited are the difficulties in coming to an agreement with Freight Australia and the lack of any Federal money for the project. Work on the reinstatement of the Mildura passenger service has been held up pending a decision on what gauge the line would be - it is hoped that this project will now proceed.

V/Line Passenger

**ARARAT PASSENGER SERVICE.** A track recording machine ran Ballarat-Ararat and return on 1st April 2003 and later that day an official ceremony was held near the site of Linton Junction to mark the commencement of re-opening work. Both the Ararat and Bairnsdale lines are expected to open during the last weekend in July 2003, one line on the Saturday and the other the following day. From 2nd April 2003, the following proposed T.T. has been on display at Ballarat station (it will be noted that all times correspond with the present Ballarat T.T., with the exception of the 1146 arrival in Melbourne on Sundays):

**PROPOSED BALLARAT - ARARAT TRAIN TIME TABLE - from late 2003**

	DOWN TRAINS			UP TRAINS		
	dep Sp.St.	dep Ballarat	arr Ararat	dep Ararat	arr Ballarat	arr Sp.St.
M-F	9:35	11:25	12:15	8:15	9:05	10:32
M-F	17:42	19:15	20:05	14:20	15:10	16:48
Sat.	8:13	9:57	10:50	7:40	8:30	10:05
Sat.	17:47	19:20	20:10	16:00	16:50	18:29
Sun.	9:20	10:55	11:45	9:25	10:15	11:46
Sun.	17:28	19:05	19:55	16:20	17:10	18:42

Through trains are allocated 5 mins stop at Ballarat.  
15 mins is allocated for train/bus change at Ararat.  
All trains to stop at Beaufort. 25 mins from Ballarat.  
All train times correspond to present Ballarat trains,  
except for 11:46 Sunday arrival at Spencer Street

(Rail News Victoria, etc.)

**BAIRNSDALE PASSENGER SERVICE.** A T.T. for the Sale-Bairnsdale extension has also been released. All trains will operate to the existing T.T. Melbourne-Sale and return - on the following T.T. Up Sale times are one minute earlier than in the present T.T. but trains regain the existing T.T. after leaving Sale: Mon-Fri - Bairnsdale 0625, Sale 0709... ..Sale 1029, Bairnsdale 1115-1255, Sale 1339... ..2103, Bairnsdale 2149; Sat - Bairnsdale 0630, Sale 0709... ..Sale 1123, Bairnsdale 1209-1320, Sale 1404... ..Sale 2133, Bairnsdale 2219; Sun/P.H. - Bairnsdale 0835, Sale 0714... ..Sale 1230, Bairnsdale 1315-1425, Sale 1509... ..Sale 2133, Bairnsdale 2219.

(Thomas Cook Overseas Timetable, Rail News Victoria)

#### Other Victoria

**EMERALD TOURIST RAILWAY BOARD.** A new Puffing Billy public T.T. dated 1st May 2003-30th April 2004, has been issued. (Steven Haby)

#### Q.R.

**SAVANNAHLANDER.** The Cairns Kuranda Steam Trains Group has been named as the preferred future operator of the Savannahlander tourist train service. The Group is expected to take over from Q.R. as from 1st July 2003 and initially operate Cairns-Mount Surprise with bus transfers to/from Forsayth. From July until the end of 2003 Q.R. and C.K.S.T. will examine the case for the reinstatement of the Copperfield Bridge, east of Forsayth, which was washed away during floods. (Sunshine Express)

**CLOSURE OF EBENEZER OPEN-CUT MINE.** The Ebenezer Mine, south-west of Ipswich, ceased production in December 2002. The branch line is expected to be either closed or moth-balled soon but Sunshine Express Rail Tours ran an excursion on the line on 31st May 2003, which may turn out to be the last train, at least for some time.

(Queensland Government Mining Journal, Sunshine Express)

**HALT ON GOLD COAST RAIL EXTENSION PLANS.** On 18th March 2003, the Transport Minister, The Hon. Mr Bredhauer, advised that the Government had no plans to start construction of the proposed Robina-Tugun extension of the Gold Coast Railway until the year 2013. (Courier-Mail, Sunshine Express)

**UPDATE - TILT TRAIN.** As reported in last month's Table Talk, seating on the Cairns tilt train is being classified as Business Class rather than 1st Class. However, holders of the 1st Class Sunshine Rail Pass will be able to use the train without a fare upgrade. (Sunshine Express)

**CAIRNS TILT TRAIN ALREADY POPULAR!** Bookings for the Cairns tilt train opened on 17th March 2003 with the first northbound train, departing on 16th June 2003, selling out in seven minutes! By noon, 3650 tickets had been sold across 128 tilt train services which will run during the train's first five months! (Railway Digest)

**UPDATE - ROLLESTON MINE.** Q.R. has won the contract to construct the 100 km rail link from Blackwater, on Q.R.'s Central line, to MIM's new open cut thermal coal mine at Rolleston. The contract was won in competition with the private sector. (Rwy. Digest)

**INTERAIL CASINO-PORT OF BRISBANE CONTAINER SERVICE.** Q.R. subsidiary, Interail, has announced that it plans to operate its first general freight service, thus competing directly with road transport. The proposed service is for a container train Casino, N.S.W.-Fisherman Islands, Port of Brisbane. Trains should run thrice weekly from a small terminal at Casino. (Railway Digest)

**NEW SPEED LIMITS.** Upgradings on both the Western and North Coast lines have resulted in increased speeds being permitted. On the former line, the Chinchilla-Miles sector was recently reclassified from 70 km/h to 80 km/h maximum speed, with triple headers now being allowed to run at 60 km/h rather than at 40 km/h. In the north, from 28th March 2003, the former 100 km/h running sector, Rockhampton-Oymore, was extended north to Orkobie, 876.5 km from Brisbane. (Sunshine Express)

Other Queensland

**BEAUDESERT RAIL.** Beaudesert Rail is currently running two return services each Sat, Sun Beaudesert-Bethania. However, B.R. is also undergoing some financial difficulties that have resulted in a planned restructuring which will see a new management committee and the appointment of an accounting consultant. Mr Brian Gassman of Gold Group, which conducted the inquiry into Beaudesert Rail said: "The current financial problems ..... are serious but not insurmountable". The new committee will seek funding from the various levels of government and from the private sector. (Jimboomba Times, Sunshine Exp.)

**RAIL MOTOR SHUTTLES TO IPSWICH WORKSHOPS.** Following an agreement between Q.R. and the Queensland Railway Museum, since March 2003 Sunday patrons have been able to combine a visit to the Museum with shuttle rail motor trips running Ipswich station-Workshops. The shuttles run 1035-1510 and are designed to connect with suburban services. (Sunshine Express)

Australian Railroad Group (in S.A.)

**UPDATE - EYRE PENINSULA LINES.** Against a backdrop of an uncertain future for rail operations on the Eyre Peninsula, A.R.G. has announced that it is undertaking a modest upgrade of its track Port Lincoln-Cummins. The project will actually be handled by A.R.G.'s local partner, Transfield Services. (Railway Digest)

**UPDATE - MALLALA GRAIN LOOP.** The new A.W.B. grain balloon loop facility at Mallala was completed last year and was expected to have been connected in January 2003 but this does not look like happening for another few months. (Catchpoint)

**BALCO OF BOWMANS.** Work is about to start on a new siding at Bowmans, on the Port Pirie line, for BALCO. Trains are due to start operating in July 2003 and will initially consist of 12 x 26 m long container flats, each containing two containers. BALCO is owned by local businessmen and has acquired a high profile with government over the past few years. It actually owns the 1 km of track on which the siding is being built. (Catchpoint)

Great Southern Railway

**THE LAST TRAIN THAT WASN'T.** The last scheduled Ghan into Sydney on 30th March 2003 did not get any further than Lithgow, on account of trackwork in the Blue Mountains. As a consequence, the last westbound train departed from Lithgow with connecting buses from Sydney. Under normal circumstances, the train would have been diverted via Forbes and Cootamundra but this was made impossible by the closure of the Menangle Bridge (see Table Talk, No.130, May 2003). (A.R.H.S. Bulletin)

Other South Australia

**STEAMRANGER.** A new T.T. for the Steamranger Mount Barker-Goolwa-Victor Harbor service has been issued, effective April 2003 to March 2004. (Steven Haby)

**PICHI RICHI RAILWAY.** Pichi Richi have recently issued their 2003 Port Augusta-Quorn T.T. (Steven Haby)

New Zealand

**TIME CHANGES.** As from 1st April 2003 the Tranz Alpine has left Christchurch at 0815 instead of 0900. It leaves Greymouth at 1345, arriving back at Christchurch at 1805.

North America

**NEW AMTRAK TIMETABLE.** A new Amtrak T.T. came into effect on 28th April 2003. Most trains have changed slightly but some have been moved backward or forward by up to three hours. The highlights of the new T.T. are: the introduction of the Federal, a new overnight train with sleeping cars Boston-Washington; the withdrawal of the Twilight Shorliner (Washington-Newport News); the Lake Shore Limited now operates right through New York-Chicago [as it did until a year or so ago]; the Wolverine has been extended to serve Pontiac. As from 6th July 2003 the Cardinal will start/terminate at Indianapolis and no longer serve Jeffersonville and Louisville.

(Thomas Cook Overseas Timetable)



South/Central America

**FUEL SHORTAGES IN CUBA.** It appears that rail services in Cuba have been hit hard by fuel shortages and that all local services have been cancelled or run at extremely irregular intervals and that only a few long distance trains remain.

(Thomas Cook Overseas Timetable)

**CHANGE OF OPERATOR IN ARGENTINA.** As in Australia, so in Argentina: it appears that privatisation has brought with it changes of operator. Argentina's crack train, El Jardin de la Republica is now run by NOA Ferrocarriles SA. (Thomas Cook Overseas T.T.)

**ANOTHER ARGENTINE SERVICE GOES.** Services Bahia Blanca-Neuquén, Argentina, have been suspended. (Thomas Cook Overseas Timetable)

**BRAZIL.** Passenger services São Paulo-Rio Prêto and Sorocaba-Apiai in Brazil have been described for some time as being "suspended". It is now firmly believed that they will not be reinstated. The Thomas Cook Overseas Timetable now lists only two long distance (over 150 km) passenger services in the whole of this vast country which once saw many hundreds of lines with passenger trains. A freight rail network still links most parts of the country, except, of course, dense jungle and Amazonian rain-forest areas. (Thomas Cook Overseas T.T.)

**HONDURAS.** In Honduras, trains that formerly served Puerto Cortés are now terminating at San Pedro Sula. (Thomas Cook Overseas Timetable)

**EL SALVADOR.** Just to top of this long list of South American passenger service closures, the Sosonate-Armenia service has been suspended. (Thomas Cook Overseas T.T.)

Europe

**ROUMANIA/GEORGIA RAIL FERRY.** A rail ferry has been established Constanta, Roumania-Batumi, Georgia, by C.F.R. Marfa, who already have a number of such services in Turkey. The new Caspian Sea service has standard gauge tracks on the ferry but requires a change to 1520 mm (5') gauge at the Georgian end. (Rail News Victoria)

Africa

**NO TRAINS IN TOGO!** Société Nationale des Chemins der fer du Togo, the national rail company in Togo, was recently closed and there do not appear to be any rail services in the country any longer! (Thomas Cook Overseas Timetable)

**CIVIL UNREST IN THE IVORY COAST.** Due to civil unrest in the Ivory Coast, all passenger services have been suspended, including the international service to Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. (Thomas Cook Overseas Timetable)

**CIVIL UNREST IN MADAGASCAR.** In a similar situation, passenger services on Madagascar's Toamasina-Lonariandava line have also been suspended on account of civil unrest. (Ironically, this suspension of service coincided with the return of passenger trains on the Ambatosoratra-Antananarivo line. These services had been suspended due to major flooding.) (Thomas Cook Overseas Timetable)

**SUSPENSION OF SERVICES IN GHANA.** Passenger services have also been suspended in Ghana. The services involved are Accra-Takoradi and Accra-Kumasi. The only passenger trains still running in the country are Takoradi-Kumasi and its branch Dunkwa-Awaso, along with a 9 km local service Accra-Achimota on the Accra-Takoradi line. (Thomas Cook Overseas Timetable)

**TRUNCATED SERVICES IN MOZAMBIQUE.** Caminhos de Ferro do Mocambique has truncated the former international service Maputo, Mozambique-Komatipoort, South Africa. It now only goes as far as Ressano Garcia. The change was caused by a new South African immigration law. Komatipoort is now regarded as an international terminal with the same status as an international airport. Taxes were payable by every passenger arriving but if the tax was not paid, it was the Mozambique railways who were responsible for the very heavy fines. (Noticias [Maputo], Rail News Victoria)





## TROLLEY BUS

### New Zealand

**WELLINGTON'S TROLLEY BUS FUTURE SEEMS ASSURED.** There have been rumours circulating for some time that Stagecoach, operators of Wellington's trolley bus and omnibus services, may replace the iconic, albeit ageing, trolley buses with more omnibuses. However, the future of the trolley buses, at least for the next few years, now seems assured. In mid-March 2003 trials commenced of a prototype for a replacement trolley bus. The first batch of these new vehicles is expected to arrive by the end of this year.

(Transit Australia)

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## SUBURBAN BUS

### Canberra

**NEW TIMETABLES.** A number of new ACTION T.T.s have recently been sighted: Routes 14, 314 - April 2003; 20-24 - November 2002; 21, 22, 91, 92 - 23rd August 2002; 25, 225, 28, 29 - November 2002; 30-32, 37, 47 - November 2002; 33 - November 2002; 35 - November 2002; 36, 39 - 23rd August 2002; Routes 40-42 - November 2002 - Route 8 has been withdrawn; 44, 244 - 23rd August 2002; 48 - 23rd August 2002; 51, 251, 52, 252, 55, 56, 256, 155, 156 - April 2003; 66 - 23rd August 2003; 67, 267 - 23rd August 2003; 833, 84 86 - November 2002; 85 and NEW ROUTE 87 - November 2002; 755 (Gungahlin /Campbell Park & Russell Offices - Express) - undated but effective from 25th November 2002.

(Michael Marshall)

### Sydney

**NEW S.T.A. (SYDNEY BUSES) TIMETABLES.** The following Sydney Buses T.T.s have recently been sighted:

- Routes 131-133, 141, 142, 145, 146, 149, E66, 168, E68, 171, E71 (Allambie, Balgowlah Heights & North Balgowlah districts) - revised March 2003;
- Routes 143, 144, 151, 250, E43, E50 (Manly/Chatswood district) - revised March 2003;
- Routes 146, 152, 179, E79 (Cromer district) - revised April 2003;;
- Routes 155, 156, 158 (Manly Wharf-Mona Vale-Carrs Creek) - revised March 2003;
- Routes 169, 172, 173, E69, E72, E73 (Narraweena district) -revised March 2003;
- Routes 227-230 (Mosman-North Sydney-Milsons Point) - revised March 2003;
- Routes 233, 236, 238 (Balmoral district) - revised March 2003;
- Routes 251, 258 (Lane Cove [Mars Rd]-City/Chatswood) - April 2003 - TG 5;
- Route 253-254 (Lane Cove West-City) - March 2003 - TG 3;
- Routes 292, 293 (Marsfield-City) - March 2003 - TG 6;
- Routes 313, 314, 316, 317 (Eastgardens/Coogee-Bondi Junction) [formerly: Coogee/Eastgardens-Bondi Junction] - March 2003 - TG 2;
- Route 352 (Marrickville Metro-Surry Hills-Bondi Jnc.) - March 2003 - TG 3;
- Route 353 (Eastgardens-Coogee-Bondi) - 27th April 2003 - TG 4 - running times over a number of sections have been expanded considerably: Eastgardens-Maroubra Jnct. from 5 to 7-8 minutes, Maroubra Jnct.-Maroubra Beach from 4 to 5-6 minutes, an extra two minutes have been added Coogee-Waverley and an extra minute Waverley-Bondi - layover times at Bondi have subsequently increased from 6 to 10-11 minutes;
- Routes 357, 359 (Sydenham/Eastgardens-Bondi Junction) - March 2003 - TG 5;
- Routes 374, X74 (Coogee-Randwick-City via Bream St) - March 2003 - TG 3;
- Routes 391, 392, X902 (Bunnerong Rd-City) - March 2003 - TG 3;
- Routes 395, 396, X96, 397, X97 (Maroubra-City) - March 2003 - TG3;
- Routes 428, L28 (Canterbury-City) - March 2003 - TG 7;
- Routes 480, 483 (Strathfield-Ashfield-City) - March 2003 - TG 4;

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- Route 487 (Bankstown Canterbury) - March 2003 - TG 2;
- Routes 492, 494, 499 (Drummoyne-Rockdale/Hurstville) - March 2003 TG 3;
- Routes 505, 538, 539 (Woolwich district) - April 2003 - TG 4;
- Routes 506, X06 (Macquarie Uni./East Ryde-City) - 2nd April 2003 - TG 4;
- Routes 507, 537 (Putney & Tennyson districts) - April 2003 - TG 4;
- Route 534 (West Ryde-Chatswood) - April 2003 - TG 4;
- Routes 540, 542-544 (Auburn-Macquarie Centre) - April 2003 - version 4;
- Routes 545, 550 (Parramatta-Macquarie Park/Chatswood) - March 2003 - TG 6;
- Service Alteration S98 to Route 471 - 28th April 2003 - schoolday only trips from Arncliffe, formerly at 0708 and 0738 now operate three minutes earlier;
- Service Alteration E99 to Route 399 - 11th May 2003 - services formerly operating via Ireton St will now use Edward St in both directions.  
(Lourie Smit, Norbert Genci)

**EASTGARDENS SHOPPING CENTRE BUS STOPS.** As from 27th April 2003 new bus stops at Eastgardens Shopping Centre were allocated.  
(Norbert Genci)

**ROUTE CHANGE.** As from 4th May 2003, Routes 357, 359 (Sydenham/Eastgardens-Bondi Junction) have had a minor route change. Instead of operating via Baronga Ave they have reverted to a former route and divert around York Rd and operate from the end of Queens Park Rd. One stop in Baronga Ave will be lost but two new ones will be utilised.  
(Norbert Genci)

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESS ON WESTBUS.** As from 16th April 2003, Westbus passengers in the Penrith, St. Marys and Mt. Drutt areas have been able to call Penrith Depot to book a wheelchair accessible bus or a Movezone service from their home to the station at no cost. The service operates seven days a week from 0900 until 30 minutes before the last service.  
(Lourie Smit)

**UPDATE - FOREST BUS.** T.T.s for the changes of 28th April 2003 have been issued. The T.T.s are now colour coded:

- Routes 195, 196 (St. Ives & Pymble) - blue;
- Routes 196, E196, M196, 285 (Mona Vale services) - yellow;
- Routes 276, 280 (Warringah Mall services) - purple;
- Routes 277, 278 (Killarney Heights & Castle Grove services) - brown;
- Routes 279, 285 (Chatswood services) - green.

Additionally, the T.T. for Route 270 (City services) was issued effective December 2002. It is green with a light green background on the cover. All of the above are in a small (10 x 7 cm) folded pocket size and all except the Chatswood T.T. have a map. The Chatswood T.T. is also unusual in that trips to Chatswood are shown in normal table format but trips from Chatswood are in a single list showing departure times for all routes in time sequence with a separate table showing actual journey times for each of these routes. The following changes, not yet noted, were also made as from 28th April 2003:

- Route 278 (Killarney Heights): now runs via Boundary Rd and the only service now in Addison Ave is the school service - the typical one hour service Killarney Heights-Chatswood, off-peak, has been replaced by a 20 minute shuttle Killarney Heights-Jamieson Square, Forestville where connections can be made to the City, Chatswood or Warringah Mall;
- Route 276 (formerly Belrose-Warringah Mall): off-peak trips now operate further north to/from Terrey Hills;
- Route 285: all trips now go to Mona Vale with none terminating at Narrabeen or Warriewood - the Warriewood-Mona Vale route is via Ponderosa Ave;
- Route 195 (St. Ives Chase): now bypasses the St. Ives Village shops and runs via Mona Vale and Woodbury Rds.

(Lourie Smit, Adrian Dessanti, Jim O'Neil, Bruce Thomas)

**UPDATE - SHORELINK.** Contrary to earlier advice, Shorelink's Route 556 does run on Sundays. The internet T.T. for 28th April 2003 does not include the Sunday T.T. but the paper version does.  
(Lourie Smit)

CURRENT RAISINGS ON THE GRAPE VINE. Suburban Bus. Continued.

**SHORELINK EXTENSION.** Shorelink is currently operating an extension of Route 575 from Turramurra to Hornsby on trial. (Robert Henderson)

**SHORELINK GORDON.** New Shorelink T.T.s for Routes 560 (Gordon-Gordon West-Macquarie) and 582 (Gordon-St. Ives) will be introduced on 2nd June 2003. The following changes were noted: minor timing modifications; the slight reduction in some services, especially local diversions; a two hour service to Macquarie instead of the former hourly service. (Adrian Dessanti)

**CONNEX: BACK TO THE FUTURE.** 18 new Connex T.T.s were introduced on 12th May 2003. Basically, this returns services to what they were prior to July 2002 when the week-end Connexor was introduced. The only other apparent change of importance is the introduction of NEW ROUTE 965 (Sutherland-Prince Edward Park) which replaces the pre-July 2002 diversions of Routes 962, 963 via Prince Edward Park. However, the Route 970-972 T.T. refers to Route 976 (Miranda-Parraweena Rd) - this route operated prior to July 2002 but has not been mentioned in any T.T. since then - the present service consists of three Mon-Fri trips in each direction. After just a week of operation of the new T.T.s, some fine-tuning was made and an extra trip was added to Route 962 (Sutherland-Illawong) at 1605, as from 19th May 2003. (Lourie Smit)

Newcastle

**NEW S.T.A. (NEWCASTLE BUSES) TIMETABLES.** The following Newcastle Buses T.T.s have recently been sighted:

- Routes 100, 101, 103, 108 (Glendale/Wallsend -Mayfield-Newcastle) - April 2003 - TG 3;
- Route 201 (Hamilton-Marketown) - April 2003 - TG 3;
- Route 226 (Charlestown-Waratah-Newcastle) - April 2003 - TG 3;
- Routes 310, 311 (Belmont-Valentine-Newcastle) - April 2003 - TG 3;
- Route 322 (Belmont-Redhead-Newcastle) - April 2003 - TG 4;
- Route 339 (Glendale-Charlestown) - April 2003 - TG 2;
- Routes 349-351 (Swansea-Newcastle) - March 2003 - TG 4. (Lourie Smit)

Wollongong

**NORTH NOWRA BUS LINES / SHOALHAVEN COACHES.** North Nowra and Shoalhaven, who previously issued separate T.T.s, issued a combined book dated May 2003. It covers Routes 721 (Bomaderry), 722 (North Nowra) and 709 (Shoalhaven Heads). (Lourie Smit)

Melbourne

**SKYBUS SUPER SHUTTLE.** Skybus, the 25 km Spencer Street railway station-Tullamarine (Virgin Blue Terminal and Qantas Terminal) bus service was relaunched under the name of Skybus Super Shuttle on 10th February 2003. This marks the end of a \$10 million upgrade program. The service's main new feature is that it claims to have Australia's first fleet of 100% mobility-enhanced rapid transit vehicles. A number of traffic measures have also been undertaken by the State Government to provide priority for Skybus vehicles - these include: line widening and minor widening and signposting of lanes along parts of the Tullamarine Freeway; 'smart bus' technology to trigger traffic lights at English St on-ramps and electronic give way signs at Bulla Rd and Melrose Dve; modified traffic signals at certain city intersections to provide for bus priority. The service now operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week to the following schedule:

- 15 minute intervals 0630-1830 from Spencer Street;
- 30 minute intervals 1830-0100 from Spencer Street;
- 60 minute intervals 0100-0500 from Spencer Street;
- 30 minute intervals 0500-0630 from Spencer Street.

Travel times in both directions have now been reduced to 20 minutes at all times. Fares rose from \$12.00 to \$13.00. Facilities at the airport are currently being enhanced so as to provide service desks at both terminals along with V.D.U.s. These latter improvements were planned for completion in the first half of this year. A new Skybus terminal is also included in the Spencer Street redevelopment plans and should be operational by mid-2005. (Transit Australia)

CURRENT RAISING ON THE GRAPE VINE. Suburban Bus. Continued.

**NEW SKYBUS TIMETABLE.** A new T.T. was issued for Melbourne's Skubus dated 14th March 2003. It has a different cover but there are no changes to times. However, the internet T.T., updated on 9th April 2003, does show additional trips departing from both Spencer Street and Melbourne Airport at 1915 daily. (Craig Halsall)

**ERROR IN CRANBOURNE.** Cranbourne Transit's 24th March 2003 T.T. for Route 799 (Cranbourne-Cranbourne North) in error, got the Saturday northbound times shown in the southbound table as well as the northbound table. The T.T. was later corrected and reissued, still with the 24th March 2003 date on the cover. (Craig Halsall)

**GRENDA'S DANDENONG-CHADSTONE.** A new Grenda T.T. for Routes 802, 804, 862 (Dandenong-Chadstone) commenced on 19th May 2003. Intermediate times have been changed but not those at either termini. The new T.T. is now in orange & white format with new style maps. Concurrently, a new T.T. for Route 800 (Dandenong-Chadstone) was also issued and it's printed in red. There were minor changes to timing points. (Craig Halsall)

**WAVERLEY GARDENS SHOPPING CENTRE.** Due to congestion at Waverley Gardens bus bays, as from 5th May 2003, Grenda's Routes 814, 848 (Dandenong-Springvale/Brandon Park) have bypassed the shopping centre and are now stopping in Police Rd in lieu. (C. Halsall)

**MOORABBIN TRANSIT.** A new T.T. for Route 824 was issued as from 14th April 2003. It sports a new orange and white format and a revised map. There is a change to one timing point. As from 17th February 2003, the route 825 T.T. has also had the new cover and map. (Bradley Matthews)

**SLIGHT TIMETABLE MODIFICATIONS TO VENTURA TIMETABLES.** A new version of the Route 700 (Box Hill-Mordialloc) T.T. of April 1998 has recently been issued by Ventura - there are only minor format changes but, technically, this is the 8th version of this particular T.T.! (Craig Halsall)

**UPDATE - BERWICK CIRCLE.** As at mid-April 2003 new T.T.s for Cardinia Transit's Route 840 (Berwick circle) which commenced on 11th March 2003 had not been sighted. Drivers were handing out copies of the 2nd September 2002 T.T. with the old times whited-out and the new times added in manuscript. (Craig Halsall)

**DYSONS BUS SERVICES AND EAST-WEST BUS (DYSONS).** The following T.T.s were issued dated 28th April 2003: Routes 563, 564, 566 [Dyson's], 570, 571 [East-West Bus (Dyson's)]. There are minor T.T. changes only. (Bradley Matthews)

**UPDATE - GRENDA.** The new Grenda T.T.s for Routes 800; 802, 804, 862; 811, 812; 843; 845, 849, 861; 850; 857; 855 were dated 23rd March 2003 but commenced on Monday 24th March 2003. The Routes 888, 889 T.T. did not change on 23rd March. (Craig Halsall)

Geelong

**GREATER GEELONG & LARA TIMETABLE.** A new booklet T.T., similar in format to those issued for Ballarat and Bendigo has been issued for Geelong, dated 24th February 2003. It covers routes formerly under the auspices of the Geelong Transport System, ie. Benders and McHarry routes. It does not include Bellarine Transit services or McHarry's 'interurban' Inverleigh service. However, it does cover 15 Benders and 15 McHarry routes. (Steven Haby)

Adelaide

**UPDATE - TAXI DRIVERS' THREAT TO BUS SERVICE.** Taxi drivers are threatening to take legal action to stop Wandering Star, Adelaide's early morning bus service. The bone of contention is that by taking passengers to their door rather than to a set bus stop, etc, the service does not comply with the Passenger Transport Act's definition of a bus service and that: "it is more like a chauffeur-driven car or taxi than a bus". (Taxi Scene, The Advertiser, Roger Wheaton)

**WANDERING STAR TIMETABLES.** Undated T.T.s for Wandering Star services were issued and are believed to be effective as from 14th March 2003. Ironically, they replace dated T.T.s effective December 2002. (Scott Mitchell)

CURRENT RAISINGS ON THE GRAPE VINE. Suburban Bus. Continued.

**CITY OF TEA TREE GULLY COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE.** The City of Tea Tree Gully operates a Community Bus on four routes and a brochure was issued, dated 18th March 2003, outlining services to/from Tea Tree Gully Library via Tea Tree Gully Interchange. Routes 1, 2, 4 are outlined in this brochure. (Steven Haby)

**NEW TIMETABLES.** New TransAdelaide T.T.s were issued, effective April 2003, for the following: the 197 group; Route 204; the 280 group; the 728F group. (Michael Marshall)

Brisbane

**NEW B.C.C. (BRISBANE TRANSPORT) TIMETABLES.** The following Brisbane Transport T.T.s have recently been sighted:

- Routes 100, 110, 115 (Forest Lake-Inala-Acacia Ridge/Calamvale - Cityxpress) - March 2003 - TT100;
- Routes 111, 133, 160 (City-Eight Mile Plains / City-Sunnybank / City-Upper Mt Gravatt [Garden City] - Busway services) - March 2003 - TT111;
- Route 192 (Highgate Hill - Citybus) - March 2003 - TT192;
- Route 198 (Highgate Hill - Hail & Ride) - March 2003 - TT198;
- Route 411 (St. Lucia-Uni. of Qld.-City - Citybus - December 2002 - TT411.

(Graham Duffin, Ken Davey, Paul Garred, Steven Haby, Peter Jones, Dennis McLean, Lourie Smit)

Gold Coast

**STEVE'S TOURS.** Steve's Tours is a new operator running a service to Tweed clubs under the name The Club Runner. Their T.T. is dated March 2003. (Graham Duffin)

**SURFSIDE BUSLINES.** All N.S.W. Surfside T.T.s have recently been updated. The following were dated 10th March 2003:

- Route 11 (Trainlink: Kingscliff-Robina station);
- Route 601 (Tweed Heads-Bilambil Heights);
- Route 602 (Tweed Heads-Greenbank-Tweed City-Tweed Heads);
- Route 603 (Tweed Heads-Pottsville);
- Route 604 (Tweed Heads-Hillcrest);
- Route 605 (Tweed Heads-Murwillumbah);
- Route 606 (Tweed Heads-Fingal).

(Graham Duffin)

Perth

**NOWERGRUP BUS DEPOT.** A new bus depot for PATH Transit is to be opened by December 2003, at Nowergrup. It will be in the same complex as a new train maintenance depot. (Transit Australia)



**LONG DISTANCE BUS**

National

**McCAFFERTY'S GREYHOUND-PIONEER.** A new national T.T. book was issued dated 31st March 2003 to coincide with the end of daylight savings. (Graham Duffin)

**BRISBANE2BYRON BAY EXPRESS.** Brisbane2Byron Bay issued a new T.T. for the Brisbane-Byron Bay mini-bus service which marks changes brought about by daylight savings and is dated 31st March 2003. (Graham Duffin)

N.S.W./A.C.T.

**SID FOGG.** Sid Fogg have issued a new T.T. for the Newcastle-Canberra school holiday only service, dated 10th March 2003. It lists all dates on which the service will run. Times and fares appear to be the same as during 2002. (Lourie Smit)

**FEARNE'S COACHES.** A new T.T. for the Fearnies Wagga Wagga-Sydney and Wagga Wagga-Canberra "Grasshopper" services were issued dated 28th April 2003. The T.T. is in standard Fearnie's format and all references to King Bros have been removed. (S. Haby)







## WATER TRANSPORT

### Sydney Ferries

**TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BALMAIN EAST WHARF.** The Leichhardt Council have advised S.T.A. (Sydney Ferries) that they have closed Darling Street Wharf as from 5th May 2003, for approximately three weeks to allow for repairs. Passengers are advised to use the Thames Street or Birchgrove Wharves or to travel by bus. (Hubert Lam)

**UPDATE - HEGARTY'S.** Hegarty's Ferries, a subsidiary of Captain Cook Cruises, ceased trading on 7th January 2003 and its two routes were suspended. On 17th March 2003 a new company, a consortium of Solar Sailor Holdings, All Craft Boats and Water Tours, commenced operations with a name reminiscent of its predecessor: Hegarty's Ferry Company. H.F.C. operated what was described as: "one of Sydney's most historic ferry services" - Circular Quay-Lavendar Bay-Jeffrey Street-Beulah Street (-Milsons Point [afternoons only]). The service operated from about 0700-1900 Mon-Fri and 0900-1900 Sat,Sun,P.H. The other former Hegarty's Ferries service, Mosman/Cremorne-Rose Bay, is under the interim operation of Rosman's Ferries and it is proposed that a longer-term contract will be entered into between Rosman's and Transport NSW. However, the Hegarty's service may have ceased again. More news as we get it. (Transit Australia)

**UPDATE - PARRAMATTA RIVER.** A new T.T. for the Parramatta River service, designed to reflect the changes of 2nd February 2003, as shown in Service Notice F29, was issued with the 'date' of: "Version 4 2003"! The following changes have been noted:

- Homebush Bay is now referred to as Sydney Olympic Park;
- references to connections to/from Routes 540 from Rydalmere and 403, 710, 711 from Parramatta have been removed and there is no reference to the existing connection to/from Route 404 at Sydney Olympic Park;
- a new photo on the cover, minor changes to colours used and to some adverts.

(Stephen Mock)

### Brisbane

**REGATTA WHARF.** CityCat services have commenced stopping at Regatta Wharf, Toowong and a new T.T. was issued dated 6th April 2003. The wharf serves the Regatta Hotel. The new stop has added three minutes to the overall time of CityCat journeys and has been the cause of much consternation in the Brisbane press, the main concerns being time-keeping and increased erosion on the river. (Graham Duffin, Courier Mail, R.N.V.)

### Bass Strait

**UPDATE - EXTRA SAILINGS.** Further to the report in Table Talk (No.129, March 2003) on day sailings of Spirit of Tasmania I & II, there appears to have been two crossings per day in early March 2003 declining to four daylight sailings per week in late March and early April 2003. (Ian Cooper)

### Tasmania

**NEW FERRY SERVICE TO MARIA ISLAND.** The Cruise Company of Hobart commenced a new ferry service Triabunna-Darlington, Maria Is., on 3rd March 2003, using the 100 seat Derwent Explorer. It is scheduled to depart Triabunna at 1030 and Darlington at 1530, with extra sailings on busy days. The service is contracted to the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service and replaces a 27 seat ferry which had been operated by the Ferryman Consortium since 7th December 2002, when the State Government cancelled the licence for the 48 seat EastCoaster Express, Orford-Maria Is., due to an unsafe privately owned jetty at Orford. (Ian Cooper)

**UPDATE - HOBART-BELLERIVE FERRY.** Further to previous reports regarding the demise of the Hobart-Bellerive commuter ferry, it is believed that the service may have reverted to a previous operator, Peter Fell, using the Emmalisa. Table Talk would like confirmation of the continued existence of this service. (Ian Cooper)

International

**NEW CUNARD LINER.** Cunard Line has announced that its new, 86,350 tonne liner, which is scheduled to enter service in 2005 will be named Queen Victoria. It is currently being built at Italy's Fincantier shipyard and its launch is expected to be about 12 months after that of its partner, Queen Mary 2. (Travel Blackboard, S. Haby)

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**SMART CARD.** On 25th May 2003 the Transport Minister, The Hon Peter Batchelor, announced that when the present contract with ticketing company, One Link, expires in 2007, the present, much-criticised ticketing system will be replaced with advanced Smart Cards that can be read from inside the pocket or wallet and can even be inserted into wrist watches. Table Talk has been aware that the Government has been in talks for some 18 months with a British electronics company and this announcement appears to be the culmination of those talks.  
(ABC Television News, Albert Isaacs)

TRAM & LIGHT RAIL - Adelaide

**NEW ADELAIDE TRAMS.** After years of speculation, debate, cajouling and indecision, on 23rd May 2003 the S.A. Government announced that it would be purchasing nine new trams to replace some of the existing fleet, although at least five H Class trams would be retained. The type of new tram is yet to be decided but, following a visit to Melbourne by TransAdelaide officials, the choice appears to be between Citadis, Combino and Euro trams. Much of the track will be replaced and concrete sleepers laid. No time frame appears to have been made for the purchase of trams and completion of work but the decisions do seem to ensure the future of the Adelaide-Glenelg tram line.

(The Advertiser, ABC Radio News, Jeff Bounds)

AIR - Domestic

**DARWIN -- VIRGIN BLUE.** Further to the earlier news regarding flights to Alice Springs, Sydney-Darwin flights are also due to commence on 14th June 2003.

(Tris Tottenham)

**BRINDABELLA AIRLINES.** Brindabella commenced services Canberra-Newcastle (Williamstown) on 28th April 2003. From 12th May 2003, they commenced a Canberra-Wagga Wagga/Albury service on Mon-Fri.

(Tris Tottenham)

**HORIZON AIRLINES.** A Fridays only Newcastle-Cooma service, returning on Sundays is believed to have been recently instigated by Horizon.

(Tris Tottenham)

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