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# TABLE TALK

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## MURTON'S BROKEN HILL

by ALBERT ISAACS.

### TIMETABLES

MONDAY TO FRIDAY (Excluding Public Holidays)

THOMAS via Hospital Route 592		NORTH via Chapple St Route 590		SOUTH via W/Side Plaza Route 591		HILLSIDE via W/Side Plaza Route 593	
CITY DEPART	THOMAS DEPART	CITY DEPART	NORTH DEPART	CITY DEPART	SOUTH DEPART	CITY DEPART	HILLSIDE DEPART
MONDAY TO FRIDAY (Excluding Public Holidays)							
8.00 am	8.15 am	8.00 am	8.15 am	8.00 am	8.15 am	8.00 am	8.15 am
8.30 am	8.45 am	8.30 am	8.45 am	8.30 am	8.45 am	8.30 am	8.45 am
9.30 am	9.45 am	9.30 am	9.45 am	9.00 am	9.15 am	9.00 am	9.15 am
10.30 am	10.45 am	11.30 am	11.45 am	10.00 am	10.15 am	11.00 am	11.15 am
12.30 pm	12.45 pm	1.30 pm	1.45 pm	12.00 pm	12.15 pm	1.00 pm	1.15 pm
2.30 pm	2.45 pm	3.30 pm	3.45 pm	2.00 pm	2.15 pm	3.00 pm	3.15 pm
4.00 pm	4.15 pm	5.00 pm	5.15 pm	—	4.15 pm	4.30 pm	4.45 pm
4.30 pm	4.45 pm	5.30 pm	—	4.00 pm	5.15 pm	5.00 pm	5.15 pm
5.30 pm	—	—	—	5.30 pm	—	5.30 pm	—
SATURDAY <span style="float: right;">*Terminates at Chapple and Brazil Streets</span>							
—	8.45 am	—	8.55 am	9.10 am	9.25 am	9.10 am	9.35 am
9.50 am	10.05 am	9.50 am	10.15 am	10.30 am	10.45 am	10.30 am	10.55 am
11.15 am	11.30 am	11.15 am	11.40 am	12.00 pm	12.15 pm	12.00 pm	12.25 pm
—	—	12.40 pm	*12.50 pm	—	—	—	—
Thomas terminus is at corner of Cummins & Kaolin Streets		North terminus is at corner of McCulloch and Chapple Streets		South terminus is at corner of King and Duff Streets.		Hillside terminus is at corner of Creedon and Wills Streets	

### Going Shopping? Citybus it in Mercedes Comfort!

Although dated 1st July 1997, the T.T. illustrated above and on our pages two and three is still the current Murton's City Bus T.T. for Broken Hill. Perhaps the fact that the T.T. shows section points but not fares indicates that the publishers expected it to have a long life.

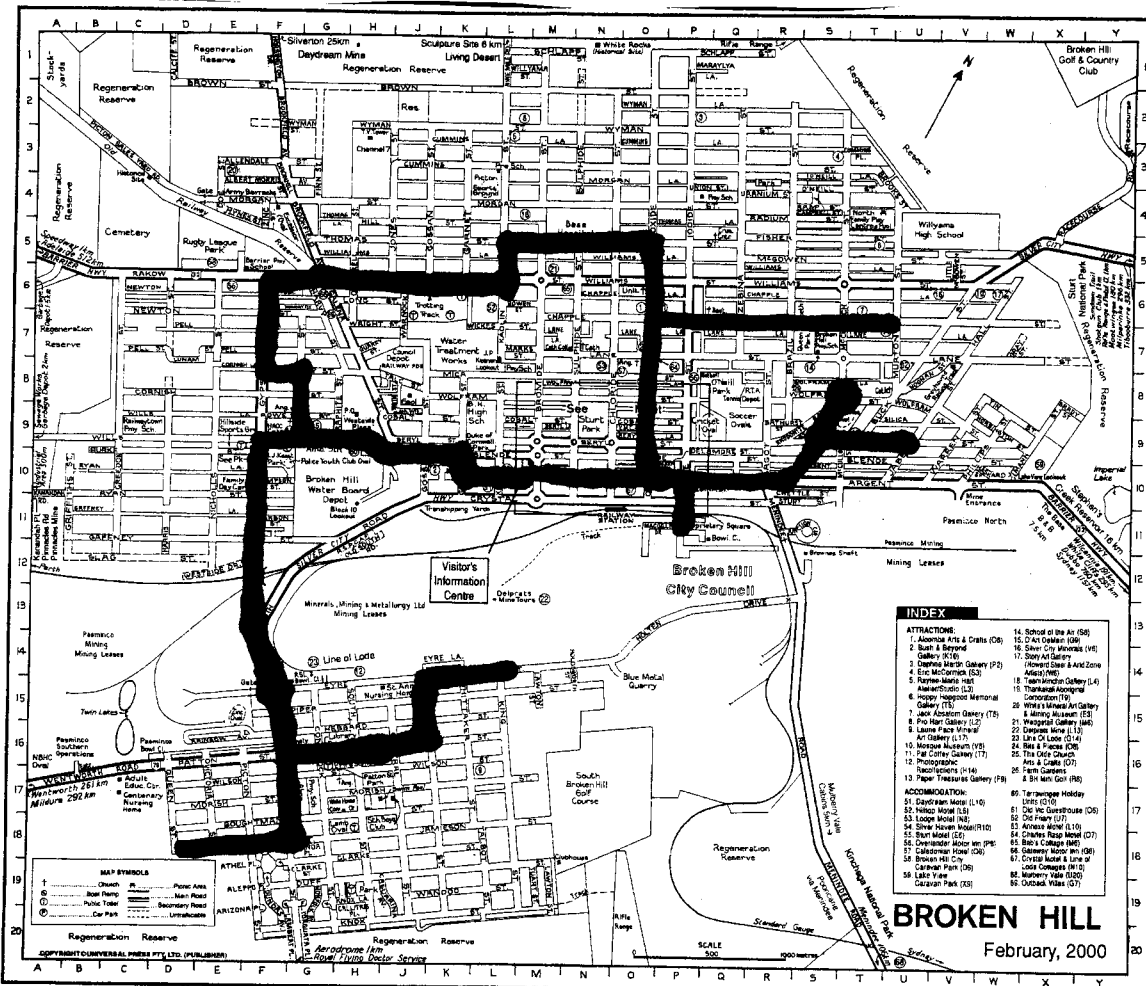
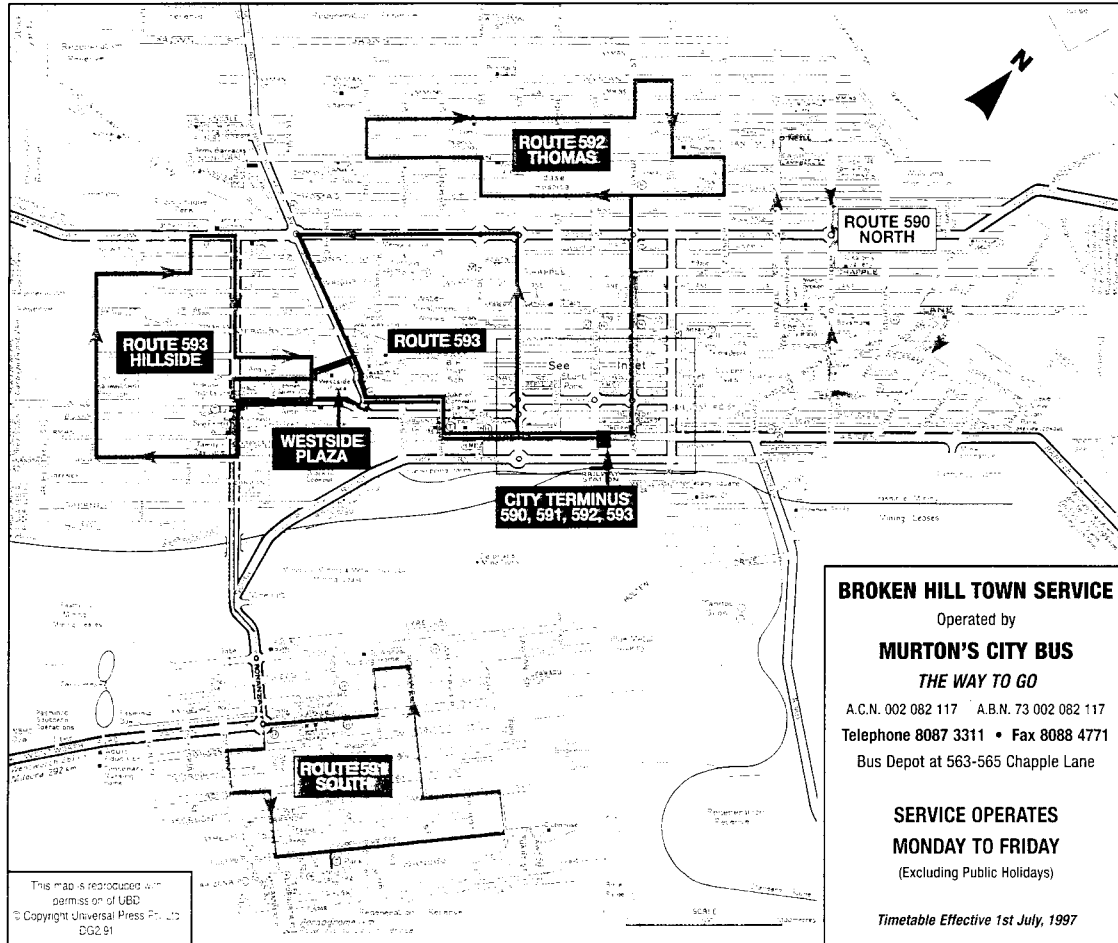
Broken Hill has four bus routes, all of which are either circular or 'Q' shaped. The few Saturday morning services see amalgamations of Routes 591/593 and 590/592. Mini-buses appear to operate all route services but Murton's school runs (not shown in the T.T.) use full-size vehicles.

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MURTONS BROKEN HILL. Continued.

MURTON'S BROKEN HILL

Timetable Effective 1st July, 1997



**Bus depot and office: 563-565 Chapple Lane Telephone 8087 3311 Fax: 8088 4771**

Office hours 8.30 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday, excluding Public Holidays

*Buses are available for hire around the town and near districts at reasonable rates*

**SECTION POINTS**

As all routes operate in a loop at outer end, sections charged are by the direct bus route irrespective of the direction of travel of the buses on the loop.

**CITY & THOMAS - Route 593**

**From City:**

Section	One	Oxide/Thomas Streets
Section	Two	Morgan/Garnet Streets
Section	Three	Further travel to Terminus

**To City:**

Section	Three	From Terminus to Section 2
Section	Two	Iodide/Cummins Streets
Section	One	Oxide/Thomas Streets

**ALL SERVICES ON THIS ROUTE TRAVEL VIA THE HOSPITAL**

**CITY & NORTH - Route 590**

**From City:**

Section	One	Chapple/Zebina Streets
Section	Two	O'Neill/McCulloch Streets
Section	Three	Further travel to Terminus

**To City:**

Section	Three	From Terminus to Section 2
Section	Two	Beryl/Silver Streets
Section	One	Chapple/Zebina Streets

Thomas & North routes operate as a single extended loop on **SATURDAYS ONLY**

Thomas St (between Zebina & Oxide St) and Brazil St (between Chapple & Radium St) are not served on Saturdays

**CITY & SOUTH - Route 591**

**From City:**

Section	One	Beryl/Gossan Streets
Section	Two	Gypsum/Ryan Streets
Section	Three	Bonanza/Hebbard Streets
Section	Four	Bonanza/Duff Streets
Section	Five	Further travel to Terminus

**To City:**

Section	Five	From Terminus to Section 4
Section	Four	Rockwell/Patton Streets
Section	Three	Bonanza/Hebbard Streets
Section	Two	Gypsum/Ryan Streets
Section	One	Beryl/Gossan Streets

**CITY & HILLSIDE - Route 592**

**From City:**

Section	One	Bromide/Chapple Streets
Section	Two	Gypsum/Ryan Streets
Section	Three	Further travel to Terminus

**To City:**

Section	Three	From Terminus to Section 2
Section	Two	Gypsum/Lunam Streets
Section	One	Beryl/Gossan Streets

**ALL SERVICES ON THE SOUTH AND HILLSIDE (Railwaytown) ROUTES TRAVEL VIA WESTSIDE PLAZA**

South and Hillside (Railwaytown) routes operate as a single extended loop on **SATURDAYS ONLY**

**WHY NOT TAKE THE BUS SHOPPING?**

All buses arrive via Westside Plaza (1000 Westside Plaza) and provide easy transport to and from Westside Plaza

On Saturdays, all buses travel to and from ANGERM STREET & WESTSIDE PLAZA

MURTONS BROKEN HILL. Continued.

The map that appears in the T.T. is illustrated at the top of our page two. The words "see inset" appear on this map over the city centre but don't bother looking for the inset. The map is actually based on a Gregory's A3 tourist map and the latter does have that elusive inset but not the map in the T.T.

For comparison, a second map showing Broken Hill's steam tram network at its greatest extent is also included at the foot of our page two. This extensive system served the citizens of Broken Hill from 1902 until 1926. The small spur line along Iodide St actually led to the N.S.W.G.R. station which is slightly ironic because passengers wanting to use what was then Broken Hill's main station, S.T.C.'s Suphide Street station, had to walk a few blocks from the tram but trams did pass Railwaytown and trains to/from Adelaide did stop there if required, although this was not shown in most railway T.T.s.

FOOTNOTE ON RAILWAYTOWN:

The suburb of Hillside (destination for Route 593) was originally known as Railwaytown and was formerly home to both the pre-1970 Silverton Tramway Co. yards and workshops and to the tram car barn. The latter, now the site of holiday units, was on the south side of Wills St, to the immediate east of the Ambulance Station (the latter shown on the map). In the mid-1970s the Westside Plaza shopping centre, now Broken Hill's major shopping precinct, was built on the former S.T.C. site.

Sadly, it appears that the name, Railwaytown, is being written out of the Broken Hill lexicon and will soon be consigned to the history books. When the shopping centre was first planned, it is believed that it was to be known as Railwaytown Plaza but that was not to be. When Westside Plaza opened, it contained a nice display of photos of the former S.T.C. infrastructure but all that now remains are a few pictures in the centre management office, hidden from public view.

If one refers to the Murton's T.T., one will note that the suburb is referred to seven times: five as "Hillside"; once as "Hillside (Railwaytown)" and once as "HILLSIDE (Railwaytown)".

The former Railwaytown P.O. has been moved to the shopping centre and is now Westside Plaza P.O.

The only remaining official use of the name Railwaytown is at the Railwaytown Primary School but look in the local phone book and not one Railwaytown entry will be found!

## JUNK MAIL

BY DAVID HENNELL

FROM NOTES AND WITH TIMETABLE SUPPLIED BY ANDREW HENNELL.

T.T. information turns up in unlikely places at times and domestic junk mail is definitely one of them. During May 2003, a leaflet headed AIRPORT BUS EASTSIDE was distributed to households in Boronia and neighbouring areas of eastern Melbourne.

The black and grey on white A5 leaflet, a copy of which appears on our page five, is essentially a T.T. and fare brochure. The times (or, more accurately, lack of them) are interesting in that the only ones given are the arrival times at the destination, ie. Melbourne Airport. For journeys to the airport there are NO departure times from the originating point (Belgrave) or for any of the intermediate boarding places of which 15 are mentioned. No precise details of the location of the bus stops are given either, although the bus will pick one up at street addresses in selected areas so this might not be a serious problem, provided you're in one of these unspecified areas.

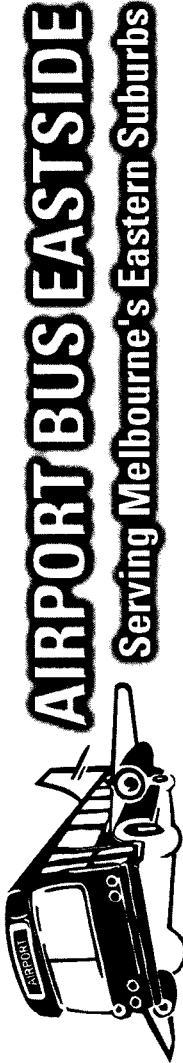
Let's keep potential passengers guessing about where and when the buses run - quite a novel idea really!

The fare structure is interesting, too. The second adult travelling for only an extra \$10 is probably designed to make the service somewhat competitive with taxis. However, what do three (or more) adults travelling together pay?

There are other problems with omissions from the leaflet:

- there is no indication that services are provided from Melbourne Airport!
- what are the public holiday services?
- are there child, student and/or concessions fares on this service?
- there is no date (surprise, surprise!)
- the phone number given for talking to a real person is not listed in the phone book which only gives the mobile number and a 1300 number.

Well, it seemed like a good idea at the time ... .



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Ferntree Gully, Kilsyth, Knox, Rowville, Lilydale, Montrose, Mooroolbark,	\$50	\$60
Belgrave, Tecoma	\$60	\$70

BUS ARRIVAL TIMES AT MELBOURNE AIRPORT									
Mon - Fri	7:15	8:50	9:45	11:15	12:15	1:45	3:00	4:15	5:30
Weekends	7:15	9:00	-	11:15	-	-	2:30	4:15	-

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## CURRENT RAISINGS ON THE GRAPEVINE

### GENERAL

**BOOST FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT FROM UNEXPECTED SOURCE.** Insurance company, I.A.G., announced on 16th July 2003 that it was seriously considering introducing reduced car insurance rates for car drivers who use public transport on a regular basis. A trial scheme could be set up in Queensland. (Southern Cross Radio News)

### Queensland

**UPDATE - NORTH-WEST QUEENSLAND BUSES.** Following the bankruptcy of Coral Coaches some months ago, services in north-western Queensland were closed by at least June 2003. Rail passengers were affected as Coral provided public transport connections between Mount Isa/Cloncurry (Inlander) and Normanton (Gulflander) as well as between Croydon

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Melbourne

**ONE MELBOURNE SUBURBAN RAIL COMPANY.** The Victorian Government has announced that it will enter into direct negotiations with Connex Trains with the aim of reaching an agreement for the company to run a unified Melbourne train franchise, to be called Trainco, and which will be created by combining the current Connex and M Train businesses. (The latter is presently in receivership after National Express departed from the Australian rail market.) The Government has stated that it now prefers to have suburban rail operations under unified control and also seems set to do the same with the two tram companies. The Government has made it clear that its preference is to negotiate with the incumbent operator but, if negotiations fail, it still retains the option to re-tender the Connex business. (Transit Australia)

Brisbane

**STAFF INCREASES.** These days most news about staff at railway stations is about decreases. Therefore, it's good to get news of staff increases at Q.R. (Citytrain) stations. Seven stations will be converted from part-time to full-time for a 12 month trial. Q.R. have not announced which stations are involved but it is believed that Ebbw Vale, North Boondall and Moorooka are on the list. (Courier-Mail, S.E.)

**UPDATE - NEW TIMETABLES.** Many of the ten Brisbane T.T. booklets which were last issued in this form dated 7th May 2001 have been reissued in fold-out format 10x12 cm but still dated 7th May 2001. Nine of the 10 T.T.s have again been reissued in the fold-out format dated 2nd June 2003. The 7th May 2001 fold-out T.T. for the tenth line, Brisbane Airport (formerly just Airport) is still current. The former Ipswich T.T. is now called Ipswich-Rosewood and now contains Trainlink bus T.T.s to Uni. of Qld's Ipswich campus, along with the Route 104 (Princess Alexandra Hospital-Yeronga-Yeerongpilly-Corinda) Yeerongpilly-Corinda Trainlink T.T. The Princess Alexandra Hospital-Yeronga-Yeerongpilly-Corinda table is also found in the Beenleigh T.T. (However, for the full Uni. of Qld Ipswich campus service, reference must be made to the T.T. issued by Westside Bus Co.) The Sunshine Coast T.T. now contains the Maroochydore Trainlink service as well as the Gympie Q.R. (Citytrain) Courtesy Bus. The current Citytrain Fares and Helpful Hints brochure is undated but does include fares as from 2nd July 2001.

The following Trans bus T.T.s were issued dated 30th June 2003:

- Route 367 (Upper Kedron-Ferny Grove);
- Route 452 (Riverhills-Darra);
- Route 462 (Forest Lake-Darra).

(Graham Duffin, Lourie Smit)

**ON TOP OF OLD RAIL LINE.** The Queensland Government has approved the sale of the airspace between South Brisbane and South Bank stations to developer, Mirvac, who will extend its office buildings over the space. Part of the Brisbane Convention Centre already extends over the tracks, just south of South Brisbane station. (R.D.)

Perth

**TRACK DEVIATION.** The W.A.G.R.C. called for tenders, closing 16th June 2003, for the deviation of track Victoria Park-Carlisle to allow for the construction of the Miller/Roberts Rds overbridge and Howick St footbridge. The work will see the lowering of the line and the closure of the existing level crossing near the present Victoria Park station. (David Whiteford)

**EARLIER CONSTRUCTION DATE FOR SOUTH PERTH STATION?** The sale of W.A. Government land along the Canning Hwy could fund the earlier construction of the South Perth railway station, part of the South West Metropolitan (Mandurah) Project. Present plans call for the station to be built in 2009-10. (David Whiteford)

**BASSENDAN UPGRADE.** Work commenced in early June 2003 on a \$5.5 million upgrade of Bassendean station on the Midland line. (Railway Digest)

Asia

**COLOMBO TRANSIT?** The Sri Lanka Ministry of Western Region Development has called for expressions of interest in building a Metro heavy-rail rapid transit system in Colombo. (International Railway Journal, Rail News Victoria)





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

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE BUSES.** As from May 2003 contractors of S.R.A.(CountryLink) bus services have been progressively phasing in the use of wheelchair accessible buses on these routes. (Ian Cooper)

**CANBERRA-SNOWY MOUNTAINS.** Alpinexpress, a new partnership between S.R.A.(CountryLink) and Transborder Express commenced on 28th June 2003 when Transborder began a service that connects off the morning Xplorer at Canberra and runs to Jindabyne, returning to connect with the late afternoon train to Sydney. The bus will operate daily until 26th September 2003, when it will run Tue,Thu,Sat only until 24th June 2004 when a daily service is expected to recommence. (Ian Cooper)

**YASS-CANBERRA BUSES.** As from 30th June 2003 there are only two services Yass-Woden, instead of three as formerly. There is only one service from Woden in the afternoon, instead of three.. The price of Weekly tickets on this run have been increased by \$2.00 and the 10 Ridesaver ticket now costs \$1.00 more - all other fares remain the same. (Ian Cooper)

Freight Australia/VicTrack

**SERVICES SUSPENDED ON THREE LINES!** F.A. ANNOUNCED ON 3rd JULY 2003 THAT SERVICES HAD BEEN SUSPENDED OVER THE SECTIONS TOOLAMBA-ECHUCA, BARNES-MOULAMEIN and CASTLEMAINE-MARYBOROUGH.

V/Line Passenger

**UPDATE - ALBURY BUSES.** The replacement buses Wodonga-Albury ran from 10th June-4th July 2003. Journey times were extended by about 20 minutes but Up buses from Albury left 10 minutes before usual train times. An A5 leaflet outlining the changes was issued. (Craig Halsall)

**UPDATE - REGIONAL FAST RAIL PROJECT.** A number of complete line shutdowns are expected while work is done on the Regional Fast Rail Project. There will be a 30 day closure of the line Werribee-South Geelong in January 2004. All services will be replaced by buses but it is not yet certain whether they will run from Spencer Street, connect with suburban trains at Werribee or whether an express V/Line Passenger service will be provided on the direct line Spencer Street-Werribee. (Steven Haby)

Other Victoria

**PUFFING BILLY W.T.T.** Amendment pages for the Emerald Tourist Railway Board W.T.T., dated 1st May 2003, have been issued. (David Hennell)

Q.R.

**SIDINGS REMOVED.** Following the conversion of the Central Line beyond Emerald to Direct Traffic Control instead of Train Order Working in mid-April 2003, a number of sidings on the main line and branches are being closed. This includes the closure of the angles (triangles/wyes) at Dillcar and Emmet. (Sunshine Express)

**NEW WESTLANDER TIMETABLE.** Westlander T.T. No.27, effective 31st May 2003, was issued. Times have been slowed somewhat (see our page 10 for the actual times). The new T.T. also shows that the Westlander now arrives at Roma Street Platform 10 (it departs from Platform 2 as previously). (Gavin Young)

**UPDATE - NEW TIMETABLES.** Concurrent with the introduction of the Cairns tilt train and the publishing of new T.T.s dated 16th June 2003, the following T.T.s, not yet listed, have been sighted: the Whitsunday Transit coordinated bus Proserpine-Airlie Beach/Shute Harbour - this service now meets tilt trains; a new 10 page attractive, full-colour brochure folding down to 100x210 mm was also issued. Unlike the summary brochures which do not show any intermediate times, the latter T.T., Timetable for Traveltrain Holidays Queensland is more than a holiday brochure, in fact it is the nearest to a Traveltrain system-wide T.T. to be issued since 1990. It includes full T.T.s and fares from Brisbane for all services except the Savannahlander which is now run for Q.R. by a contractor. This most attractive brochure contains a full colour map. Samples from the T.T. can be found on our page ten:

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TABLE

AM PM	BRISBANE TO CHARLEVILLE	AM PM	CHARLEVILLE TO BRISBANE	
			TUES & THURS	WED & FRI
Brisbane (Roma St) DEP	7.20	Quilpie* DEP	3.05	
Corinda DEP	7.34	Cunnamulla* DEP	3.05	
Ipswich DEP	8.03	<b>Charleville</b> DEP	6.15	
Rosewood DEP	8.19	Morven DEP	8.02	
Laidley DEP	8.50	Mitchell DEP	9.47	
Gatton DEP	9.04	<b>Roma</b> DEP	11.37	
Helidon DEP	9.21	Wallumbilla DEP	12.23	
<b>Toowoomba</b> DEP	11.10	Yuleba DEP	12.43	
Oakey DEP	12.06	Miles DEP	2.23	
Dalby DEP	1.00	Chinchilla DEP	3.20	
Chinchilla DEP	2.26	Dalby DEP	4.55	
Miles DEP	3.17	Oakey DEP	6.05	
Yuleba DEP	4.45	<b>Toowoomba</b> DEP	7.00	
Wallumbilla DEP	5.08	Helidon DEP	8.41	
<b>Roma</b> DEP	6.20	Gatton DEP	9.01	
Mitchell DEP	8.08	Laidley DEP	9.18	
Morven DEP	10.02	Rosewood DEP	9.52	
<b>Charleville</b> ARR	11.50	Ipswich DEP	10.19	
Cunnamulla* ARR	2.35	Corinda DEP	10.47	
Quilpie* ARR	2.40	<b>Brisbane (Roma St)</b> ARR	11.15	
ARRIVING	WED & FRI	ARRIVING	THURS & SAT	



TABLE

AM PM	TOWNSVILLE TO MT ISA	AM PM	MT ISA TO TOWNSVILLE	
			SUN & WED	MON & FRI
Townsville DEP	3.30	Mt Isa DEP	4.30	
Charters Towers ARR	6.23	Duchess DEP	6.13	
	6.33	Malbon DEP	7.27	
Pentland DEP	8.26	<b>Cloncurry</b> ARR	8.34	
Torrens Creek DEP	9.26		8.43	
Hughenden ARR	11.54	Oorindi DEP	10.22	
	11.19	Julia Creek ARR	11.56	
Richmond ARR	1.36		12.01	
	1.46	Nelia DEP	1.05	
Maxwelton DEP	2.48	Nonda DEP	1.35	
Nonda DEP	3.15	Maxwelton DEP	1.59	
Nelia DEP	3.50	Richmond ARR	2.58	
Julia Creek ARR	4.56		3.03	
	5.11	Hughenden ARR	5.22	
Oorindi DEP	6.30		5.39	
<b>Cloncurry</b> ARR	8.00	Torrens Creek DEP	7.06	
	8.20	Pentland DEP	8.00	
Malbon DEP	9.28	<b>Charters Towers</b> ARR	9.55	
Duchess DEP	10.44		10.02	
<b>Mt Isa</b> ARR	12.35	<b>Townsville</b> ARR	1.10	
ARRIVING	MON & THUR	ARRIVING	TUES & SAT	



FARES

From Brisbane to	FIRST BERTH ADULT	ECONOMY BERTH ADULT	SITTING CAR ADULT
Toowoomba	-	-	27.50
Dalby	-	-	40.70
Chinchilla	139.70	94.60	46.20
Miles	145.20	97.90	49.50
Roma	169.40	113.30	64.90
Mitchell	179.30	119.90	71.50
Morven	192.50	129.80	81.40
Charleville	205.70	138.60	90.20
Cunnamulla	226.60	158.40	110.00
Quilpie	226.60	158.40	110.00

Based on Sleeping Berths to Charleville and connecting Economy Seats to Cunnamulla and Quilpie. \*Separate connecting road coaches available to Cunnamulla and Quilpie. Adult fares shown, for further fares please refer to conditions.



FARES

From Townsville to	FIRST BERTH ADULT	ECONOMY BERTH ADULT	SITTING CAR ADULT
Charters Towers	-	-	23.10
Torrens Creek	-	-	42.90
Hughenden	149.60	100.10	51.70
Richmond	169.40	113.30	64.90
Julia Creek	183.70	123.20	74.80
Cloncurry	205.70	138.60	90.20
Mount Isa	236.50	158.40	110.00

Adult fares shown, for further fares please refer to conditions.



TABLE

AM PM	NORMANTON TO CROYDON	AM PM	CROYDON TO NORMANTON	
			WED	THUR
Normanton DEP	8.30	Croydon DEP	8.30	
Blackbull DEP	11.20	Blackbull DEP	10.30	
Croydon ARR	1.00	Normanton ARR	1.00	
ARRIVING	WED	ARRIVING	THUR	



FARES

From Normanton to	ECONOMY SEAT
Blackbull	35.00
Croydon	46.00

Adult fares shown, for further fares please refer to conditions.

(Steven Haby, Graham Duffin)

**WORKING TIMETABLE.** A new Q.R. (Traveltrain) W.T.T. was issued dated 14th June 2003, to coincide with the introduction of the Cairns tilt train. It is unusual for a W.T.T. in that it is a 'souvenir edition' highlighting the 50th anniversary of 'Lander' trains. The W.T.T. incorrectly shows the eastbound Inlander as arriving at Townsville at 1245 (as do some other public brochures) whereas the correct time is 1310, as shown in Timetable for Traveltrain Holidays Queensland (see our page 10).

(Steven Haby, Graham Duffin, John Coyle)

**MISSED CONNECTION.** It should be noted that the northbound Cairns tilt train leaves Townsville five minutes before the arrival of the Inlander thus missing a good opportunity for a connection. This is similar to N.S.W.'s Down Xplorer to Griffith which is timed to wait at the Down Junee distant signal until the Up Melbourne XPT has passed, again missing an ideal connection and made worse by the fact that former T.T.s did cater for a Melbourne-Griffith connection at Junee. (John Coyle, A. Isaacs)

**EXTENDED SUNLANDERS.** Nine of the Townsville Sunlander services during July and September 2003 school holidays will be extended to Cairns. (Thomas Cook O'seas T.T.)

**UPDATE - NEW TOWNSVILLE STATION.** The last regular services to use the old Townsville station were the Up and Down Cairns services on 26th May 2003. Concurrently, the new station was being cut in and was ready for use by the Down Sunlander/Queenslander on the following day, 27th May 2003. Strangely, buses replaced trains Townsville-Cairns on the following day, 28th May, as track signalling work was still being completed.

(Sunshine Express)

**NEW BALLOON LOOP.** Barney Point, Gladstone, unloading point for the Moura Mine-Barney Point Moura Direct line, was recently provided with a balloon loop connecting the Provisioning Shed and the coal pit. This line was the first of Q.R.'s recent coal lines to be built and was provided with what are now considered inadequate facilities.

(Sunshine Express)

**NEW TRAVEL MAGAZINE.** Following the trend set by S.R.A.(CountryLink), G.S.R., and, earlier, the airlines, Q.R. is now providing all sleeping berth and tilt train passengers with a complimentary Q.R. travel magazine. The first edition is endorsed "Autumn 2003".

(Sunshine Express)

**ACACIA RIDGE YARDS.** The Q.R. standard gauge marshalling yards at Acacia Ridge are to be converted by Q.R. into a multi-user facility. In order to achieve this, Q.R. is terminating PacNat's lease of the terminal.

(Sunshine Express)

### Great Southern Railway

**TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR.** The current G.S.R. fare information on Q.R.'s web page shows fares as being "valid 11 April 2003-31 March 2003". Hmm!

(Dean Ogle)

**WE WERE WRONG - LAST GHAN INTO N.S.W.** The report in last month's Table Talk regarding the truncating of the last Ghan into N.S.W. was a little misleading. On 30th March 2003, eastbound passengers were off-loaded at Wallerawang and not Lithgow and taken to Sydney by bus. Meanwhile, the train did travel to Lithgow for servicing and replenishment before returning to Wallerawang to pick up its westbound passengers.

(A.R.H.S. Bulletin)

### Other South Australia

**A WAY AROUND INSURANCE DIFFICULTIES.** The Yorke Peninsula Rail Preservation Society has come up with an excellent way of overcoming the insurance difficulties that are blighting so many other tourist railways. On 13th April 2003 the Society was officially chartered as the new Lions Club of Yorke Peninsula Rail and, after negotiations with Lions International, is being insured at attractive rates by Lions Insurance. Trips Wallaroo-Kadina recommenced on the same day.

(Catchpoint)

### W.A. P.T.A./Australian Railroad Group (in W.A.)/WestNet Rail

**NEW TIMETABLES.** New W.A. P.T.A.(Transwa) T.T. brochures were issued dated 28th May 2003 and featuring the new Transwa logo (illustrated at left). The Prospector T.T. is orange and that for the Australind in dark blue.



(David Whiteford)

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

**NEW PROSPECTOR.** The new Prospector (Perth-Kalgoorlie) services utilising new railcars are expected to commence in late September 2003. (Thomas Cook Overseas Timetable)

**DONNYBROOK.** The heritage upgrade of Donnybrook railway station commenced on 19th May 2003. (David Whiteford)

**UPDATE - SOUTH-WEST TRAIN PASSENGER STUDY.** Some of the findings of the South-West train passenger services study (see last month's Table Talk) were recently released. They suggest that the proposal to extend the passenger service Bunbury-Manjimup should be abandoned but that there should be a more detailed analysis of the proposed Bunbury-Busselton extension. The former would cost \$30 million and use existing track and the latter has been costed at \$144 million and would require much new track. The report also provided a range of options for reducing Perth-Bunbury passenger travel times by between one and two hours. (David Whiteford)

**ONLINE BOOKINGS.** As from 1st July 2003 W.A. P.T.A.(Transwa) bookings can be made online at [www.transwa.gov.au](http://www.transwa.gov.au) (David Whiteford)

Australian Transport Network (Tasrail)

**END OF WILTSHIRE SERVICE.** As widely expected, freight train running west of Burnie was suspended on 27th March 2003, just a little over four years after the service was reinstated on 29th January 1999 after the line was originally closed on 6th August 1996. The combination of low traffic levels, poor track conditions and problems with several bridges made it uneconomic for Tasrail to continue the service. While it is always sad to see a line closed or suspended, Table Talk applauds A.T.N. for attempting to revive services whereas their predecessors, A.N.R.C., were more than happy to abandon the line. (Tasmanian Rail News)

**BELL BAY LINE.** Following little use over recent months, the Longreach spur, off the Bell Bay line, was noted bolted over, indicating that the 2 km branch is now effectively 'mothballed'. Up until the recent cessation of Wiltshire traffic (see item above) all pulp logs carried by rail had been delivered to Artec Siding on the branch. (Tasmanian Rail News)

**INTERCITY CYCLEWAY.** Hobart's Intercity Cycleway, which is built on the site of the former Down line before the Hobart suburban area was singled by A.N.R.C. in the late 1970s, has always been something of a bugbear to railfans because it severely limits trackside photographic opportunities. In late March 2003 work commenced on extending the Cycleway north from Berriedale towards Chigwell. (Tasmanian Rail News)

Other Tasmania

**DERWENT VALLEY RAILWAY EXTENSION.** After many years of work, D.V.R. ran the first passenger train in eight years on its new extension Westaway-National Park, on 30th March 2003. Special permission was granted for the operation of this train and the resumption of a regular service had to wait until the completion of further track upgrading. However, D.V.R. issued a brochure showing monthly trains to National Park as from 8th June 2003. (Tasmanian Rail News, The Railfan Shop)

Northern Territory

**FIRST TRAIN.** The inaugural train Alice Springs-Darwin will be a goods train from Adelaide operated by Asia Pacific Transport, the company contracted by the Austral-Asia Railway Corporation to work the line. (A.R.H.S. Bulletin)

New Zealand

**GOVERNMENT INPUT INTO TRANZ RAIL.** On 6th June 2003 the N.Z. Government signed an agreement to buy back the infrastructure of the rail network for \$1 and to take out a 35% stake in Tranz Rail and rescue it from potential insolvency through an immediate cash injection of NZ\$44 million. Tranz Rail will remain the sole N.Z. rail freight operator. Toll Holdings, who were looking at the purchase of the whole company, have taken a 10% share of Tranz Rail. However, the Government offer is still subject to approval by a majority of Tranz Rail shareholders. (Rails)

North America

**AMTRAK TIMETABLES.** Most Amtrak T.T.s were reissued dated 28th April 2003. (The First Edition)





## SUBURBAN BUS

### General

**N.S.W. BUS REVIEW.** The N.S.W. Minister for Transport, The Hon. Michael Costa, announced in early July 2003 that he would be calling a review of all private and government bus operators in the State. Companies will be called on to show that they are meeting minimum standards of service required by law and that taxpayers are getting value for the \$541 million investment. (Illawarra Mercury, Neville Fenn)

### Canberra

**GUNGAHLIN SERVICES.** A \$2.9 million funding boost to bus services to/from Gungahlin was announced in the A.C.T. Budget in May 2003. The four year package includes \$737,000 for 2003/04, which will provide an extra 8900 hours of service in Gungahlin, an 18.2% increase on the last T.T. and 40% since May 2002. The Government's One Fare Anywhere scheme, along with 205 extra services last year, resulted in a 20% increase in patronage on these routes. Services are expected to be extended in Amaroo and Yerrabi Pond in July 2003. Routes through Gungahlin suburbs such as Nicholls will be made more direct. ACTION is expected to introduce a four minute frequency Gungahlin Market Place-City during peaks with buses every 15 minutes off peak. (Transit Aust.)

### Sydney

**TIMETABLE NUMBERS.** All S.T.A. (Sydney Buses and (Newcastle Buses) T.T.s issued since the beginning of March 2003 contain a six digit document number. Six Newcastle T.T.s have a 12xxxx number and all others, including other Newcastle T.T.s, have 17xxxx. With one exception the first five digits of the number are unique and no particular pattern has been noted. The numbers appear on both TransitGraphics and old format T.T.s. (Lourie Smit)

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

- Routes 151, 175, 190 (Warringah district) - revised May 2003;
- Routes 311, 312 (Railway Square-Elizabeth Bay-City) - June 2003 - TG 3 - document 174813 - map shows former route at Bourke St rather than reflecting the diversions caused by construction of the Cross City tunnel;
- Routes 323-326, L24 (New South Head Rd-City) - June 2003 - TG 3 - document 175109;
- Routes 343, X43, 345 (Kingsford-Millers Point) - June 2003 - TG 3 - document 174730;
- Route 415 (Burwood-Campsie) - June 2003 - TG 2;
- Routes 422, 423, L23, 426, 428, L28 (Newtown-City) - June 2003 - TG 6 - document 176511;
- Route 445 (Canterbury-Balmain) - June 2003 - TG 2 - document 174888;
- Routes 458, 459 (Burwood-Macquarie Uni.) - July 2003 - TG 4 - document 174896;
- Routes 471, 472 (Rockdale-Five Dock) - June 2003 - TG 5 - document 174904;
- Routes 518, X18 (Macquarie Uni.-City) - July 2003 - TG 3 - document 174185;
- Route 546 (Parramatta-Oatlands) - undated but as per Service Alteration of 28th January 2003, now shows wheelchair-accessible trips;
- Route 457 (Parramatta-Macarthur St) - June 2003 - this is a trial service with three Mon-Sat loop trips - single double-sided DL format, with map;
- Service Alteration S134 - Routes 431-434 - undated but current - specifies times for Route X31 - a number of other typos in the TG 1 T.T. for these routes have been cleaned up. (Norbert Genci, Lourie Smit, Adrian Dessanti)

**NEW BUS STOP NUMBERING SYSTEM.** The Transport Co-ordination Authority is currently implementing a new bus stop numbering system within the S.T.A. (Sydney Buses) network. Small stickers have been placed on bus stops showing the unique stop number. The stop number is being used on the T.C.A. website and customer phone line to help identify the time of the next bus. A DL size leaflet has been published and includes a tear-off credit-card size card which can be used to record the customer's stop number for future use. (Adrian Dessanti)

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

**WOOLLOOMOOLOO DIVERSION.** Routes 311, 312 will be diverted from their normal routes at William and Bourke Sts, Woolloomooloo from 6th July 2003 and for about six months, due to construction of the Cross City Tunnel. (Adrian Dessanti)

**UPDATE - SHORELINK TO THORNLEIGH.** The Shorelink Route 589 (Hornsby-Thornleigh) T.T. of 23rd June 2003 has the last Mon-Fri bus now operating to Hornsby-Woodlands only and not shown as returning to Hornsby. (Michael Smith)

**SHORELINK TO BARRA BRUI.** The current Shorelink Route 582 T.T. shows services extended to Barra Brui only every two hours during Mon-Fri off-peaks and with no service on Sat, Sun, P.H. However, it is believed that, following numerous complaints, drivers have been instructed to go to Barra Brui on request. This appears to be an informal arrangement that is not advertised. (Michael Smith)

**SHORELINK TO WESTLEIGH.** A new Shorelink Route 587 (Westleigh) T.T. has been effective as from 21st July 2003. There are minor timing changes for Mon-Fri trips and a slight reduction in the number of additional peak trips to/from Pennant Hills. The T.T. also shows Nightride bus times Sydney-Strathfield-Hornsby. (Adrian Dessanti)

**TRANSIT FIRST.** Westway Bus and Coach Service was renamed Transit First as from 25th June 2003. Concurrently, a new livery was introduced and new T.T.s were introduced for all routes on either 27th or 28th July 2003. (Aust. Transport Discussion Board)

**BUSWAYS - NEW ROUTES.** As from 14th July 2003, Busways will introduce two new routes:

- Route 730 (Kellyville Ridge-Westmead-Parramatta) - six morning and six afternoon trips from Parramatta;
- Route 735 (Kellyville Ridge-City via M2 motorway) - two morning trips to Railway Square and two afternoon trips from Railway Square.

The two routes are covered in one T.T. in standard Busways format. (Robert Henderson)

**BUSWAYS - NEW TIMETABLES.** New Busway T.T.s will be introduced for all existing routes on 28th July 2003. Details when we get them. (Adrian Dessanti)

Newcastle

**NEW S.T.A. (NEWCASTLE BUSES) TIMETABLES.** The following new Newcastle Buses T.T. has recently been sighted: Route 363 (Belmont-Warners Bay-Newcastle) - May 2003 - TG 5. (Lourie Smit)

Wollongong

**HELENSBURGH EXTENSION.** It was announced on 24th June 2003 that Green's Northern Coaches' Helenburgh route is to be extended by over 2.5 km as from the spring school holidays. 16 new bus stops are involved. More news as we get it. (Illawarra Mercury, Neville Fenn)

Nowra

**NOWRA COACHES.** The Nowra T.T. for Route 724 (Central-South / West-East Nowra) was reissued dated May 2003 and the Routes 732, 733 T.T., linking Nowra/Bomaderry with various areas in the south, was reissued dated July 2003. (Steven Haby)

Lismore

**CURRENT SERVICES.** On a January 2003 trip to Lismore, one of our correspondents noted numerous T.T.s from small operators stuck in a window. The following services appear to be currently operating: Lismore-Mullumbimby (Beaumont); Lismore-Dorrroughby (Dunoon); Lismore-Whian Whian (Halls); Lismore-Wardell (Isons); Route 692 [Lismore-Broadwater] (Isons); Lismore-Dalwood (Isons); Lismore-Jiggi (Couch); Lismore-Spring Grove/Canaba (Bruces). All of these showed one morning trip with a return around 1500 and most, but not all, operated on school days only. There is also a T.T. for a Lismore-Murwillumbah service (no operator shown) with southbound trips at 0710 and returns at 0800, 1435 and 1525.

A T.T. that has been sighted in published form is for Ison's Route 692 (Lismore-Broadwater/Dalwood) route. Simply dated 2003, it is an A4 sheet. (G. Cleak, L. Smit)

**N.S.W. Provincial - General**

**TIMETABLES NOT YET MENTIONED.** The following N.S.W. provincial/suburban T.T.s, not yet mentioned in Table Talk, have been issued in the past nine months or so:

- WINGHAM - Greenaways's - seven sheets variously dated March 2002, February 2003 and 2003;
- SAWTELL Coaches - December 2002;
- COFFS HARBOUR - King Bros - February 2003;
- COFFS HARBOUR/WOOLGOOLGA - Ryan's - December 2002 - the T.T.s for the two towns printed on separate sides of the one sheet;
- MOREE - Taylors - 2nd February 2003;
- MUDGEES - Ogden's - July 2002 - a new Route 563 (Mudgee-Mudgee North) has been added;
- BRUNSWICK VALLEY - 1st March 2003;
- KIAMA - Kiama Coachlines - 1st March 2003;
- NOWRA-CURRAJONG - Stuart's - 31st March 2003;
- ULLADULLA - April 2003;
- GOULBURN - Bowman's - February 2003. (Robert Henderson)

**Melbourne**

**NEW SKYBUS TIMETABLE.** A new Skybus T.T. Spencer Street-Melbourne Airport was issued dated 30th May 2003. There are no apparent changes to service frequency. However, this is the fourth new T.T. or service change since February 2003. (Steven Haby)

**FRANKSTON & PENINSULA AIRPORT SHUTTLE.** F.&P.A.S. issued a new A4 T.T. dated 1st June 2003. (Steven Haby)

**SITA BUS LINES.** Sita issued a new T.T. dated 14th May 2003 for Routes 402, 432, 451, 456, 471, 472. (Michael Marshall)

**GREYNDAL BUS SERVICE.** New Greyndal T.T.s for Routes 843, 845, 849, 861 (Dandenong-Mossgiel Park/Endeavour Hills)Cardinia Transit] and 826-828 (Hampton-Pakenham) were issued dated 16th June 2003. The Route 814, 848 (Dandenong-Springvale South/Brandon Park) T.T., which is a route shared with Moorabbin Transit and Cardinia Transit, was reissued dated 23rd June 2003. No changes to times are evident in any of the T.T.s. The front cover of the first named T.T. incorrectly shows Route 849 as running to Mossgiel Park rather than Endeavour Hills. (C. Halsall, M. Marshall, B. Matthews)

**VENTURA.** Changes were made to the following Ventura T.T.s as from 7th July 2003:

- Route 732 (Upper Ferntree Gully-Box Hill) - amended route U.F.T.G.-William Angliss Hospital so as to alleviate delays caused by buses not being able to manoeuvre around parked cars;
- Route 753 (Bayswater-Glen Waverley) - amended route Knoxfield shops-Glen Waverley with the last two eastbound bus stops being moved into Glenifer Ave for safety reasons.

A 24th June 2003 reprint of the T.T. of 3rd March 2003 for Route 703 (Blackburn-Middle Brighton) has been issued. The main reason for the reprint was to show wheelchair accessible services. The rail connections at Blackburn are still incorrect in some cases. (Brian Wheedon, Craig Halsall)

**Warragul**

**NEW TIMETABLES.** West Gippsland Transit Services, operated by Warragul Bus Lines, have issued two new T.T.s dated 16th June 2003:

- Warragul town services: Route 1 (Stoddards Rd) - 3 return trips Mon-Fri; Route 2 (Warragul East) - 3 return trips Mon-Fri; Route 3 (Hospital/Fairview) - 3 return trips Mon-Fri; Route 4 (Bourke St) - 4 return trips Mon-Fri; Route 5 (Warragul North) - 4 return trips Mon-Fri, two continuing to Warragul R.S.; the T.T. is printed on double-sided gold A4 paper and includes route descriptions and a map;
- Route 6 (Traralgon-Morwell-Warragul-Drouin) - five trips Mon-Fri over all or most of the route and one Saturday trip; the T.T. is A5. (Steven Haby)

**Echuca/Moama**

**ECHUCA-MOAMA TRANSIT.** E.M.T. issued a new T.T. dated April 2003 for its services: South, East and Moama. School runs are also included in the T.T. (Steven Haby)



CURRENT RAISININGS ON THE GRAPE VINE. Suburban Bus. Continued.Shepparton/Mooroopna

**FALLON'S.** Fallon's have recently acquired the business and route services of Ohlin. The T.T. of May 1995 (which also includes Mooroopna Transit services) is still current, although one extra service has been added by an undated, A4 sheet which is included in T.T.s. (Steven Haby)

**MOORoopNA PASSENGER SERVICES (JACOBSON'S).** An undated but current T.T. has been sighted for the two M.P.S. Mon-Fri services: one run Shepparton-Mooroopna-Mooroopna Park; 2 runs Shepparton-Lenne St/Rodney Park (there is also one combined service on Saturday mornings). The T.T. is an A4 single-sided laminated sheet. (Steven Haby)

Wodonga

**MYLON MOTORWAYS.** As from 30th June 2003 Mylon have been operating an improved service with 190 extra trips per week. \$460,000 in Victorian State Government funds over four years will help subsidise the new services. The main changes are:

- all Gayview services operate via Wodonga Hospital;
- more regular non-peak services Gayview-Federation;
- all Oakmount services run via the TAFE and Latrobe Uni.;
- a doubling of services to East Wodonga;
- nine new services to the growth area of South Wodonga;
- the last Mon-Fri service Wodonga-Albury is now 1815 instead of 1730;
- an additional service to Baranduda;
- Saturday services have been extended to Feltrimber Creek Rd, Parkers Rd and Campaspe Ave, with the last bus out of Albury at 1345 instead of 1220;
- there are now some direct services Wodonga-Albury Private Hospital/Albury Base Hospital. (Craig Halsall)

Brisbane

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

- Bus Services leaflet, showing fares - December 2002;
- Routes 140-142 (Browns Plains - Cityxpress, Rocket & Bullet) - April 2003 - TT140;
- Routes 172, 173 (Garden City-Mt. Gravatt Central-City - Citybus / Mt. Gravatt-Central-City - Express) - April 2003 - TT172;
- Routes 177, 178, 183 (Carindale-Green Meadows-Mt. Gravatt Central- Griffith Uni. (Mt. Gravatt campus) / Carindale Heights-Green Meadows-Mt. Gravatt Central-City - Express / Carindale-Green Meadows-Griffith Uni.-City - Express) - January 2003 - TT177;
- Routes 210-212 (Cannon Hill-Carina-Seven Hills-City - City Bus) - 14th April 2003 - TT210;
- Routes 310, 315 (Brighton/Redcliffe-City - Cityxpress) - 2nd June 2003 -TT310;
- Routes 311-314 (Brighton, Shorncliffe & Deagon Community Buses) - January 2003 - TT311;
- Route 333 (The Loop bus [around City]) - April 2003 - TT333;
- Routes 336, 337 (Chermside Community buses) - April 2003 - TT336;
- Route 338 (Strathpine-Albany Creek-Chermside-City) - 28th January 2002 -TT338;
- Routes 346, 353, 356 (Aspley - Citybus / McDowall - Citybus & Rocket) - April 2003 - TT346;
- Routes 371, 391 (Q.U.T. Kelvin Gve campus-City - Shuttle / Q.U.T. Kelvin Gve campus-Q.U.T. Gardens Pt. Campus - Shuttle) - 12th May 2003 - TT371;
- Routes 430, 431, 435, 436, 440, 441, 446 (City-Kenmore corridor T.T.) - 28th April 2003 - TTC02;
- Route 471 (Mt. Coot-tha Lookout--City - Citybus) - April 2003 - TT471;
- Routes 598, 599 (Great Circle line) - 14th April 2003 - TT598.

(Graham Duffin, BPT Webmaster [Patrick], John Coyle, Ken Davey, Allan Gray, Robert Henderson, Peter Jones, Dennis McLean, Tony Winstone)

**DECEPTION BAY AREA.** A 15 month trial of new routes in the Deception Bay area concluded in April 2003 and, as a result, Kangaroo Bus Lines services will be permanently improved with more coverage of Deception Bay, more Saturday services and some introduced on Sunday. The Narangba service has been rerouted so as to provide access to Narangba shopping centre. Public transport infrastructure, including bus shelters, T.T. displays and bus stop seats, has been overhauled. (Transit Australia)

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

**NEW CANNON HILL BUS STATION.** A new bus station on the site of the former, cramped facility in Creek Rd, Cannon Hill, was opened on 14th April 2003. There are six bus bays, an airconditioned passenger lounge, separate toilets for the public and bus drivers and surround shelters, The Great Circle Line and Wynnum/Tingalpa/Carindale services which have not served the bus station for 15 years because of the difficulties in getting in and out of the old structure, are using the new station.

(Transit Australia)

**A NEW FOOT AND BUS BRIDGE AND A NEW BUSWAY.** A new \$40 million foot and bus bridge Dutton Park-Uni. of Queensland has been approved by the Brisbane City Council and tenders will be called soon, despite opposition from both the University and residents on both sides of the river. The bridge is part of a wider plan (costing more than \$110 million) to develop a major cross-town busway connecting the University and the Buranda rail/bus station. Under the plan, a fleet of gas buses will run direct to the University from Carindale and Upper Mt. Gravatt, reducing travel times by 30 minutes.

(Transit Australia)

Gympie

**POLLEYS COACHES.** A new Polleys Coaches/Gympie Transit Services T.T., produced by Queensland Transport in fold-out format and effective from October 2002, includes the following: Routes 1 (Coinda); 2 (Stewart Tce.); 3 (Rifle Range Rd.); 4 (Ashford Hill); 5 (Monkland [outbound]); 6 (Monkland [inbound]); 7 (Southside); NEW ROUTE 9 (Golden Loop-Monkland St); Gympie-Tin Can Bay; Rainbow Beach; school services - Routes 064, 369.

(Graham Duffin)

Sunshine Coast

**SUNBUS.** Queensland Transport has issued T.T.s dated March 2003 for the Sunbus Noosa District as well as the Maroochy-Caloundra services. They are in fold-out format.

(Graham Duffin)

Adelaide

**REROUTING OF MARINO SERVICES.** Route 340 (Marino) was rerouted as from 26th May 2003, in the vicinity of Marino Rocks terminus, so as to avoid the possibility of buses becoming stuck on the railway level crossing while giving way to traffic at the immediately adjacent T-junction.

(Transit Australia)



**LONG DISTANCE BUS**

General

**PREMIER MOTOR SERVICE.** A Premier T.T. for the Cairns-Brisbane-Sydney-Melbourne route, dated March 2003 has been issued.

(Graham Duffin)

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

**PRIORS.** A new T.T. for Priors Sydney-Narooma service, was issued dated February 2003.

(Robert Henderson)

Queensland

**COACHTRANS.** A Coachtrans Brisbane-Gold Coast T.T. was issued dated 1st May 2003.

(Graham Duffin)

**QUEENSLAND SCENIC TOURS.** A new express service, operated by Q.S.T., has been operating since May 2003 Brisbane-Gold Coast-Nimbin. The T.T. is undated! (G. Duffin)

**POLLEYS COACHES.** A Polleys Gympie-Kingaroy-Toowoomba and Gympie-Tin Can Bay-Rainbow Beach T.T. was issued dated 21st October 2002.

(Graham Duffin)

Asia

**INDIA-PAKISTAN.** On 11th July 2003, a bus hailed as the 'friendship service', operated Lahore-New Delhi. It is the first Pakistani bus bound for India in 18 months. It was expected to complete its journey in 10 hours. The service mainly carried passengers embarking on family reunions and the vehicle was adorned with flowers to show the significance of the journey.

(Illawarra Mercury, Neville Fenn)





## AIR

### Domestic

**KALGOORLIE/BOULDER.** The number of Qantas flights Perth-Kalgoorlie/Boulder was cut in late February/early March 2003 and more cuts were expected in April 2003. Prior to February these services were usually only 50 to 60% full. (David Whiteford)

**VIRGIN BLUE IN CANBERRA.** Virgin will introduce Canberra-Adelaide and Canberra-Auckland services from 7th October 2003. (Rail News Victoria)

**REX AIRLINES.** A REX map, published on 9th July 2003, shows that the company currently has flights to the following ports: Sydney; Canberra; Ballina; Lismore; Bathurst; Orange; Dubbo; Broken Hill; Griffith; Narrandera; Wagga Wagga; Albury; Merimbula; Moruya; Melbourne; Portland; Mount Gambier; Olympic Dam; Adelaide; Kingscote; Port Lincoln; Whyalla; Ceduna; Cooper Pedy; Burnie; Devonport; King Island. (Travel Trade, Tris Tottenham)

### International (to/from Australia)

**EMIRATES TO DUBAI.** Emirates began daily flights Perth-Dubai and return from 15th May 2003. (David Whiteford)

**EMIRATES AIRLINES TO NEW ZEALAND.** On 30th May 2003 Emirates gained regulatory approval to fly trans-Tasman services. As Emirates did not expect to get permission so quickly, they will not be able to commence services until 2004. (Rail News Vic.)

**SINGAPORE AIRLINES.** Only 11 S.A. services Singapore-Perth are now operating each week. Prior to the September 11 attack, there were 21 flights. (David Whiteford)

**CATHAY PACIFIC.** The number of C.P. flights Hong Kong-Perth was recently cut from three to two per week. (David Whiteford)

**UPDATE - VIRGIN BLUE GOES INTERNATIONAL.** As anticipated, on 11th July 2003 Virgin Blue was granted Federal Department of Transport permission to fly overseas. The company is expected to operate services to Fiji, Vanuatu and New Zealand. It was Virgin's plan to fly seven weekly flights to Fiji, four weekly services to Vanuatu and to have an unlimited capacity on the N.Z. route. (Illawarra Mercury, Tri Tottenham, Neville Fenn)

**NO ROME.** Qantas will cancel its services to Rome as from 9th September 2003. Instead, Qantas passengers will travel on Cathay Pacific code share services. (Tris Tottenham)

**BRISBANE-LOS ANGELES AGAIN.** Qantas recommenced Brisbane-Auckland-L.A. flights as from 24th June 2003. (Tris Tottenham)

**KOREAN AIR.** Korean commenced twice weekly flights Brisbane-Seoul as from 5th July 2003. (Tris Tottenham)

**EMIRATES.** From 1st August 2003 services Dubai-Sydney/Melbourne will continue on to Auckland. Daily services Dubai-Brisbane will also commence on 26th October 2003 and these will also go through to Auckland. (Tris Tottenham)

**SARS.** Cathay Pacific flights from Australia were abated due to SARS but Sydney-Hong Kong flights have recommenced and will be increased to twice daily as from 1st August 2003. Brisbane-Hong Kong flights returned to daily from 1st July 2003. (T. Tottenham)

**GULF AIR.** Gulf Air is due to return to Sydney when it launches daily services Sydney-Singapore-Bahrain as from 23rd November 2003. (Tris Tottenham)

### International (excluding Australia)

**NEW TIMETABLES.** The following international air T.T.s have recently been sighted. Unless otherwise mentioned, the T.T.s were dated 27th October 2002: All Nippon; Cyprus Airways; Egypt Air; Iberia; Japan Air 1-1-2003; Japan Air 1-2-2003; Japan Air 1-4-2003; Malev; Olympic; Royal Jordanian; Turkish. (The First Edition)

**IRAQI INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS.** The first civilian flight into Iraq's Basra International Airport since the war began, occurred on 2nd May 2003 when Sir Richard Branson, C.E.O. of Virgin Airlines, arrived with a flight carrying medical supplies, etc.

(Rail News Victoria)

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## WATER TRANSPORT

### Sydney Ferries

**MATILDA CRUISES.** An undated (!) but current T.T. for Matilda Cruises Shark Is. service shows four trips Sat, Sun although the fourth return trip is shown as only operating on summer weekends.

(Duncan Macauslan)

### Sydney-Tasmania

**THIRD TASMANIAN FERRY.** The Premier of Tasmania, The Hon. Jim Bacon, announced on 3rd July 2003 that his Government would be buying a new ferry from Greek shipbuilder, Attica Enterprises, at a cost of \$290 million. To be named Spirit of Tasmania III, the ferry will operate a thrice weekly service Walsh Bay, Sydney-Devonport, with southbound ferries leaving at 1500 and arriving at 1130 the next day. Services will commence with a northbound journey on 15th January 2004. The ferry will be able to carry 1400 passengers and 210 cars.

(ABC Radio News, Financial Review, Illawarra Mercury, Neville Fenn)

### Brisbane

**EDWARD STREET WHARF.** The Edward Street Wharf was closed indefinitely to cross-river and inner-city services, as from 27th April 2003, on account of safety concerns.

(Transit Australia)

**NEW LEAFLET.** B.C.C. (Brisbane Transport) issued a new Ferry Services leaflet containing fares and service details. It is effective from December 2002. (G. Duffin)

### Africa

**GAMBIA-SENEGAL FERRY.** A new high speed ferry Banjul, Gambia-Dakar, Senegal commenced service on 25th May 2003. The new service takes just over 3½ hours compared with the rival ferry and bus service which takes a minimum of 7½ hours. However, the significant feature of the new service is the fare of 800 Dalasi for residents and 1100 Dalasi for non-residents, whereas the other service costs only 195 Dalasi. (The last exchange rates published in the 'Blue Cook Book' showed 25 Dalasi to US\$1.)

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