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## New CountryLink Timetables

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**CountryLink**  
Rail and coach services

New South Wales

Victoria

Stops  
Coach services  
Rail services

**Southern timetable**  
Valid from 21 September 2003

**Southern Region**

**Sydney – Cootamundra – Wagga Wagga – Albury – Griffith – Echuca – Melbourne**

Operator	Melbourne XPT	Feannes	Feannes	Melbourne XPT	Makehams
Days of Operation	Daily	Mon/Wed Fri/Sun	Tue/Thu Sat	Daily	Sat/Mon
Service No.	603	733	741	601	735
SYDNEY dep	07:43			20:43	
Strathfield	u 07:54			u 20:54	
Campbelltown	u 08:27			u 21:26	
Moss Vale	09:32			22:31	
Goulburn	10:20			23:19	
Gunning	a 10:58			...	
Yass Junction	11:25			a 00:24	
Harden	12:13			a 01:11	
COOTAMUNDRA arr	12:45			01:42	
Junee	13:23			02:18	
WAGGA WAGGA arr	13:48			02:43	
Connection	...			...	
WAGGA WAGGA dep	...	→ 14:15		→ 02:55	
The Rock	a 14:08	...		a 03:01	...
Henty	a 14:24	...		a 03:17	...
Culcairn	a 14:35	...		a 03:28	...
ALBURY arr	15:02	...		03:55	...
Connection	...			...	
ALBURY dep	...	→ 15:20		...	...
Coolamon	...	...		...	03:30
Ganmain	...	...		...	03:44
Matong	...	...		...	03:53
Grong Grong	...	...		...	04:04
Narrandera	...	...		...	04:24
Yanco	...	...		...	04:41
Leeton	...	...		...	04:48
Whitton	...	...		...	05:06
GRIFFITH arr	...	...		...	05:33
Lockhart	...	15:05	...	...	
Urana	...	15:43	...	...	
Jerilderie	...	16:21	...	...	
Berrigan	...	16:51	...	...	
Howlong	...	...	15:45	...	
Corowa	...	...	16:08	...	
Mulwala	...	...	16:35	...	
Yarrawonga	...	...	16:43	...	
Cobram	...	...	17:10	...	
Barooga	...	...	17:17	...	
Tocumwal	...	...	17:35	...	
Finley	...	17:09	17:53	...	
Blighty	...	17:30	18:05	...	
Deniliquin	...	17:55	18:39	...	
Mathoura	...	18:20	19:04	...	
Moama	...	18:45	19:29	...	
ECHUCA arr	...	18:50	19:35	...	
Wangaratta	15:43	...	...	04:36	
Benalla	16:14	...	...	05:00	
MELBOURNE arr	18:15	...	...	07:00	

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## A new look for Table Talk

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Welcome to 2004!

For the last twenty years Albert Isaacs has been the editor of *Table Talk*, from its original form as a supplement to *The Times*, through to its existence as a separate magazine. All members of the AATTC have appreciated Albert's dedication and in the past *Table Talk* was often the first place timetable news was broken.

As with everything change is inevitable. The rapid growth of the internet and email has meant that timetable news items are read on a daily basis. This in turn means that journals such as *Table Talk* have become more a record of the previous month's events than news breakers.

This year *Table Talk* has a new editor, is prepared on a PC, has a new layout, and inevitably there will be some changes in content – concentrating on timetables and transport related maps and brochures.

Until now accreditations have accompanied each news item – in future, unless there is a major outcry, there will be a general accreditation as is the practice in other journals. Where a large section of text is reproduced a specific accreditation may be used. This is not meant in any way to lessen the value of contributors – without them no magazine can survive.

Thanks to Chris Brownbill for the new masthead.

Your feedback and ideas are welcomed.

## You wrote

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### **Radio Stations and Postcodes**

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*From Ross Willson:*

I refer to the item published at page 15 of the November 2002 issue of *Table Talk* relating to new service numbers adopted by a bus operator. There is some confusion about radio station

prefixes and postcodes. In his *Australia Radio Broadcasting Technology 75 Years of Development 1923-1998*, John F. Ross states that call signs were introduced in 1920. These replaced call signs prefixed with X denoting experimental. Under this system, call signs in New South Wales were XAA-XIZ while those in Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and

Tasmania were XJA-XPZ, XQA-XQZ, XVA-XVZ and XZA-XZZ respectively. In 1920, a numerical prefix replaced the X prefix becoming A2AB, A3AB, etc.

The author refers to a letter of 22 June 1981 from the Minister for Communications (Rt Hon. I. McC. Sinclair) advising that the numerical identification of States "... was based on a policy of the then Commonwealth Department of Defence to divide Australia into numbered Military Zones.". However, a map published in G. Long's *Australia in the War of 1939-1945*, (Series One Army Volume 1) To Benghazi, Australian War Memorial, Canberra, 1952 shows Australia divided into seven Military Districts as follows:

- 1 Queensland
- 2 New South Wales (modified State boundaries)
- 3 Victoria (modified State boundaries)
- 4 South Australia (modified State boundaries)
- 5 Western Australia
6. Tasmania
7. Northern Territory

By the time public broadcasting commenced in Sydney in 1923, radio stations were identified by the following prefixes:

2. New South Wales
3. Victoria
4. Queensland
5. South Australia and the Northern Territory
6. Western Australia
7. Tasmania

The above order was that customarily adopted by, for example, the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics. It represented the States in order of population before Western Australia overtook South Australia. In an appendix to *The Magic Spark*, (1973), it is stated that the prefix for stations in the Northern Territory was altered from 5 to 8 on 8 July 1960.

As indicated in the article, a station operating at Port Moresby was prefixed 9. This was in conformity with the established policy of treating the Territory of Papua, which had been a Territory of the Commonwealth in terms of section 122 of the Commonwealth Constitution – see the Papua Act 1905 (Cth) - as an extension of the administrative regime applying in Australia. According to *This is the ABC* (K.S. Inglis, Melbourne, 1983) this station (9PA) was opened at Port Moresby by General Douglas MacArthur on 26 February 1944.

The ranking shown above omits 1. There is now at least one such example, 1RPH, an AM community station in Canberra.

One possible reason for the omission of 1 is that the system of station identification represented a trans-Tasman co-operative scheme. In his *The New Dominion A Social and Political History of*

New Zealand 1918-39, R.M. Burdon states that: "An Auckland station operating under the call sign 1YA, which had begun to broadcast ... in April 1923 ... was the first to be licensed ...". Stations 2YB of Wellington, 4YA and 4YO of Dunedin ... followed suit soon afterwards."

When the Postcode system was introduced in 1967, the six States and the Northern Territory were grouped as shown above. Some postcodes applicable to the Northern Territory in 1967 were:

- 5750 Alice Springs
- 5760 Tennant Creek
- 5780 Katherine
- 5790 Darwin (street addresses)
- 5791 Darwin (Military post office)
- 5793 Darwin RAAF
- 5794 Darwin (private boxes)

In 1988, the present system of postcodes in the Territory (0800 upwards) was introduced.

## **2003 SRA STNs in Review**

*From Geoff Lambert*

*The Times* recently carried an article on the production of Special Train Notices (STNs), the numerous rail timetables issued by the NSW State Rail Authority. With the end of 2003 here, it may be interesting to summarise what happened, although the issue of STNs can actually occur up to 3 months prior to train services they describe.

In 2003, some 1970 separate STNs were issued, totalling more than 25,000 pages, a stack of paper that would be 1¼ metres high (double-sided). Reputed to be produced 'by the thousands', the task is obviously a huge one and eats up quite a forest's worth of trees each year.

As detailed in the recent *Times* article, the great majority of STNs are produced for 'possessions' and 'closedowns', these accounting for about 55% of the total matter (pages) issued. Other 'works-related' STNs, such as timetables for track machines, ballast trains, driver and guard training, etc., account for a further 5% of STNs. While possession STNs are often very large, sometimes of 400 pages, the others are much smaller and therefore much more common and make up some 37% of the number of STNs issued.

Special trains, per se, actually make up an extremely small fraction of the STNs issued. In 2003 there were only 83 out of the 1970- and 79 of these were what the SRA refers to as HOT- Heritage Operated Tours- steam trains and rail motors. There were a mere 4 special trains chartered by non-railfan organisations such as schools.

Special events such as the Easter Show and, most particularly, Rugby football, led to the production of a large number of STNs and a lot of paper- some 15% of the total notices, comprising

40% of the paper load. Some 3000 pages of STNs were issued for the Rugby World Cup, for instance.

A handful of STNs were used for notification of changes to Cityrail, Countrylink and RIC freight working timetables:- 8, 1 and 15 STNs respectively.

Some unusual STNs were issued: one for a 'Stomper and Shaker' was not for a rock concert at the stadium (although STNs are issued for the Big Day Out) but for a particular type of track machine. A series of STNs were issued for 'Driver Seat Vibration Trials' and one for an 'Integrated Ticketing Test', though it's hard to see why the latter needed an STN. Some STNs are classified

by the intriguing terms of 'Vide' and 'Peon'. The former, not officially defined, appears to derive from the Latin and is a 'please refer to an earlier STN' kind of thing. 'Peons', derived from the old standard railways code book are 'please refer to my previous telegram' STNs. There are also STNs headed 'Tables Telegram' for extra urgent stuff.

By any measure the vast bulk of STNs were issued for the metropolitan network. The production of STNs affecting trains running on RIC's country network is sublet to the SRA, who also draw up RIC's regularly-issued freight Working Timetables, of which there were at least 10 in 2003.

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## For the Record

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### General

**Brisbane City Council (BCC) has issued a series of 31 Pocket Neighbourhood Guides** which is a fold out map of local areas within the BCC area. The maps include Brisbane Transport bus and ferry routes and QR rail lines. The location of bus stops is shown and three different colours are used to designate the various routes: Orange colour for District bus routes  
Light blue colour for Local bus routes  
Crimson colour for the Great Circle bus route  
The style of the maps is very similar to the Melways from Melbourne.

A notable omission from the maps is bus route numbers on the roads where the buses operate. Also omitted are the routes of private operators who run services in or through the Council areas.

Nor does the map differentiate between ferry services. There is a note at the bottom of the page which says 'For routes, frequency and services contact Public Transport Information on 131 230'. On the reverse side of the map it says 'The easy way to plan your trip is to contact TransInfo for information about timetables, bus maps and fares. Phone 13 12 30 or visit [www.transinfo.qld.gov.au](http://www.transinfo.qld.gov.au) to find out more.'

**Summer Holiday Timetables.** Many operators of all modes issue special timetables for the Australian summer holiday period from late December until early January; *Table Talk* will only record those which offer something different than those usually reflecting reduced services.



## Suburban Rail

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### Adelaide

**A temporary timetable operated for Outer Harbor – Grange** from 21-23 November 2003 with a bus service from Grange to Adelaide. No reason is given in the timetable which is printed on violet coloured paper and with shading used to indicate bus times. The black on grey on violet combination is very hard to read in anything but good light. Not a good timetable even if only temporary!

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### Melbourne

**M>Train has a version 3, 27th Jan 2002 timetable for both the Cranbourne/Pakenham & Frankston/Stony Point booklet timetables.**

Unlike the other Version 3s, the 'The new face of Melbourne Transport' and Managing Director Welcome are still printed inside the front cover. The most notable change is that all trains are now shown as running express through General Motors, which shut on 28 July 2002. The station is still marked on the M>maps contained

within. The other change is that the 'A pre-purchased Metcard will save you more than time' advert has been removed (from page 37 in Frankston Line TT & Pages 25, 45 & 51 of the Cranbourne/Pakenham TT). Sunday evening services are still shown as under review and the rear cover still shows 'a member of the National Express Group'.

## Sydney

**RTA Bike Ride 30 November 2003.** Normally *Table Talk* doesn't report one off special services – unless they are unusual. On 30 November 2003 CityRail ran specials to North Sydney from: Cronulla (dep 0613, arr 0727); Campbelltown via Granville (0643, 0720); Campbelltown via Bankstown (0614, 0738); East Hills (0648, 0734) as well as from more usual places such as Blacktown (0642, 0748) and Hornsby via Strathfield (0622, 0720). A shuttle service also operated between Strathfield and Rhodes.



## Long Distance Rail & Railway Bus

### The Ghan

The Ghan will commence regular services to/from Darwin from 8 Feb 2004 as follows:

Adelaide (Sun/Fri)	1715
Alice Springs (Mon/Sat)	1155*
Alice Springs (Tue)	1600
Katherine (Tue)	0800/1145
Arrive Darwin (Tue)	1600
Depart Darwin (Wed)	1000
Katherine	1345/1745
Alice Springs (Thu)	0900
Alice Springs (Thu/Sat)	1400
Adelaide (Fri/Sun)	0900

\* 1 hour earlier during daylight saving.

A coach transfer is available from Darwin Train Station to hotels in Darwin.

### Queensland

**Deliberate Missed Connections.** One Nation MP Bill Flynn drew attention to QR timetabling which sees country passenger trains fail to make connections by a few minutes. He pointed out how the *Inlander* is due in Townsville on Saturday at 1310, just five minutes after the tilt train departs for Cairns. The *Spirit of the Outback* from Longreach arrives in Rockhampton at about 2020 on Thursdays, five minutes after the northbound

New **Your guide to Sydney Olympic Park by train**, Olympic Park timetable 2003/04. Valid until 31 May 2004 (Printed November 2003), replaces the Olympic Sprint leaflet of 1999, and **Your guide to Wonderland Sydney by train**. Wonderlink, printed October 2003.

A **stop work** from 1000 until 200 on 23 December caused chaos on the CityRail network continuing all evening.

The **North Shore Rail** line will be closed from 26th December 2003 to 31st December 2003 for major maintenance work - to be replaced by buses - to return in time for New Year Eve's services. A pocket guide is available setting out details of the replacement bus services.

### Perth

Current suburban rail timetables are:

Armadale	02 February 2003
Fremantle	29 June 2003
Joondalup	13 July 2003

*Sunlander* leaves. The *Westlander* from Charleville arrives in Brisbane on Thursdays at 1120, only 20 minutes after the tilt train to Rockhampton has left.

This timetabling means that journeys such as Dalby to Gladstone or Duaringa to Mackay or Charters Towers to Ingham which were once quite practicable by rail are now impracticable.

Formerly QR was put to considerable expense by providing buses, taxis or holding trains to provide guaranteed connections. By guaranteeing that trains will not connect, the problem and expense is avoided. Many of the passengers are on concessions or passes.

### NSW

**CountryLink has published a set of DL sized public timetables** all valid from 21 Sep 2003, but only distributed in late November (see illustration on page 1). They are sub-titled 'Rail and Coach services' and cover the following regions:  
Southern - green 20 pages stapled  
Western - blue 16 pages stapled  
North West - orange 8 pages folded  
North Coast - red 12 pages stapled.

Each has a map on the cover showing coach and rail routes, a description of CountryLink fares, conditions and train, but not coach, facilities. These replace the similar sized combined booklet that has been published for the last few years. Times are shown in 24 hour clock.

**Countrylink has launched an *Elvis Express* train** to take enthusiasts to the 2004 Parkes Elvis Revival Festival in January. An XPT has been re-scheduled to leave Sydney on Friday January 9, allowing passengers to arrive in Parkes in time to freshen up before 'putting on the garb, including the standard blue suede shoes and rhinestones and heading out to town for the evening's festivities'. The *Elvis Express* will travel back to Sydney on Sunday January 11.

## Victoria

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The **Melbourne to Geelong broad gauge line will be closed** for upgrading from 4 January to 11 February 2004. Coaches managed by Thiess ALSTOM Joint Venture to a schedule specified by



## Tram/ Light Rail

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### Melbourne

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**Reprinted M>Tram timetables:** route 57, 59 and 82 Moonee Ponds-Footscray timetable are now dated August 2003.

**Yarra Trams have a new timetable for Routes 24 & 30**, dated November 2003. The timetable, which commenced 30 November 2003, is in usual Yarra Trams Green format, but now includes the Metlink branding. The timetable covers the extension of Route 30 to Market St during the intra-peak (0900 – 1600), however times are



## Suburban Bus

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### ACT

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ACT Minister for Planning, Simon Corbell, today launched **ACTION's new timetables**, delivering:

- a 20 percent increase in weekday services in the Gungahlin area;
- the introduction of a trial evening area service to Weston Creek;
- expanded route coverage for Dunlop, Watson, Conder and Bruce CIT, and;
- improvements across the network.

The new ACTION timetable, in a new pocket-sized format, came into effect on Monday 24 November 2003. ACTION's new timetable is a result of work to refine the current bus network to provide better service for its customers. Residents of Gungahlin benefit from an increase of four and a half to five complete bus routes; an increase from 198 to 237 services per day Monday to Friday; the extension of services to include new residential areas in Amaroo and Yerrabi Ponds and more direct services to the City via Flemington Road; improved connections between

V/Line and up to 60 buses will replace the rail services affected by the works. Geelong freight will be diverted by Ballarat.

The passenger information program comprises a range of communication tools, including:

- Newspaper advertisements and advertorials;
- Posters at stations;
- Announcements at stations and on trains;
- Temporary timetable displays;
- Media information;
- Seat drops of information on V/Line trains;
- V/Line's customer contact line and web site;
- Coffee mornings and other customer events to enable feedback and to answer questions.

See Geelong illustration on page 16

mostly unchanged between Latrobe & Spencer St and St Vincent's Plaza. There are no changes for Route 24, but the timepoint at Hoddle St is no longer shown, but a timepoint is now included for Nicholson St.

The cover shows the routes as: 24 - North Balwyn to Latrobe St; 30 - St Vincent's Plaza to Flinders Street via Docklands.

Route 30's timetable is: ex St Vincent's Plaza for Market St: 0842, 0907 then every 12 mins to 1505, 1515 and final tram at 1527; ex Market St - 0921, 0933, then every 12 mins to 1533, 1543 and final tram at 1553.

Gungahlin Market Place to the City and Belconnen with a four-minute frequency during peak hour Monday to Friday; the introduction of a trial evening area service to Weston Creek.

New timetables issued were:

- Gungahlin Link: Belconnen/ Gungahlin/ Market Place/ City
- Northbourne Ave: City/ Dickson
- Parkes, Barton and Russell: City/ Russell/ Barton/ Parkes/ Woden
- 12, 312 Spence/ Evatt/ McKellar/ Isabella Plains/ Calwell/ Theodore (Intertown)
- 13, 313 Charnwood/ Scullin/ Page/ Bonython/ Conder/ Banks (Intertown)
- 14, 314 Flynn/ Fraser/ Charnwood/ Florey/ Gordon/ Lanyon Market Place (Intertown)
- 15, 315 Spence/ Melba/ Isabella Plains/ Calwell/ Theodore (Intertown)
- 16, 116, 216 Kippax/ Latham/ Florey/ Belconnen/ City/ Russell/ Barton/ Woden
- 17, 117, 217 Kippax/ Higgins/ Hawker/ Weetangera/ Belconnen/ City/ Russell/ Barton/ Woden

- 20, 23, 24 Woden/ Mawson/ Farrer/ Isaacs/ O'Malley (Garran/ Hughes/ City 20)
- 21, 22, 91, 92 Woden/ Lyons/ Chifley/ Pearce/ Torrens/ Mawson
- 25, 225, 28, 29, 725 Weston/ Holder/ Duffy/ Stirling/ Rivett/ Campbell Park/ ADFA/ Woden/ Russell/ City
- 26, 126, 27, 227, 75, 725 Rivett/ Chapman/ Stirling/ Fisher/ Coleman Court/ Woden
- 30, 32 Belconnen/ Giralang/ Kaleen/ City/ Russell/ Yarralumla/ Deakin/ Curtin/ Woden
- 31, 32, 37, 47 Belconnen/ Ucan/ Giralang/ Kaleen/ Northbourne Ave/ City/ Yarralumla/ Deakin/ Curtin/ Woden
- 33 Dickson/ Nth Lyneham/ Lyneham/ O'Connor/ Reid/ Campbell/ ADFA/ Campbell Park
- 34 Belconnen/ Uni of Canberra/ Fern Hill/ O'Connor/ Turner/ ANU/ City/ Barton/ Deakin/ Garran/ Woden
- 35 Lyneham/ O'Connor/ Russell/ Baron/ Manuka/ Red Hill/ Narrabundah

- 40,41, 42 Macquarie/ Cook/ Aranda/ ADFA/ Campbell Park
- 43, 243, 45, 46 Belconnen/ Kippax/ Macgregor/ Latham/ Charnwood/ Dunlop/ Fraser/ Flynn/ Melba/ Florey
- 44, 244 Kippax/ Holt/ Higgins/ Belconnen/ City/ Russell/ Barton
- 48 Calvary Hosp/ O'Connor/ Dickson/ Mitchell/ Cemetery
- 49 Belconnen/ Woden Direct Service
- 51, 251, 52, 252 Belconnen/ Federation Square/ Nicholls/ Amaroo/ Ngunnawal/ Gungahlin/ Mitchell/ City/ Russell/ Barton
- 53, 153, 54 755 Belconnen/ Ngunnawal/ Amaroo/ Gungahlin/ City/ Russell/ Barton/ Woden
- 56, 156, 256 Belconnen/ Evatt/ McKellar/ Gungahlin/ Palmerston/ City/ Russell/ Barton/ Woden
- 60, 160, 62, 162 Tuggeranong/ Kambah/ Woden/ City

Look for bus numbers



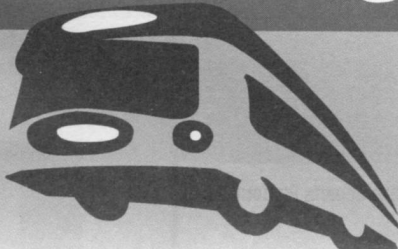
**21, 22, 91, 92**

Buses operate in

**WODEN/LYONS/  
CHIFLEY/PEARCE/  
TORRENS/MAWSON**

See back for detailed route descriptions

**Effective 24 November 2003**

- 36, 39 Watson/ Heritage Pk/ Downer/ Ainslie/ Parkes/ Kingston/ The Causeway/ Red Hill/ Symonston/ Railway
- 38 Dickson/ Hackett/ Ainslie/ City/ Russell/ Kingston/ Griffith/ Narrabundah/ Hospital/ Woden

**WODEN - LYONS - CHIFLEY - PEARCE - MAWSON**

**21**

Woden Bus Interchange  
Chifley  
Southlands Mawson  
Chifley  
Woden Bus Interchange

Look for bus numbers

Departs Platform **15**

For weekend travel refer to Route 91 & 92 timetables

**MONDAY to FRIDAY**

21	.....	.....	6.30a	6.36a	6.43a
21	.....	.....	6.55a	7.01a	7.08a
21	.....	.....	7.27a	7.34a	7.43a
21	7.47a	7.56a	8.03a	8.10a	8.19a
21	8.47a	8.56a	9.03a	9.10a	9.19a
21	9.53a	9.59a	10.06a	10.12a	10.20a
21	10.53a	10.59a	11.06a	11.12a	11.20a
21	11.53a	11.59a	12.06p	12.12p	12.20p
21	12.55p	1.01p	1.08p	1.14p	1.22p
21	1.53p	1.59p	2.06p	2.12p	2.20p
21	2.53p	2.59p	3.06p	3.13p	3.22p
21	3.53p	3.59p	4.06p	4.13p	4.22p
21	4.35p	4.41p	4.48p	4.55p	5.04p
21	5.17p	5.23p	5.30p	5.37p	5.46p
21	5.55p	6.01p	6.08p	6.15p	6.24p
21	6.34p	6.40p	6.47p	6.53p	7.01p
21	7.48p	7.54p	8.00p	8.06p	8.13p
21	9.07p	9.13p	9.19p	9.25p	9.32p
21	10.27p	10.33p	10.39p	10.45p	10.52p

Bus departs Platform **12**

- 61, 161, 64 Oxley/ Monash/ Wanniasa/ Woden/ City
- 63 Tuggeranong/ Monash/ Wanniasa/ Woden/ Campbell Park/ ADFA
- 65,265 Tuggeranong/ Monash/ Isabella Plains/ Richardson/ Gowrie/ Wanniasa/ Woden/ City

- 66 Richardson/ Chisholm/ Gowrie/ Erindal/ Woden
- 67, 267 Tuggeranong/ Isabella Plains/ Richardson/ Gilmore/ Chisholm/ Fadden/ Woden/ Barton / Russell/ City
- 72, 73, 74 Belconnen/ Page/ Weetangara/ Macquarie/ Bruce City/ Turner Community Bus Routes
- 80 Belconnen/ Emu Ridge/ Bruce/ AIS/ City/ Russell/ Railway Stn/ Fyshwick
- 83, 84, 86 Woden/ Hughes/ Deakin/ Yarralumla/ Manuka/ Kingston/ Railway Station/ Fyshwick
- 85, 87 Lanyon/ Conder/ Banks/ Gordon/ City (Peak Express)
- 170 Monash/ Gowrie/ Wanniasa/ Woden/ City (Peak Express)
- 268, 269 Banks/ Conder/ Gordon/ Chisholm/ Theodore/ Richardson/ Gilmore/ Isabella Plains/ Calwell/ City (Peak Express)

In conjunction with the above new pocket size (8cm wide by 14.5cm high) timetables, there were also three brochures dated 24/11/03:-

*Great news for Weston Creek* setting out changes in the route 25 and 26 timetables above.

*Great news for Gungahlin* setting out changes in the route 51, 53 and 56 timetables above.

*New bus timetables begin 24/11/2003* listing the 41 new timetables - including one for Intertown Links which is not listed above.

Illustrations – Courtesy Ian Cooper

## NSW - Sydney

**Baxters** New timetables from 24 November 2003 for:

810 Merrylands-South Wentworthville-Parramatta  
811/813/815 Parramatta-Greystanes-Merrylands  
812 Merrylands – Merrylands West

There is a *Harris Park & RoseHill Bus Guide* dated July 2003 which includes all trips between Granville and Parramatta on 902/903/904/905 (Rose Hill-Parramatta in the case of 904).

Presumably replaces the combined 902/903/905/910 dated 4 January 1999 . (The new one does not show route 910).

**Busways Gosford to Kariong** (Routes 33-34) timetables start - Saturday 29 November 2003. Buses will no longer travel via Old Sydney Town/Australian Reptile Park. Times of some trips changed slightly as a result. In addition, on weekdays, the 1347 from Gosford to Kariong and the 1427 trip from Gosford to Somersby were amalgamated into a single trip at 1417, running to Kariong then Somersby. On Sundays and public holidays, the 1517 trip from Gosford to Kariong and return via Old Sydney Town will be discontinued. These timetables were letterboxed to affected residents.

The other four Busways Gosford timetables (Kincumber Bus Book, Peninsula Bus Book, Routes 36/37/38 and 67/68) have also been reissued still dated 9 November 2002 but also show 'Reprinted Nov 03'. They contain only minor changes.

As from Wednesday 17 December 2003, **Busways route 740 Blacktown-Glenwood** buses will operate via Malvern Road, Glenwood instead of Meurants Lane between Sunnyholt Road and Glenwood Park Drive (west leg). This is a result of altered traffic arrangements at the intersection of Sunnyholt Road and Meurants Lane, which will only allow left hand turns into and out of Meurants Lane. The timetable for Route 740 buses will remain unaltered however passengers who board or alight from Route 740 buses in Glenwood Park Drive (west leg) between Meurants Lane and Malvern Road have to remember that buses will traverse this section of roadway about 10 minutes later than previously, that is, after the bus has proceeded around the rest of the Glenwood Park Drive/Meurants Lane loop.

**Campbelltown area, new timetables for routes 887, 889 and 891** started Saturday 6 December 2003. Following the recent opening of the extension of Kellerman Dr (St Helens Park South) through to Appin Rd, all route 887 and 889 Campbelltown to Rosemeadow and St Helens Park South buses run in a loop via Fitzgibbon Lane, Kellerman Dr and Copperfield Dr. As a result, the daytime frequency of buses along Kellerman Dr to and from Macarthur Square and Campbelltown will improve to 4 per hour on Mondays-Saturdays and 2 per hour on Sundays & Public Holidays.

Route 891 Campbelltown to Glen Alpine, an adjusted timetable will apply during the afternoons and evenings Mondays to Fridays.

**Sydney Buses New timetables** issued:

- 111 *Sydney Explorer* , October 2003
- 130 *Pumpkin Bus* pocket timetable in orange and blue
- 135 Manly Wharf to Manly Hospital, version 1 #175133
- 143,144, 250, E50 Manly - Chatswood District – Old format, #175331
- 187-190 Pittwater District – Old format, #175356
- 201/263 Crows Nest and Cammeray to City - version 5, # 174698
- 257, 272/3 Willoughby – version 1, #175299 (appeared on website 16/11/03)
- 252-4, 286/7/8, 290/1/4 Pacific Highway, version 3, #174078
- 288-291, 294, 296 Epping Rd to City - version 3, # 174334



- 295 North Epping to Macquarie Park - version 3, # 174094
- 308 Marrickville Metro to Millers Point - version 6, # 174722
- Pocket timetable 314-316-317 Common Services between Randwick and Bondi Junction
- 413 Campsie to City via Ashbury - version 8, # 174763
- 415 Burwood to Campsie, version 8, #174771
- 443 Pyrmont, version 2, #1751832
- 474, 476-7 Miranda/Dolls Point to Rockdale - version 3, # 175042 - effective October 2003
- 515/X15 Eastwood to City, version 4, #174003
- 523-4 Parramatta to Ryde – version 4, effective December 2003, #174300
- 536 Gladesville to Chatswood, version 6, effective December 2003, #174029

Unless indicated all in TG format and effective or revised November 2003.

**The Manly Late Night Summer Pumpkin Bus** re-commenced Friday 21 Nov 2003 as one part of the Manly Safe Summer Campaign. Route 130, commences from Gilbert Park, Belgrave Street, Manly (opposite Manly Police Station) and follows the existing 130. Route 131 operates on Sunday to Fairlight, Balgowlah Heights, Clontarf, Seaforth and Balgowlah.

The **NW Region Guide map** on STA's website is now dated 28 October 2003 and includes routes 547 and 441, 442 and 443 (although as old loop route). The Macquarie inset map shows 'daytime services' only. All terminus points are indicated by a T in a circle. Post Office locations are shown. Areas outside of STA's operating area are shown as 'Sydney Buses Services do not operate in this area'

**New route 430** commenced on 27 December operating from Queen Victoria Building to Walsh Bay via George and Argyle Streets, Dalgety Road, Towns Place to Hickson Road.

Departing Walsh Bay (Hickson Rd):  
*Monday to Friday* at 0700, 0730, 0800 then every 20 minutes until 2040, then at 2110, 2140, 2210, 2240; *Saturday* at 0900 then every 30 minutes until 2030; *Sunday/Holidays* at 1000 then every 30 minutes until 1900.

Departing QVB (George St):  
*Monday to Friday* at 0641, 0711, 0741, 0811, 0831, 0851, 0911, 0931, 0954 then every 20 minutes until 1554, 1615 then every 20 minutes until 1815, then at 1833, 1851, 1911, 1931, 1951, 2008, 2028, 2048, 2118, 2148, 2218; *Saturday* at 0841 then every 30 minutes until 1741, 1808 then every 30 minutes until 2208; *Sunday/ Holidays* at 0940 then every 30 minutes until 1740, then at 1808, 1838.

This will only be effective until 1 February 2004 when the 430 will be integrated with the Glebe/Balmmain routes 431 and 433.

Effective Saturday 27 December 2003 the **Saturday morning 508** service from Drummoyne Avenue to Drummoyne Shops no longer operates. No change to Monday to Friday services.

**Route 512** ceased from Monday 22 December 2003. Alternative services from Ryde to Gladesville Wharf are available on Victoria Road.

Effective Monday 22 December 2003 the following weekday trips will not operate:

**Route 542:** 1135 North Ryde to Eastwood; 1301 Eastwood to North Ryde;

**Route 543:** 0745 Marsden High to West Ryde; 10:06 Eastwood to West Ryde; 1201 Eastwood to West Ryde; 1237 West Ryde to Eastwood (all other trips will operate school days only);

**Route 549:** 1130 Eastwood to Marsfield; 1150 Marsfield to Eastwood also other services between Marsfield and Eastwood will operate on school days only.

**Transit First (Westway)** has released a new **Liverpool District Timetable** commencing Monday 1st December 2003. Notable changes have occurred after 6pm on Weekdays, Saturdays and to Sandy Point Connection Services. The new timetables includes:

860 Liverpool - Bankstown

861 Liverpool - Chipping Norton

862 Liverpool - Holsworthy

863 Liverpool - Holsworthy

**Westbus - Services in the Fairfield, Cabramatta and Liverpool** areas underwent some service and minor route changes commencing on Monday 24th November 2003. The changes follow a review of services provided by Westbus' Bonnyrigg Depot and have been implemented to improve running times and punctuality and improve utilisation of resources. The opening of the Liverpool to Parramatta T-way earlier this year saw the need for operators to co-ordinate all services to link with the T-way thus providing customers with improved local service integration in the area. Some routes and services remain unchanged however the major changes are as follows:

- 824 · Combined with 831 to form a cross-suburban link between Cabramatta Station and Fairfield Station via Wakeley
- 826 and 828 · divert to connect with T-way at Prairiewood and Bonnyrigg Stations, all buses now pass the Fairfield and Braeside Hospital entrances in Prairie Vale Road
- 829 · connects with Liverpool – Parramatta T-way at Wetherill Station and Victoria Station
- 830 · Daytime services between Canley Vale (Sackville Street) and Fairfield Station cancelled – replaced by new 831

- 831 · Combined with 824 to form a link between Cabramatta and Fairfield Stations via Wakeley, in Fairfield changed to improve accessibility for residents in Sackville Street and connects with T-way at Bonnyrigg Station, residents of Wakeley and Sackville Street now receive an hourly Sunday service
- 832 and 834 combined with route 833
- 833 now full-time, linking Cabramatta and Cecil Hills via Mt Pritchard and connects with T-way at Brown Station
- 836 · No change to route, connects with Liverpool – Parramatta T-way at Brown Station, additional am peak Cecil Hills to Liverpool service to replace cancelled route 837
- 837 · cancelled · alternative services provided on 833 to Cabramatta Station and transfer to train; or 833 to Brown Station and transfer to T-way

There were also minor changes to the times and routes of some school bus services.

New timetables (all version 11/03):

- 800 Liverpool, Canley Heights, Wakeley, Stockland Mall, Smithfield, Parramatta
- 825 Fairfield, Hamilton Road, Fairfield West, Greenfield Park
- 826 Cabramatta, Edensor Park, Abbotsbury, Stockland Mall, Fairfield
- 827 Cabramatta, Edensor Park, Bossley Park, Stockland Mall, Fairfield
- 828/829 Fairfield to Horsley Park/Fairfield to Wetherill Park via Smithfield & Chifley St
- 830 Liverpool, Cabramatta, Fairfield, Blacktown, Kellyville, Castle Hill
- 831 Cabramatta, Cabramatta West, Bonnyrigg, Bonnyrigg Plaza, Wakeley, Fairfield
- 833 Cabramatta, Mt. Pritchard, Bonnyrigg Heights, Cecil Hills
- 835/836 Liverpool to Penrith via Mt. Vernon & UWS Werrington South/Liverpool to Badgery's Creek

Westbus has uploaded **revised route maps and the Fairfield Region Guide** to their website, reflecting the above changes.

**Western Sydney Buses (STA)** new T-Way timetable, effective 23 November 2003, is now in DL size when folded, glossy paper with Prairiewood Station on the cover. Titled: 'Timetable Guide: Your guide to bus services operating along the Liverpool to Parramatta Transitway.' No major changes to service frequencies. Published by TransitGraphics – STA document number 131103. However, it is very different to a conventional TG timetable. The trip times read downwards for a start and there is no street map - still a train style map.

## ***New South Wales Country***

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**Twyford's Bega Buses.** Latest timetable is dated January 2003 (with the 2003 changed from 2002 by hand)

**Toronto Buses** has issued a new timetable for their Southern Services, dated 15 July 2003.

**Port Stephens Buses** have issued new timetables for:

- Fingal Bay - Newcastle and local Nelson Bay services, dated 2003 / 2004, version 01 (same A5 format as previously)
- Nelson Bay - Sydney, dated 1 December 2003 (A4 sheet folded twice). The route has changed to go via Raymond Terrace rather than through Newcastle.
- Newcastle Airport – Newcastle timetable dated 2003/2004 - not a new service but a separate timetable that shows all route 130 (Newcastle – Anna Bay) diversions that run via the Airport. Timetable is printed on a yellow card.

The **Berrima Coaches** website indicates that a new timetable for routes 806, 812 and 813 was issued in August 2003.

Also *The Summer Bus* timetable mentioned last month is dated 3/10/2003 – 3/2/2004 and 24/12/2003 and 31/12/2003 and operates Fridays and Saturdays only:

from East Bowral to Bowral CBD loop at 2230, 0030 and 0230  
Bowral to Moss Vale at 2300 and 0100  
Bowral to Mittagong at 2345 and 0045

**Martins Albury** The timetable for route 908 Albury - Thurgoona is now dated 19 Feb 2003 and now shows a route number.

**University of Wollongong** has now issued a transport guide which includes map, Bus frequency guide, University Campus Shuttle and detailed suburb listing (includes some southern Sydney suburbs). It is dated November 2003.

## ***Queensland - Brisbane***

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**Brisbane Transport** have made a number of changes to their South East Busway services from 5th November 2003. On Route 111 weekday service departure times from Queen St Bus Station between 1500 and 1720 have been slightly altered to provide a more even spread of departures. On Route 130 a new service departs from Queen St Bus Station at 1538 to provide additional capacity on this route and the 1541 service from Turton St, Sunnybank to Parkinson was discontinued.

New timetables:

- 111, 133, 160 Translink City - Eight Mile Plains Busway Service; City - Sunnybank Busway

Service; City - Garden City Busway Service. 5 November 2003 (TT numbered TT111)

- 129, 130, 131, 132, 136 Algester - City (Rocket); Algester (Ridgewood Rd) - City Cityxpress; Algester (Algester Rd) - City (Rocket); Algester - Garden City Community Bus; Algester-Garden City - City Precincts. 5 November 2003 (TT numbered TT130)
- 129, 130, 131, 133, 140, 141, 151 Corridor timetable for Calam Road & Mains Road Corridor, Sunnybank Hills and Sunnybank to the City. Shows times for these services only between Sunnybank Hills and the City. 5 November 2003 (TT numbered TTC01)

On Monday 8 December 2003, the Lord Mayor Cr Tim Quinn announced an immediate **Service investment package**. This sits within a proposed Four - Year Service Development Plan for Brisbane Transport for which major elements are:

- Measures to improve reliability
- High frequency "no timetable needed" bus routes
- Integration & cross-town measures
- Other population & market growth initiatives

No Timetable Needed Bus Routes

- Operate 7 days per week 0600 – 2330
- Every 10 minutes or better in the peak
- Every 15 minutes in the off-peak
- To be known as BUZ (Bus Upgrade Zones) routes

Phase 1 Investment is \$3.8m p.a. from Council and \$2.3m p.a. from the State Government over the next 3 months:

- Extra services on the South East Busway
- Timetable adjustments on 19 south-east routes to enhance reliability
- Route 130 Algester CityXpress upgraded to "No Timetable Needed" service
- Introduction of Sunday service on Route 215 Belmont/Tingalpa CityXpress
- Introduction of weeknight trips on Route 130
- Introduction of "No Timetable Needed" Route 333 between Chermside & the City, using the Inner Northern Busway
- Routes 330/31 & 340/41 non-stop between Chermside & RBH, and operating via the Inner Northern Busway
- New Stafford Rocket, using the Inner Northern Busway
- New peak service New Farm - West End
- Route 370 divided into Brookside - City & Chermside - City services
- Additional services between West Ashgrove & the City using the Waterworks Rd T2 lanes
- Additional services to UQ
- Introduction of weeknight and weekend services on Route 100
- Additional trips on Routes 454, 460 & 461

**Clarks Logan City Bus Services** have issued a Springwood Bus Station Departures Quick Reference Guide effective 1st September 2003. This shows the departure times of all of Clarks services from the new Springwood Bus Station.

**Coachtrans** have issued a new undated timetable for their Brisbane Roma Street Transit Centre to Brisbane Airport service. While the timetable issued shows no date it became effective 1 September 2003. Most times appear the same as the previous timetable.

**National Bus Company** updated some of their timetables effective November 2002 and these previously unreported ones are shown in the list below:

- 2,3, 12,13 Koala Park to City via Cleveland; Koala Park to Carindale via Cleveland (and to City in Peak); Cleveland to Capalaba via Alexandra Hills; Redlands Hospital, Cleveland to Capalaba via Alexandra Hills. August 2002.
- 4, 4X Maridale Park to Capalaba; Maridale Park to City peak hour service. November 2002. (note this route does not operate to Garden City and Griffith Uni).
- Capalaba - Sheldon loop. November 2002.
- Cleveland - Koala Park - Redland Bay - Carbrook - Logan Hyperdome. November 2002.
- Capalaba - Gumdale - Wynnum. November 2002.
- Capalaba - Garden City - Griffith Uni - QEII hospital. November 2002.
- Capalaba - Degan Rd - Wentworth Drive - Capalaba. November 2002.
- QR Citytrain Trainlink Birkdale Station - Capalaba. Undated but 2nd June 2003.

The **2004 Greater Brisbane School Transport Directory** published by Qld Transport has been issued and is being distributed through BCC offices, libraries and Qld Transport Customer Service Centres. It is an A4 size using newsprint paper which is a step down from the glossy paper used in the 2003 Directory. An interesting inclusion in this edition is that in the list of operators it now includes some of the schools which operate their own buses such as Groves Christian College, Kingston; Northpine Christian College, Dakabin and Southside Christian College, Salisbury. The list of operators also includes operators of buses for special needs students. No timetables are shown in the directory but readers are directed to the TransInfo web site where timetables for many services can be printed off.

## ***Queensland Country***

**Capricorn Sunbus** introduced a new timetable effective December 2002 which included Route 3 Glenmore - City - West Rockhampton and Route 12 Uni Lodge - University - Uni Lodge. New

timetable: Rockhampton town services - Routes 1, 2, 3, 4A, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12. December 2002.

**Magnetic Island Bus Service** New Horseshoe Bay – Picnic Bay timetable dated 1 December 2003 (not suburban but definitely not long distance!)

**Surfside** have made a number of changes to their services due to an increase in traffic congestion. Route 2 now provides more night services to Mudgeeraba and the Hinterlink bus service ceased from 15 November. Route 2 was extended to operate some of the services previously operated by the Hinterlink service. On Route 11 some services are now operating earlier to avoid missing connections with trains at Robina.

New timetables:

- 1A Tweed Heads - Palm Beach - Burleigh Heads - Pacific Fair - Surfers Paradise - Southport - Harbourtown – Helensvale Railway Station - Wet'n'Wild - Movieworld - Dreamworld. 15 December 2003.
- Mudgeeraba - Robina - Pacific Fair - Jupiters Casino - Surfers Paradise - Seaworld. 17 November 2003.
- Oxenford - Helensvale - Arundel - Southport - Surfers Paradise - Pacific Fair - Burleigh Heads. 15 December 2003.
- Trainlink Service. Robina Station – Robina Town Centre - Burleigh Heads - Tweed heads - Kingscliff. 20th October 2003.
- 18, 18A. Southport - Ashmore - Bundall - Florida Gardens - Pacific Fair; Southport - Ashmore - Molendinar. 15<sup>th</sup> December 2003.
- 20, 20A. Southport - Nerang - Carrara; Southport - Nerang - Pacific Fair. 15th December 2003.
- 22 Trainlink Service. Nerang Station - Pacific Fair - Jupiters Casino - Surfers Paradise. 15th December 2003.

## **Victoria - Melbourne**

**Dyson's (East West) Epping – South Morang** - by Government direction part of route 571 will become the new Epping - Civic Drive - Plenty Valley Shops *Train Link* until the line is extended to South Morang. The new 571 timetable, dated 8 December 2003, is a red, black and white format similar to the second Dyson's format. The service will connect with almost every train arriving/departing Epping.

Approximate Frequencies between Plenty Valley and Epping Station will be:

*Weekdays:* 0420 – 0600 every 30 mins; 0600 – 0900 every 15 mins; 0900 – 1600 every 20 mins (slightly better/worse in cases, there is even a bus departing Epping for Plenty Valley at 1305, 1311 & 1316); 1600 – 1930 every 15 mins; 1930 - 0100 every 30 mins

*Saturdays* 0445 – 0730 every 30 mins; 0730 – 2000 every 20 mins; 2000 - 0100 every 30 mins  
*Sundays* 0700 - 0945 every 30 mins; 0945 - 2000 every 20 mins; 2000 - 0050 every 40 mins

Between South Morang & Plenty Village shops isn't part of Trainlink but on weekdays about 50% of 571 trips until 2130 run to South Morang, then a wait until the final bus at 0050. However almost every weekend trip runs to South Morang, including at night. The other end of 571 to Campbellfield (used to be referred to as Somerton) is still only served approx hourly  
*Weekdays* 0630 – 1800, but some afternoon trips now run up to 30 mins different than previous.

**Grenda's** has issued a new timetable for **802, 804 and 862 (Dandenong to Chadstone)** effective 10th November 2003 in the new table layout. It also features a revised map which shows more accurate zone boundaries & slightly better detail. Another change is that the Clayton timepoint has been removed (this timepoint was only located one stop from the Monash Uni timepoint!). The travel time between Monash Uni and Oakleigh remains the same, at 12 mins.

Grenda's has reissued the **811/2 Timetable Route 811/812 (Dandenong-Brighton)**, a service jointly operated by Grenda's Bus Service and Moorabbin Transit has a new timetable dated 3/11/03. Of interest it has been printed in the first format of the Grenda Corp Orange and White timetable. It still has the PTC style table format as well as a route description (instead of train style table format & a general info section). There doesn't seem to be any changes to times.

Grenda's have reissued their **route 813/815 Dandenong - Waverley Gardens/Noble Park** timetable dated 27th October 2003. There are no changes to the timetable but it is in the new table format.

**Invicta United alteration to 663** timetable as from 22 December 2003 the bus timetabled to depart Mt. Evelyn at 0845 to Monbulk will be departing at 0840 to enable a better connection at Belgrave with the train. Doubt a new booklet will be issued

**Kastoria Bus Lines new 476 Moonee Ponds - Hillside** dated 1st December 2003, mainly revised times and travel times between Watergardens & Hillside on weekdays, with buses arriving Hillside 5 mins earlier and departing Hillside 5 mins earlier, but then as previously from Watergardens to Moonee Ponds. Some services also depart Watergardens for Hillside 5 mins later, which allows improved train connections. There are also revisions made to morning peak services between Hillside & Niddrie, with departures up to 5 mins earlier.

The rail arrivals from City at Watergardens on Weekdays have been corrected. In both version 1 and 2 of the 20/1/03 TT the incorrect times were shown and were covered with the correct details. However the Saturday timetable to Moonee Ponds still shows incorrect times for trains from Watergardens to the City.

**National Bus Company** timetable booklet No 16 be reissued as from 19 January 2004 with the introduction of a new route 340 which will replace some route 350 trips. The 350 will operate limited pick-up/set-down, 340 will pick-up/set-down at all bus stops and will operate via the same route as 350 does currently.

350 - Morning peak hour (0620 to 0835) Latrobe Uni to city will operate pick up only from Waterdale Rd/ Barnes Way to Grange Rd/ Christmas St. Then from Johnston/Hoddle sts, will set down only to flinders street station. Afternoon peak hour (1555 to 1810) City to Latrobe Uni will pick up only from the City to Grange Rd/ Christmas St and then set down only to Waterdale/ Crissane Rds.

New timetables were released for **Ventura Nightrider Croydon and Bayswater services** from Saturday the 13th December 2003 (the Dandenong NightRider remains unchanged). Timetables are printed in a similar format to the last one, however now shown as run by Ventura and not Mount Dandenong Passenger Service. There are major changes to routes, especially the Bayswater service.

Re-prints of the Ventura timetables:

- 704 (East Clayton-Oakleigh) (effective 17th April 1997, reprinted 2-10-03)
- 733 (Oakleigh-Box Hill) (effective Feb 1997, reprinted 2-10-03)
- 738 (Mitcham-Knox City) (effective March 24 2003, reprinted 2-10-03)

The changes are mainly showing the latest low floor with ramps (LR) trip times. The charter advert has been removed from 733 TT, while the 738 again shows the Mitcham rail connections.

**Westrans Altona** released new bus timetables on Monday 10th November for  
413 Laverton - Hoppers Crossing  
414 Laverton South - Footscray  
415 Aircraft - Williamstown

The changes to the services include improvements to the Monday to Friday services on the 414 Laverton South - Laverton - Footscray. Improvements to the Monday to Friday and Saturday services on the 415 Laverton - Altona - Williamstown (via Civic Parade). All show cover dates of October 2003 but were effective from 10th November.

## **Victoria – Country**

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**Peninsula Bus Lines.** New timetable routes 781 (Frankston – Mt Martha) / 784 (Mornington – Osborne) 1 December 2003.

**Portsea Passenger Service** will be operating a special holiday bus service between Sorrento Ferry Terminal and Gunnamatta Surf Beach via Portsea and Rye named *Surf and Turf*. The first trip departs Sorrento at 0750 and then every 120 minutes until 1550. This service will operate from 20 December to 26 January inclusive except for Christmas Day.

## **Western Australia**

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**TransPerth Route and timetable changes** effective 7 December 2003 to the following services:

- 105: This service will be deleted due to changes in patronage trends and replaced by services on routes 160 and 142.
- 111, 148, 158: Timetable changes.
- 141: Timetable changes between Fremantle and Coolbellup via Hamilton Hill. Due to a decline in patronage, the service will be reduced to an hourly service on weekdays. There will be other minor timetable changes to the service Monday to Saturday.
- 142: This service has been extended to Booragoon Bus Station to cover the portion of route 105 between Fremantle and Booragoon via Hilton. A revised timetable has been introduced to accommodate this.
- 160: This service will now cover route 105 from East Perth to Booragoon via Mt Pleasant. A revised timetable has been introduced to accommodate this.
- 161: Minor route and timetable changes. The route will travel normal route from Mandurah Bus Station to Pinjarra Rd where it will then turn right into Wanjeep St (instead of Ranceby Ave) and right into the Northern end of Steerforth Dr before resuming normal route to Peel Parade.
- 163: Timetable changes affecting services extending to and from Furnissdale.
- 164, 165, 167: Minor timetable changes.
- 867: Two additional trips will be provided each way on weekdays. These additional services will depart Perth City Busport at 0902 and 1102 and Mandurah Bus Station at 1342 and 1527. Approximate journey time for these services is 1 hour.

Recent Perth timetable booklets are:

### *South Eastern*

6            2 November 2003  
9            9 November 2003  
17          9 November 2003

### *Western*

34          7 December 2003

35	7 December 2003	delete Route 105		314, 315, 324, 325, add 36, 296, 299
36	7 December 2003	delete Route 106		
39	7 December 2003		104	12 August 2003
42		Delete reference to route 6	105	03 August 2003
			110	31 August 2003
			<i>Southern</i>	
41	15 June 2003		116	07 December 2003
43	18 May 03		121	07 December 2003
<i>Northern</i>			122	07 December 2003
57	27 July 2003		123	23 March 2003
63	21 September 2003		124	07 December 2003
65	04 May 2003		125	09 November 2003
66	02 November 2003		126	03 March 2003
67	30 November 2003		128	09 November 2003
69	23 November 2003		130	14 September 2003
70	07 December 2003		<i>Cats</i>	
71	23 November 2003		Blue/	10 February 2003
72	15 June 2003		Red/	
<i>Eastern</i>			Yellow	
95	10 August 2003		Fre-	14 December 2003
97	26 October 03	delete route 731, add 720	mantle	
100	16 November 2003			Includes Maritime Museum
87	09 November 2003	delete routes		

Note the first column in the table above is a booklet number.



## Long Distance Bus

### National

Timetable changes occurred on the following **McCaffertys Greyhound** services.

Effective 17 November 2003:

- New seasonal service MC443 will commence operation Brisbane to Townsville

Effective 18 November 2003:

- New seasonal service MC448 will commence operation Townsville to Brisbane
- Service GX407 Airlie Beach to Townsville sector will cease operation
- Service GX416 will be extended from Airlie Beach to Mackay
- Service GX409 will be extended from Mackay to Airlie Beach

Effective 1 December 2003:

- Service MC242 Sydney to Brisbane will be departing at an earlier time
- Service MC401 Brisbane to Cairns will be departing at an earlier time
- Service GX403 Brisbane to Cairns will be departing at a later time
- Service MC404 Brisbane to Cairns will be departing at an earlier time
- Service MC411 Cairns to Brisbane will no longer service the domestic or international airports

### NSW

From Friday 19th December, **Deane's Buslines will commence their first ever "Summer Bus" late night bus services.**

Services operate between Bega - Merimbula - Tura Beach- Merimbula and Eden - Pambula - Pambula Beach - Pambula and Merimbula. This is the first year for Summer Bus and is only a trial at this stage, and that explains the low frequency. Services operate Friday and Saturday Nights Only

*Bega- Merimbula- Tura- Merimbula:*

Bega, Church Street- 1820; Wolumla, Shop-1835; Merimbula, Twyford Hall-1850; Cnr Sapphire Coast Dr and Pacific Way-1900; Cnr Headland Drive-1902; Hakea Place-1905; Surf Circle and Banksia-1910; Tura Shops-1913; Merimbula, Twyford Hall-1920

*Eden Pambula Beach - Pambula- Merimbula:*

Eden, Twofold Arcade-1820; Pambula Beach Bus Shelter-1852; Opp. Pambula Post Office-1901; Merimbula-1907

*Merimbula - Tura ; Merimbula – Bega:*

Merimbula, CentrePoint-2015; Tura Shops-2022 Surf Circle and Banksia-2025; Hakea Place-2030 Cnr. Headland Drive-2033; Cnr. Sapphire Coast Dr and Pacific Way- 2035; Merimbula Centrepoint -2045; Wolumla Shop-2300; Bega, Church Street-2315

*Merimbula - Pambula - Pambula Beach – Eden:*

Merimbula, Twyford Hall-2300; Pambula Post Office-2307; Pambula Beach Bus Shelter-2312; Eden, Twofold Arcade- 2340.

**Transborder** Yass - Canberra - new timetable commenced 3 November 2003. Slight variations of a couple of minutes for some trips

## Queensland

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The **Airport Flyer Service** from Toowoomba - Gatton - Brisbane Airport have issued a new timetable effective 3rd March 2003. Pick ups and set downs are now being offered to outlying districts of Toowoomba such as Highfields, Hodgson Vale, Westbrook, Cabarlah, Kingsthorpe and Oakey. The Airport Flyer Services operate daily except Saturday.



**Australian Airlines (AO)** announced that new services from Singapore to Darwin twice a week from 5 May 2004. Flights AO7881 from Cairns to Singapore on Thursdays and Saturdays and AO7882 to Cairns on Wednesdays and Sundays will stop at Darwin. This will mean AO operating 52 flights a week to six countries.

**Norfolk Jet (YE)** will introduce a n additional Tuesday service from 2 March 2. YE333 will leave Brisbane 0730, arrive on Norfolk Island at 1115, returning as YE332, leaving 1150 and arriving in Sydney at 1420. It will then return as YE331, departing Sydney at 1515 and arriving Norfolk Island at 1815, returning to Brisbane as YE334, departing 1900 and getting in at 2000.

**Pacific Blue (DJ)** plans to launch direct Sydney-Wellington and Sydney-Christchurch services from March 10. The low-cost carrier takes off on January 29 with services between Brisbane and Christchurch, followed on March 4 with the launch of a Melbourne-Christchurch service.

**Thai International (TG)** has issued a new timetable effective 26 October 2003 until 27 March 2004 for Australia/ New Zealand services. There are now 5 direct flights a week from Australia to Phuket 3 from Sydney/Melbourne and two from Perth – all continue to Bangkok giving a total of 26 weekly services to Bangkok. The 24 page book also contains a summary of Thai's Asian and domestic services as well as aircraft and other information.

**Virgin Blue (DJ)** has announced from February 2004 it will increase capacity in and out of

**Brisbane2Byron Bay express.** Brisbane - Byron Bay new timetable 26th October 2003 (Daylight Saving timetable). Nothing silly about the name!

**Kirklands.** Brisbane - Byron Bay - Lismore. (NSW Routes 610/611) new timetable 15 December 2003.

**Premier Motor Service** have introduced an additional service from Brisbane to Cairns from Monday 17th November 2003 departing Brisbane at 1000 daily arriving Cairns 1630 the following day. An additional service departs Cairns at 1330 daily arriving Brisbane 0700 the following day. It is believed that a new timetable booklet has been issued effective November 2003 however one has not yet been sighted, only an A4 page with the times of the Cairns services on them.

**Young's Coaches.** Capricorn bus services Rockhampton - Yeppoon. New timetable 23 August 2003.

Canberra following on-going demand and strong forward bookings for existing flights to Brisbane, the Gold Coast and Melbourne. The new flights will take the number of daily Canberra flights on peak days to 9 and represents a 27% increase in capacity for the Canberra market.

The enhanced schedule includes:

*Canberra-Brisbane:* An increase from 2 direct daily flights to 3 direct flights per day with an 2000 evening departure from Brisbane to Canberra.

*Canberra-Gold Coast:* the number of weekly flights will increase from 1 to 3, with the new flights taking off on Monday and Wednesday as well as the existing Saturday flight.

*Canberra-Melbourne:* Direct flights increase from 2 to 3 daily flights to Melbourne with a new early morning flight from Canberra to Melbourne. The new schedule offers more connections to Hobart, Perth, Launceston, Sunshine Coast and Adelaide and also is in response to the strong preference of the local market for an aircraft that starts the day in Canberra to minimise the delays related to fog at certain times of the year. On Thursday, Friday and Sunday Virgin Blue will operate 4 daily flights between Canberra and Melbourne to cater for increased demand on these peak days.



# Ferries

## New South Wales

**Matilda Cruises** a newer version of their Cruises brochure has been picked up date Sept 2003.

**Palm Beach Ferries** commenced a new service on the 26th December to 31 January 2004 from Palm Beach - Wagstaff (25 minutes after Palm Beach)- Hardys Bay (30 minutes) - Woy Woy (45 minutes) with four return trips a day starting at 1030, 1230, 1430 & 1630 from Palm Beach and 1130 , 1330, 1530 & 1730from Woy Woy. If at the end of January it has proved to be a success, they will take steps to make it permanent.

## Victoria

**VicFerries** began a peak-hour commuting service between **Portarlington and Port Melbourne** on 7 December 2003. The *Eye Spy* provides a 45-minute trip. Weekend services include a tourist route with stops at Queenscliff, Rye, Frankston and Sorrento. The service will not serve Mornington until late December due to pier reconstruction. A one-way fare from Portarlington costs \$12. Bellarine Peninsula residents had to catch a bus into Geelong before catching a train Melbourne, taking almost two hours. The service will operate for six months before returning in November 2004, depending public demand.

The following is the Weekday Timetable for December:

Arrive	Depart	Location
	0630	Port Melbourne
0715	0730	Portarlington
0815	0900	Port Melbourne
1000	1015	Queenscliff
1030	1045	Sorrento
1100	1115	Rye
1145	1200	Mornington
1245	1300	Port Melbourne
1345	1400	Mornington
1430	1445	Rye
1500	1515	Sorrento
1530	1545	Queenscliff
1700	1800	Port Melbourne
1845	1900	Portarlington
1930	1945	Queenscliff
2000	2015	Sorrento
2030	2045	Rye
2115	2130	Mornington
2215		Port Melbourne

December Weekend timetable:

	0900	Port Melbourne
1000	1015	Queenscliff
1030	1045	Sorrento
1100	1115	Rye
1145	1200	Mornington
1215	1230	Frankston
1310	1400	Port Melbourne

Arrive	Depart	Location
1440	1445	Frankston
1500	1515	Mornington
1545	1600	Rye
1615	1630	Sorrento
1645	1700	Queenscliff
1800	1830	Port Melbourne
1930	1945	Mornington
2000	2015	Frankston
2100	2115	Port Melbourne
2215	2230	Mornington
2245	2300	Frankston
0000		Port Melbourne

## Western Australia

The current South Perth ferry timetable is dated 10 February 2003.

## Geelong Line Timetables

Shown below is a sample of the Geelong line closedown coach timetables. Similar are available for South and North Geelong, North Shore, Corio, Lara and Little River. The closedown is for five weeks and this timetable is only effective for the first week as peak hour requirements will change as more commuters return to work. Buses are scheduled to arrive at existing train times so depart earlier. In the off peak buses will run at existing train times. The colour used is an orange shade. **See also page 6.**

Orange advice, advance warnings

19 / 12 / 03

Date of issue

### Coach Service Update.

**Expect delays followed by improvements**

**Station: Geelong**  
(morning peak weekdays until 8.20am)

**Valid: From 05/01/04 to 09/01/04 inclusive**

Coach Dep.	Stopping Conditions	Estimated Arr. at Spencer St
04 53	North Geelong, North Shore, Corio, Lara, Little River, Werribee, Spencer St.	06 33
05 13	North Geelong, Werribee, Spencer St.	06 33
05 24	North Geelong, North Shore, Corio, Lara, Little River, Werribee, Spencer St.	07 06
05 43	North Geelong, North Shore, Corio, Lara, Little River, Werribee, Spencer St.	07 25
05 46	North Geelong, Werribee, Spencer St.	07 06
06 12	North Geelong, Lara, Werribee, Spencer St.	07 43
06 14	North Geelong, North Shore, Corio, Lara, Little River, Werribee, Spencer St.	08 03
* 06 35	Express to Spencer St	07 43
06 37	North Geelong, Spencer St	07 49
* 06 39	Express to Spencer St	07 49
06 42	North Geelong, North Shore, Corio, Lara, Little River, Werribee, Spencer St.	08 31
06 51	North Geelong, Spencer St	08 03
* 07 21	Express to Spencer St	08 31
07 26	North Geelong, Werribee, Spencer St.	08 46
07 28	North Geelong, Lara, Werribee, Spencer St.	09 05
* 07 36	Express to Spencer St	08 46
* 07 55	Express to Spencer St	09 05

\* Indicates express travel

PLEASE NOTE: All other services depart as per scheduled train timetable. No checked luggage on these services. No North Melbourne stops on these services. Alight at Spencer St Station and catch metro train to North Melbourne. No Footscray and Newport stops on these services. Alight at Werribee Station and catch metro train to Footscray and Newport. During the evening peak (between 4pm and 6:30pm) coaches will travel from North Melbourne to Lara, North Geelong, Geelong and South Geelong. **Your Geelong V/Line ticket will allow you FREE travel on the Metropolitan TRAIN, TRAM and BUS system within the CBD and Zone 1 during this period.**

V/LINE SPENCER STREET COACH MAP ON OTHER SIDE

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