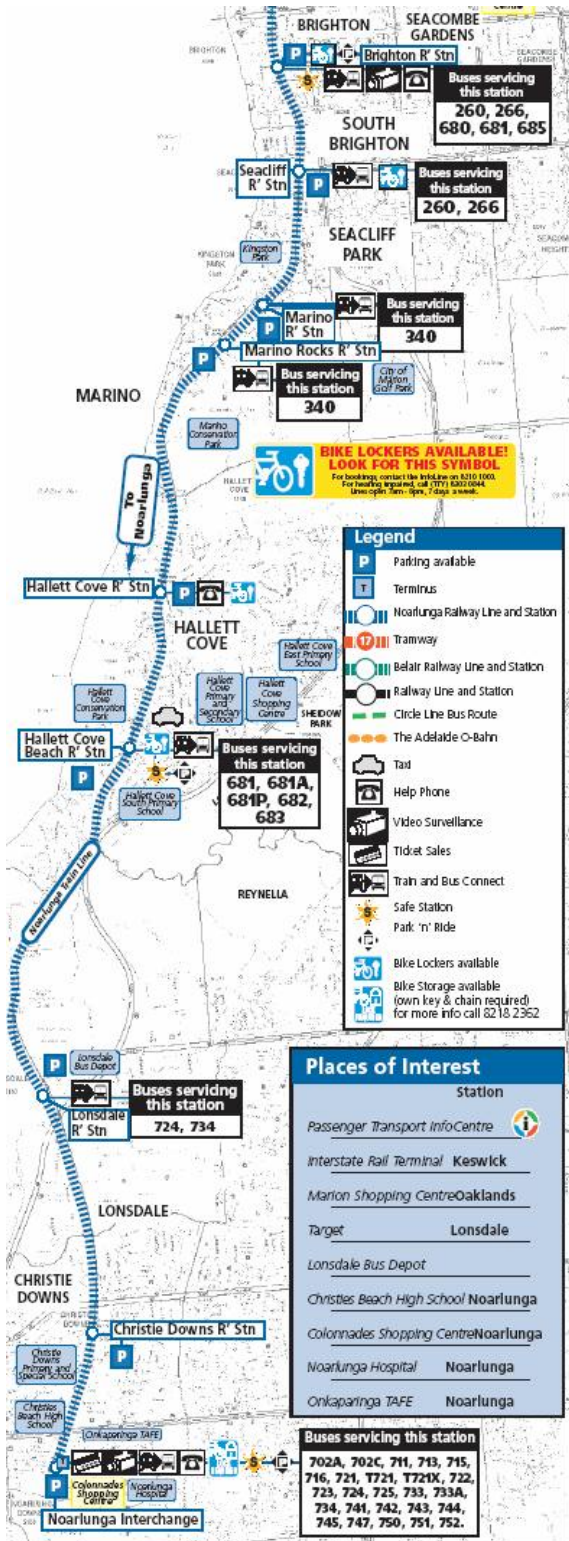




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Too much detail?

This map from Adelaide's latest Noarlunga rail timetable illustrates the problem of trying to include too much information on a topographically correct map. Around each station there's a clutter of symbols but then there large expanses of open space between stations.

The timetable is probably unreadable in all but the best light – too many lines and shades. The completely unnecessary dark blue horizontal shading dominates rather than indicates that the train starts further up the line. Then the little unreadable symbols?



A hyphen would be much clearer.

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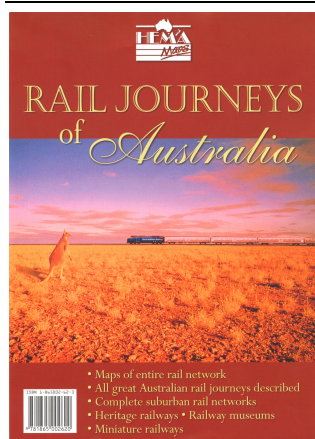
Amendments

Geoff Lambert (*You Wrote: 2003 SRA STNs in Review, Table Talk* Jan 2004, p3) really did mean to say that an STN can be issued up to 3 months **after** the event. Recently the Easter Show 2003 STNs were re-issued for some reason. The editorial team

thought that without an example issuing STNs 'after' seemed not to be logical - even with one it still isn't!

The Ghan departs Alice Springs for Darwin at 1600 on Mondays, not Tuesdays (*Table Talk*, January 2004, p5)

Book Review



Rail Journeys of Australia is published by Hema Maps to coincide with the opening of the Alice Springs to Darwin railway.

On one side it contains a wall sheet map of all Australia's railways indicating all open lines (freight and passenger) by gauge overlaid onto a standard Hema map.

Tourist and 'miniature'

railways are also shown and indexed to reference information printed in the ocean that girts our country. One error detected is that the Western Victoria line from Ararat to Castlemaine is shown as open. The

map is designed to be correct as of February 2004 but does show Ararat and Bairnsdale as prematurely open.

On the reverse, Chris Brownbill's *Australian Rail Maps* have been published to provide detail about metropolitan and state systems. There have been a few scaling problems and there seems to have been major tectonic plate movement in Perth. The index has been lifted straight from the website including instructions to 'click to view details'! There is also some text describing the major rail journeys as might be appropriate for tourists or travellers.

The publication is being sold through Hema distributors for RRP \$12.95. It is good value and well worth adding to your collection. ISBN 1-865002-62-3.

You wrote

Australia's Longest Passenger Train?

From Albert Isaacs

G.S.R.'s first passenger service is expected to be over a kilometre long and is being promoted as:

'Australia's longest ever passenger train'. I am sceptical about that claim and would like to hear from any readers who know of other Australian passenger trains that have been over 1 km in length. I suspect that a promotional Perth-Sydney-Brisbane *Indian Pacific* that ran about ten years ago may fall into this category.

For the Record

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General

Melbourne

Metlink's *Fares and Travel Guide 2004* brochure is now available, again with a red cover. New is a *Using the City Saver Metcard* brochure with a blue cover, which contains information and a map explaining the use of this new ticket for single trips in the CBD and surrounds. Metlink has also printed the *2004 Fares & Travel Guide*, and current editions of *Travelling with a Concession Metcard & Travelling with the Right Metcard* in both Chinese and Vietnamese, in the same format, including current fare prices.

Queensland

Premier Peter Beattie released a \$3.75 billion blueprint for transport services *Linking South-East Queensland*, but less than 1 per cent was for new projects.

The bulk of the measures included in the three-year blueprint have already been announced by the Beattie Government, including \$1.4 billion for the long-awaited integrated ticketing system due to start in July and a \$400 million upgrade of the CityTrain network.

Only \$3 million is new funding directed at improving bus services on the Gold and Sunshine coasts.

On the Gold Coast, a new bus service linking Griffith University with Ashmore, Benowa, Bundall and Broadbeach will begin at a cost of \$500,000 a year.

Existing bus routes on the Sunshine Coast will be reorganised and the number of buses increased by 10 per cent. A re-elected Beattie government will commit an extra \$1.5 million over three years for new

bus services on the Sunshine Coast. Buses will run more frequently to Coolum Heights and Noosa Hospital and new services will begin to Pelican Waters, Kawana Waters and Peregian Springs.

Another \$7 million will be spent to improve bus services in the Petrie to Kippa-Ring corridor under an initiative that was already allocated in the budget but not previously announced.

Mr Beattie, who unveiled the transport policy on the Gold Coast, said the billion-dollar strategy would ensure the transport needs of southeast Queensland were met in the face of an expected population boom.

The funds will be used to reorganise existing routes to provide a more direct, efficient link between Caloundra and the Nambour Hospital via the University of the Sunshine Coast and Buderim.

Beattie says his government will also invest \$3.15 million from the Smart State Building Fund in bus priority works with priorities to be determined in consultation with local councils. The area will also benefit from TransLink, a \$1.4 billion integrated public transport ticketing system which will cover south east Queensland.

Labor's transport blueprint also includes \$135 million for the Inner Northern Busway, \$568 million for road upgrades, park and ride and cycling facilities and safer school transport.

Of the \$400 million allocated to upgrade the urban rail network, \$247 million will be spent on services between Brisbane and the Gold Coast. The Ferny Grove and Caboolture lines will also be upgraded.



Suburban Rail

Sydney

CityRail and **StateRail** are now part of **RailCorp**.

CityRail's Bankstown, Blue Mountains, Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra, and Southern Highlands line timetables were all reprinted August 2003.

The Bankstown Line was closed from Friday 2nd to Friday 16th January 2004. No services operated between Bankstown and Sydenham on weekdays, nor between Cabramatta, Lidcombe and Sydenham on weekends. Unlike other closedowns no bus services were operated to the city; passengers being told to catch a bus to Bexley North (weekdays only), Sydenham or Lidcombe and catch a train. Five bus routes operated on weekdays and seven on weekends. A ten page DL sized brochure was produced giving the details including first and last bus times.

Big Day Out An eight car Millennium set worked in revenue service from Wyong - Olympic Park for the Big Day Out concert on 23 January 2004 as follows:

- H886 0500 Eveleigh - Sydney Terminal (empty)
- N887 0526 Sydney Terminal - Wyong (empty)
- N888 0836 Wyong - Olympic Park arr 1027 (express) Stops at all to Berowra, then Olympic Park.
- H889 returns to Eveleigh, empty.

Not usually news but it's the first recorded use on an outer suburban trip.

A new plan to fix driver shortages: cancel the train and make passengers wait! CityRail services that carry too few passengers could be cancelled if the network falls short of drivers under tough new medical standards introduced in the wake of the Waterfall disaster. Some weekend runs could be scrapped to free drivers for work during the week under RailCorp plans to deal with an expected shortage of train drivers, which could start to hit the network early next month. RailCorp would develop a

'hierarchy of cancellations' to cope with an expected staff shortfall if drivers were temporarily or permanently stood down but ruled out closing down individual lines to free up drivers for the rest of the network. However, possible targets for cuts included low capacity services, instead of running three trains there might be two. They might modify services on weekends to enable capacity for Monday to Friday. Disruptions to the CityRail network could last for six to eight months, and possibly longer. A new timetable would relieve some pressure, freeing some driver shifts.

CityRail has begun a recruitment campaign in an effort to increase driver numbers, which take a long time to replenish because of the extensive training program. In 2002 the then transport minister Carl Scully had to cancel a major new timetable because of a lack of drivers.

Brisbane

Airtrain Citylink Ltd has issued a glossy timetable brochure dated 01 April 2003 for their train service from Brisbane Airport – Brisbane Central - Robina that connects with the Airtrain Connect Gold Coast transfers. This is in addition to the Airport train timetable issued by QR Citytrain for the Airport and Gold Coast Services. It is distributed on the Gold Coast, in Brisbane City and at Brisbane Airport as a promotional tool to encourage patronage.

Adelaide

From Sunday 25 January 2004, Noarlunga line services run to a new timetable. Monday to Friday peak trains are the most affected by the changes. Extra trains are servicing Emerson station and improvements have been made to the running of some express services. A small number of services in the afternoon have also had minor changes. Also affected are connecting Southern bus services – see page 10.



Country and Interstate Rail

The Ghan

The first Adelaide-Darwin freight service left Adelaide on 15th January 2004 and arriving in Darwin on 17th January after promotional stops at Tennant Creek and Katherine. A crew van was attached and carried a number of VIP passengers including The Hon. Tim Fischer who conducted a number of press interviews and generally gave the train excellent promotion. The Prime Minister, John Howard, joined the train at Darwin for part of the return journey, travelling in the former *Overland* buffet car which was attached for his use. G.S.R.'s first passenger service is expected to be over a kilometre long and is being promoted as: 'Australia's longest ever passenger train'.

Tasmania

Tasrail issued a new WTT dated 4 December 2003.

Major changes to the operations and workforce of Tasrail were to come into force on 30 November, mainly in response to the loss of coal traffic to Boyer and the earlier loss of log traffic. The direct result of these losses has been the permanent cancellation of Wiltshire log trains 68/69, the second Bell Bay train (58/59), and more recently the Boyer coal/log train (43/44). As each of these trains was a two-man working the cancellations caused a surplus of train crews.

The reduction in the workforce was accompanied by changes to crew rosters and train timetables. The major changes involved:

- The permanent cancellation of trains 43/44 (East Tamar-Boyer- East Tamar);
- The cancellation of trains 46/47 between Conara and Railton; these trains now only run between Conara and Fingal;
- The alteration of trains 33/38 from a one train operation to two trains.

Train 33 now runs later from Burnie through to Hobart and stables. Train 38 now leaves Hobart around 13:30 and runs to Boyer, then runs Boyer to Burnie following trains 32 and 36.

Boyer traffic formerly handled by 43/44 is now handled by 31, 33 or 35 southbound, and mainly 38 northbound. Western Line coal traffic is now handled by either 36 or 38, with unloading at Railton being undertaken by the shunt loco from Devonport.

Victoria

West Coast Railways produced an A5 full colour glossy timetable which provides details of an amended TT running 4/1 - 11/2/04. Travel times are up to 35 mins longer due to buses replacing trains from Geelong to Melbourne as part of the Fast Rail upgrade. The bottom half tears off and also includes a map of the Spencer St Coach terminal location

V/Line train services along the Ballarat Line will be delayed from 5th January until 11th February 2004 due to crosses with freight trains diverted via Bacchus Marsh with the Geelong Line Closedown. (Ballarat Line has only limited crossing locations these days.) The following Monday to Friday services may be affected:

- 08 05 Spencer Street to Ballarat - Expected extended travel time of 4 minutes
- 08 30 Spencer Street to Bacchus Marsh - 4 minutes
- 09 35 Spencer Street to Ballarat - 3 minutes



Tram and Light Rail

Melbourne

Yarra Trams has reprinted the following timetables:

- **86 Bundoora to Docklands**, effective May 2003 with the new style Metlink map.
- **96 East Brunswick - St. Kilda** dated September 2002
- **109 Box Hill - Port Melbourne**, dated September 2003 cover, probably printed in December 2003. Changes include correction and revised name of the Major Stop timing points, re-spacing on timetables, revisions to the Metcard ticketing system section and listing

- 10 20 Spencer Street to Bacchus Marsh - 5 minutes
- 16 13 Spencer Street to Ballarat - 10 minutes
- 16 25 Spencer Street to Bacchus Marsh - 4 minutes
- 17 00 Spencer Street to Ballarat - 4 minutes
- 17 12 Spencer Street to Bacchus Marsh - 3 minutes
- 17 24 Spencer Street to Bacchus Marsh - 2 minutes
- 17 42 Spencer Street to Ballarat - 16 minutes
- 17 49 Spencer Street to Bacchus Marsh - 6 minutes
- 18 48 Spencer Street to Ballarat - 12 minutes
- 07 53 Ballarat to Spencer Street - 3 minutes
- 09 10 Ballarat to Spencer Street - 13 minutes
- 10 02 Ballarat to Spencer Street - 1 minute
- 16 25 Ballarat to Spencer Street - 8 minutes
- 19 20 Ballarat to Spencer Street - 13 minutes

International

Africa A new timetable has been received for the *Banana Express* service operated by Alfred County Railways. The timings have only altered slightly but they say that all services are now steam hauled.

That's all the Thomas Cook editorial said! Detective work found www.bananaexpress.co.za and that it serves Port Shepstone, Izotsha and Paddock. To the Overseas Timetable index and there is table 3504.

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All services steam hauled.
 D- Also runs on selected ③ at during school holidays.
 E- Runs on additional days during school holidays.
 F- A few trips during school holidays.
 T- Tourist class. ①-Reservation advisable.
 ACR- Alfred County Railway. ☎ and Fax Port Shepstone 39 682 4821 or 39 659 0520. Em
 acrailm@venturenet.co.za www.bananaexpress.co.za

www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au instead of www.victrip.com.au. The booklet continues to omit the fact the 109 is jointly run by the Southbank and Kew Depots.

All now have the Metlink logo on the cover but still have the now outdated pages giving details of the now withdrawn 'short trip travel'.

Yarra Trams have made some changes to their website www.yarratrams.com.au to make it easier to find information about tram travel in Melbourne.

Some sections have been streamlined and others relocated. The new features include -

- Timetables for all routes are now available as downloadable PDFs:

- 24 and 30 - La Trobe Street Services (still September 2003 version)
- 48 - City to North Balwyn
- 70 - City to Wattle Park
- 75 - City to East Burwood
- 86 - Bundoora/RMIT to Telstra Dome/Central Pier Docklands

- 96 - St Kilda Beach/Sth Melb to East Brunswick
- 109 - Port Melbourne to Box Hill
- This is in addition to being able to get the time for each stop.
- Planned interruptions or diversions due to major community events or network maintenance will be advertised in Service Changes.



Suburban Bus

ACT

ACTION have advised that the Intertown Links timetable which is missing from the list of new November 2003 timetables, is still at the printers and will not be available until late January 2004.

NSW - Sydney

Busways made a number of changes to bus routes and timetables in the growing suburbs of Kellyville Ridge, Stanhope Gardens and Glenwood as from Wednesday, 28 January 2004. There were also more minor changes to timetables for some routes radiating from Mt Druitt and Blacktown from the same date.

- Route 730 Kellyville Ridge - Parramatta and Route 735 Kellyville Ridge – City. The streets followed by both these routes changed in Stanhope Gardens and Glenwood. Timetables Route 730 – adjusted. Route 735 – unaltered.
- Route 745 Plumpton - Castle Hill via Norwest Marketown Route 750 Plumpton - Macquarie Park via M2 Motorway. Both routes now start at Plumpton Marketplace, rather than Mt Druitt or Emerton. The streets followed are unaltered between Plumpton and Acacia Gardens. But both routes changed in Stanhope Gardens and Glenwood. Passengers can travel from suburbs like Stanhope Gardens and Glenwood to Norwest Marketown and other places of business in the Norwest Business Park and return. Timetables: Route 745 – hourly throughout the day, Mondays to Fridays. Two-hourly on Saturdays. No service on Sundays & Public Holidays. Route 750 – unaltered
- Route 760 Mt Druitt – Quakers Hill – Parramatta has been discontinued.
- Route 737 Mt Druitt – Eastern Creek Timetable Two additional trips run on weekday afternoons: 1528 from Rooty Hill to Eastern Creek ; 1554 from Mt Druitt (1558 from Rooty Hill) to Eastern Creek
- Route 739 Mt Druitt – Minchinbury slight adjustments to some morning and afternoon trips.
- Route 752 Blacktown – Quakers Hill the 0034 Friday night only trip from Blacktown to Quakers Hill discontinued.

- Route 754 Mt Druitt – Hassall Grove – Blacktown the 1633 weekday trip from Mt Druitt terminates at Hassall Grove (not Glendenning).
- Route 755 Mt Druitt – Shalvey, slight adjustments to some weekday morning trips from Shalvey to Mt Druitt. The 1748 weekday trip from Mt Druitt terminates at Shalvey (not Glendenning).
- Route 756 Blacktown – Rooty Hill Road North - Mt Druitt the 0727 weekday trip from Blacktown to Rooty Hill departs Blacktown at 0725 and run via the normal route and continue to Mt Druitt. This altered trip also replaces the 0754 weekday trip from Rooty Hill Road North to Mt Druitt.
- Route 756G Mt Druitt – Glendenning industrial area Timetable The 0730 weekday trip from Mt Druitt to Glendenning and the 1616 weekday trip from Glendenning to Mt Druitt are discontinued.
- Route 757 Mt Druitt – Rooty Hill Road North – Riverstone; Timetable adjustment to some weekday morning trips between Marsden Park and Riverstone. On weekday afternoons, the 1527 trip from Mt Druitt to Rooty Hill Road North departs at 1524 and continues to Hollinsworth Road Caravan Park, but the 1624 trip only runs to Rooty Hill Road North (not to Hollinsworth Road Caravan Park).
- Route 761 Mt Druitt – Bidwill via Carlisle Ave
- Route 762 Mt Druitt – Bidwill via Emerton Shops; Timetable - an adjustment to some weekday morning and afternoon trips between Bidwill and Mt Druitt.

New Timetables:

- 730 735 Kellyville Ridge, Stanhope Gardens and Glenwood to City and Parramatta
- 737, 738, 739 Minchinbury – Eastern Creek
- 745, 750 Plumpton, Quakers Hill, Stanhope Gardens & Glenwood to Castle Hill & Macquarie Park
- 751 752 753 753W 754 755 756 756G Quakers Hill – Glendenning – Doonside
- 754 755 756 756G 757 761 762 Mt Druitt (North Side)

Camden Area - the Campbelltown/Camden timetable for route 894 to 899 has been split into two timetables both dated January 2004.

- 894, 896-99 Currans Hill, Mt Annan & Narellan Vale
- 894-896 Narellan, Camden & Camden South

Forest Coach Lines have issued a new *Beach Bus* timetable covering routes 196 and 285 dated November 2003 which is a replacement for the

timetable for routes 285, E196 and M196 and not just a summer timetable as it specifically lists those services which operate during the summer only. The timetable only mentions route 196 and no longer shows trips which extend to Macquarie University as route M196. However in the comments it states that route 196 operates from Mona Vale during peak hours only as a route E196 or to Macquarie University as a route M196. This information is now only in the route 195/196 timetable which shows off peak trips for route 196 not included in the route 196/285 timetable.

Pleasure Tours issued timetables dated December 2003 for 446 and 447, still in Brochure Publishing format. 447 has a penned in Saturday trip from Greenacre to Roselands then onto Kogarah departing Greenacre at 0645. The trip then appears on the 446 timetable arriving Kogarah at 0745. The 446 timetable also has a hand written SO code (School Only) for the 1545 trip from Kogarah to Roselands.

Sydney Buses

Late night service route **131** (trial service via Balgowlah and Seaforth) was withdrawn after 4 January 2004.

Sydney Explorer and *Bondi Explorer* brochures have both been reissued dated November 2003.

The **Parramatta Explorer** was withdrawn after Australia Day, 26 January 2004. The Parramatta Explorer operated for a number of years providing a tourist service from 1000 to 1600 on weekends and public holidays. Patronage was very low on this service. The last timetable issued was dated November 2002.

As from 27 January 2004 Sydney Buses **acquired route 448** and some school services from private operator Marrickville Buslines trading as Telford Tours. This was the last of a group of operators operating within the STA's south-western area. The service will operate unaltered until the next review of south-western area services – Weekdays 0900 to 1730 and Saturdays 0900 until 1255. This includes a rather unusual lunch break. The 448 timetable had never been published on the 131500 website until 26 January 2004.

From 1 February 2004 new route numbers for City/Milsons Point to Northbridge and East Lindfield services were added to identify the particular route/destination:

- 202 Northbridge to Wynyard via North Sydney timetable changes only.
- 203 Castlecrag to Wynyard via North Sydney, timetable change only.
- 204 New route number for peak hour service from Northbridge to Wynyard via the freeway.
- 205 East Willoughby to Wynyard via the freeway.
- 206 New route number for peak hour service from East Lindfield to Wynyard via the freeway.

- 207 East Lindfield to Wynyard via North Sydney. Service to Milsons Point have been re-numbered to 209 and Wynyard via the freeway service to 206. The afternoon express bus via Brook St operates as 210.
- 208 Evening and Sunday service East Lindfield to Wynyard via Northbridge. This service operates along Sailors Bay Rd to Northbridge terminus and return.
- 209 New route number East Lindfield to Milsons Point via North Sydney.
- 210 Wynyard to East Lindfield (Express via Brook St PM peak only). First set down Castlecrag Shops.

With these changes bus frequencies have been adjusted to offer more accommodation for peak demands and journey times have been amended, the new 206 express operates in both peaks, although there is a gap of about an hour or so during the pm peak when the 210 operates. There are six trips on the 210. The 209 Milsons Point service appears to run about the same number of times as the present 207 Milsons Point services. There does appear to be a slight increase in 204 trips (former 202 freeway services) during the am peak. Weekday daytime frequencies appear the same. The big change is route 208 - it now operates every 60 mins after 2000 on Mon-Sat evenings, and every 60 mins all day on Sundays. However Route 207 will now operate every 60 minutes until early evening on Sundays to maintain a combined 30 minute frequency to East Lindfield with the 208 for most of the day.

New Timetables:

- 143/4, 151, 250, E43, E50 Manly – Chatswood, Revised November 2003, STA Doc 175331
- 448 Dulwich Hill to Marrickville Metro, Commencing 27 January 2004, DL sized black and white handbill S34
- 525 Parramatta to Burwood - effective Jan 2004, version 2 - slightly smaller table format to fit weekday and weekend times on a single page, web only.
- 549 Eastwood to Marsfield, effective February 2004, STA Doc 173940

Westbus Penrith North and Penrith South

MoveZones issued brochures dated May 2003 and implemented 20th October 2003 for:

- Penrith North: Covers entire 787 plus 782 and 785 as far as Rugby Street. Derby Street section of 785 covered by Penrith South.
- Penrith South: Covers entire 791, 794, 796 and 797 plus 790 as far as (half of) Bringelly Road but not the section north of Derby Street, Kingswood Somerset Street only covered as far north as Derby Street and Bringelly Road is covered from Jamison Road southwards.

New timetables all to W2 (see below) style:

Version 6/03

- 606, 607 - Parramatta to Castle Hill via Winston Hills and Crestwood (extends to Knightsbridge on

Sundays); Parramatta to Crestwood via Winston Hills.

- 608, 618 - Castle Hill to Windsor via Kellyville and Rouse Hill; Castle Hill to Rouse Hill via Kellyville and North Kellyville.
- 611 - M2 Express Seven Hills - Blacktown - M2 Busway - Epping Station - Macquarie Centre (but of course it starts at Blacktown not Seven Hills!)
- 612 - Kellyville - Castle Hill - St. Leonards - North Sydney - Milsons Point.

Version 8/03

- 668, 669, 682 - Windsor to Glossodia via Wilberforce; Windsor to Sackville via Wilberforce; Richmond to Glossodia via Freemans Reach.
- 673, 674 - Windsor to Penrith via South Windsor and Llandilo; Windsor to Berkshire Park via South Windsor and Windsor Downs.
- 675, 676 - Windsor to Bligh Park; Windsor to South Windsor (Berger Road Loop)
- 677, 678, 679, 680 - Richmond to Penrith via Londonderry; Richmond to Penrith via Castlereagh; Richmond to University via East Richmond; Richmond to Grose Vale via Kurrajong.

Reference: Westbus timetable styles

These unofficial codes are used to describe Westbus timetables on the AATTC's website.

W1 foldup full colour measuring 7cm across by 10cm high

W2 foldup blue/white measuring 7cm across by 10cm high

W3 old style colour measuring 10cm across by 21cm high

W4 blue white measuring 10cm across by 21cm high

NSW Country

Busways Central Coast - As from Wednesday, 28 January 2004 made a number of small changes to bus timetables in the Wyong-Lake Haven area – mainly at times when service trips interact with school trips.

Routes affected are:

- Route 81 Wyong - Lake Haven via Watanobbi and Johns Rd
- Route 92 Lake Haven - Budgewoi – Toukley – Lake Haven
- Route 97 Lake Haven - Mannering Park – Wyee
- Route 98 Lake Haven - Chain Valley Bay
- Route 99 Lake Haven - Gwandalan - Swansea

New timetables are:

- 76, 79, 80, 81,82 Lake Haven – Wyong – Tuggerah
- 90, 91, 92 Toukley, Budgewoi & San Remo
- 97, 98, 99 Blue Haven, Mannering Park, Gwandalan & Swansea

Culburra Coaches website now has their timetable loaded: www.culburracoaches.com.au/db.html. They

operate route 789 Cullburra (Orient Pont) to Nowra and Bomaderry Station.

Jones Bros introduced a new timetable for their Lithgow runs from 27 January 2004:

Lithgow Town Services:

- Lithgow to Strathlone Estate via Littleton and Lithgow Hospital routes 100 & 101 (no longer a route 102). Service supplemented by school routes 130 & 150.
- Lithgow to Barrs & Tweed via Bowenfels and Lithgow Hospital routes 200 & new 201) Service supplemented by school routes 210, 220, 230, 240, 270 & 280.
- Lithgow to Oakey Park via Morts Estate and Bus Depot route 300. Service supplemented by school routes 320 & 330.
- Lithgow to McKellars Park via Hermitage Flat and Cobar Park route 400. Service supplemented by school routes 410 & 420.
- Lithgow to Vale of Clwydd via Robson and Chifley Route 500. Service supplemented by school routes 510 & 520.

Lithgow to Portland and Bathurst Services:

- Portland /Bathurst to Lithgow via Marrangaroo and Wallerawang routes 600, 601, 636). Services supplemented by school routes 1013, 1015, 1019, 1023 and 1036.
- Lithgow to Bathurst via Meadow Flat, Portland, Wallerawang and Lidsdale routes 600, 636. Services supplemented by school routes 1013, 1015, 1019, 1023 and 1036.

The two timetables show on cover effective January 2004 and on reverse 19 January 2004, version 1, Transitgraphics. They are believed effective 27th January 2004. They are in the same pocket format as the recent new ACTION timetables. As previously the route numbers do not conform to the NSW route number system.

STA Newcastle new timetables:

- 226 (Newcastle) Charlestown to Newcastle via Waratah 22 December 2003 version 6 STA Doc 123125
- 363 Belmont to Newcastle via Warners Bay January 2004 version 7 STA Doc 174235

Queensland - Brisbane

Brisbane Transport made more changes to their South East Busway services from 15th December 2003 on routes:

- 111 weekday services have been increased so that between 1630 and 1800 services now depart from Queen St Bus Station every 5 minutes.
- 140 the 1720 service from Queen St Bus Station on weekdays now departs later at 1725.
- 142 an additional trip operates in the a.m. peak departing Browns Plains Grand Plaza Southern Carpark at 0730 and Browns Plains Plaza at 0735 arriving Riverside (Creek St) at 0810. An additional

trip operates in the p.m. peak departing Riverside (Creek St) at 1714 and Queen St Bus Station at 1720 arriving Browns Plains Plaza at 1752.

New timetables:

- 111, 133, 160 Translink City - Eight Mile Plains Busway Service; City -Sunnybank Busway Service; City - Garden City Busway Service. 15 December 2003 (TT numbered TT111)
- 140, 141, 142 Browns Plains Cityxpress; Browns Plains - City (Rocket); Browns Plains - City (Bullet). 15 December 2003 (TT numbered TT140)

And more service changes effective 27 January 2004 to introduce the first BUZ services.

- 129: Additional trips operate on this route, which has been retimetabled in conjunction with Route 130 to provide a combined service every 5 minutes from Parkinson in the a.m. peak and every 5 minutes from Queen St Bus Station in the p.m. peak. Services depart from Platform G in Queen St Bus Station.
- 130 has been substantially upgraded into a high frequency BUZ (Bus Upgrade Zone) route. In the commuter peak periods, services operate every 10 minutes. In the off peak periods, services operate every 15 minutes, 7 days per week. The operating span on Sundays has been significantly extended, with the first departure from Parkinson at 0602, and the last departure from the City at 2325. Services depart from Platform G in Queen St Bus Station.

- 129** ALGESTER ROCKET
- 130** ALGESTER BUZ
- 131** ALGESTER ROCKET
- 132** ALGESTER GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY BUS
- 133** SUNNYBANK SHUTTLE
- 136** ALGESTER CITYPRECINCTS



- 133 services depart from Platform E in Queen St Bus Station. This route has now been included in the 130 Series Timetable. In view of the very high frequency collectively provided by these routes (129/130/131/133), a separate Calam Rd-Mains Rd Corridor Timetable is no longer be produced.
- 140/141/142 depart from Platform F in Queen St Bus Station. Minor timetable revisions have also been made.
- 195 new peak period service operates between New Farm Park Ferry Terminal and West End at Montague Rd, to provide additional capacity in this busy corridor.
- 215: Sunday service introduced on this route.
- Minor timetable revisions were made to the following routes: 131/132, 135/155, 150/151, 171/176, 172/173, 174/175, 179/180/181, 184/185, 204, 210/211/212, 230/231/235/236
- School Routes:
 - Centenary High services altered due to changed school operating times.
 - Minor revisions made to Routes 805, 834, 852, 860 & 865.
 - Routes 907 and 917 altered to provide additional capacity in the newer areas of Albany Creek.
 - Routes 902 and 920 operated by Brisbane Bus Lines.

Trans Info released on their web site an updated QR Doomben - Pinkenba Rail Bus service

timetable effective 1 December 2003. It is currently available as a printout at the Trans Info internet site www.transinfo.qld.gov.au. It was issued to correct a mistake in the hand out timetable issued by QR Citytrain dated 2 June 2003 which incorrectly shows in the Saturday timetable a Rail Bus leaving Pinkenba at 1446 arriving at Doomben at 1458 and then connecting with a train leaving Doomben at 1402!! The correct time for the Rail Bus is depart Pinkenba at 1346 and arrive Doomben at 1358 to connect with the train at 1402. This is now shown correctly in the timetable effective 1 December 2003. Considering this is the last Rail Bus from Pinkenba on Saturday it's a long wait until the next one on Sunday morning if you have the wrong timetable!

From 15 December 2003 Hornibrook Bus Lines commenced operating services to the new Mango Hill housing estate

and calling into the new Westfields Northlakes shopping centre at Mango Hill. As a result they have issued new timetables for routes:

- 10 Mango Hill Estate – Westfields Northlakes - Kallangur - Petrie Station.
- 11 Redcliffe - Petrie Station – Westfield Strathpine - Brisbane.
- 12 Peninsula Fair, Kippa-ring – Westfield Northlakes - Kallangur - Petrie Station - Westfield Strathpine.
- 20 & 21 Sandgate Station - Margate - Redcliffe - Scarborough - Kipparing - Clontarf.

Route Number	130	130	130	130	130	130	130	132	130	
	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	
Riverside Creek St (St. 148)										
Queen St Bus Station E										
Queen St Bus Station G	7:09	7:19	7:34	7:49	8:10	8:25	8:40		8:55	Route 130 operates every 15 minutes until:
Cultural Centre Station	7:11	7:21	7:36	7:51	8:12	8:27	8:42		8:57	
South Bank Station	7:13	7:23	7:38	7:53	8:14	8:29	8:44		8:59	
Mater Hill Station	7:15	7:25	7:40	7:55	8:16	8:31	8:46		9:01	
Griffith University Station	7:22	7:32	7:47	8:02	8:23	8:38	8:53		9:08	
QEII Stadium Park & Ride	7:25	7:35	7:50	8:05	8:26	8:41	8:56		9:11	
Garden City Interchange								9:00		
Sunnybank	7:28	7:38	7:53	8:08	8:29	8:44	8:59	9:06	9:14	Route 132 operates hourly until:
Allandi	7:32	7:42	7:57	8:12	8:33	8:48	9:03	9:08	9:18	
Calam Rd										
Algeester	7:37	7:47	8:02	8:17	8:38	8:53	9:08		9:23	
Parkinson	7:43	7:53	8:08	8:23	8:44	8:59	9:14	9:22	9:29	
	7:51	8:01	8:16	8:31	8:52	9:07	9:22	9:28	9:37	

Queensland Country

Morale among Sunbus drivers is at an all time low because of the pressure of unrealistic bus schedules, many drivers willing to miss pick-ups. Queensland Transport confirmed it had also received 'a number of complaints' about Sunbus.

Schedules have not changed, fundamentally, since the service started but in that time the population and passenger numbers have substantially increased. The roads are more crowded than they were in 1996 and speed limits have come down, yet Sunbus and the State Government asks the drivers to drive from Caloundra to Noosa in the same time.

The only solution was for the entire timetable to be revamped so it accurately reflected what was physically possible for the bus drivers to achieve.

Just wondering for Surfside in particular, if they follow QLD time or NSW time over the summer period for their timetabling? What about routes that cross the border - what happens there!?

From those who have been up there during summer - does the time difference cause much confusion?

It certainly causes confusion. The issue of NSW following daylight saving and Queensland not doing so adds great complexity to the timetabling/rostering of services and easily confuses passengers. Basically, routes 601-606 (local routes starting in Tweed Heads and operating to points south of Tweed Heads - these services operate entirely within NSW) operate to NSW time, while all other services (routes 1/1A/7/8/11 - these operate across the border) operate to Queensland time.

With routes 1/1A it is not a major problem, since they commence at Tweed Heads which is one bus stop south of the border.

But routes 7/8/11 while mostly operating in Qld, also service local residents of Tweed Heads - users of these services need cater for the bus running an hour different to the timetable during daylight saving.

Route 11 is a Qld government co-ordinated/ integrated Trainlink service (as well as being the local service between Kingscliff and Tweed Heads) connecting with trains at Robina Stn, so by necessity runs to Qld time.

Surfside Buslines have issued a *Get around guide* (40p, undated). A glossy booklet that provides details of various attractions on the Gold Coast that can be reached via the Surfside network and includes two detailed maps of the bus network.

South Australia - Adelaide

The Passenger Transport Board has been replaced by the Office for Passenger Transport which reports directly to the Minister.

Adelaide Metro introduced more service changes and new timetables from January 25 2004.

Northern

- 225, 225F, 225L, 226, 226F, 420 Minor timetable changes.
- 229, 229F, 229X Minor timetable changes.
- 415, 415V Minor timetable changes.
- 450, 451 Minor timetable changes.

Western

- 111, 112, 113 New timetable. Improved frequency Monday to Friday mornings, now every half hour between Grange and West Lakes Shopping Centre.
- 167, 168 Minor timetable changes.
- 274, 275, 275C, 275X, 276, 276X, 278, 278X Minor timetable changes.
- 286, 287, 287A Minor timetable changes.
- 340, 344, 345 Minor timetable changes.
- 347X, 374 New route 347X and timetable. Direct access from West Lakes Shopping Centre to Flinders University linking Marion Shopping Centre, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Uni of SA, Underdale and Flinders Medical Centre.

North Western

- 115, 115N, 118, 118N, 376 Minor timetable changes.
- 151, 152, 153, 155, T155 Minor timetable changes.
- 330, 333, 333B, 333C, 333D, 333H, 333L, 334 Timetable changes.
- 330, 336, 336B, 336C, 336D Timetable changes.
- 370 Minor timetable changes.

Eastern

- 102, 105 Minor timetable changes.
- 106 Minor timetable changes.
- 122, 123, 124, 125, 125P Minor timetable changes.
- 140, 141, 141N, 142 Minor timetable changes.

North Eastern

- 173, 174, 176, 177, 179, 179F, 575 Minor timetable changes.
- 272, 273 Minor timetable changes.
- 280, 281, 282 Minor timetable changes.
- 580, 581, 581P, 125, 125P Minor timetable changes.

Southern

- 680, 680A, 680B, 681, 681A, 681P, 682, 683, 684, 685, 685A Timetable changes to deliver better connections and convenient services.
- 701A, 701C, 702A, 702C, 701L, 701R, 701S Minor timetable changes.
- 719, 711, 720, 721, 722 - As 680
- 721, 721F, 721X, 721B, 725, 725A, 711, 711L, 715, 715A, 715B, T721, T721X - As 680
- 722, 711, 713, 715, 716 - As 680
- 713C, 723, 733, 711, 715, 716 - As 680
- 724, 734, 711, 715, 730 - As 680

- 727, 727H, 727F, 737, 737H – As 680
- 741, 741A, 742, 745, 745A, 745C, 747, 747A, 747B, 747C - As 680
- 743, 744, 716, 716A, 716L - As 680
- 750, 751, 752 New timetable. Now four services on Sunday.

Suburban Loop

- 100 Circle Line Minor timetable changes.

Hills

- 161 Minor timetable changes.
- 163, 163F, 164, 164F, 165, 166, 166F, 166P, T163, 823, 828 Minor timetable changes. Route 820H Stirling to Aldgate via Heathfield replaced by route 828.
- 820, 821 Minor timetable changes. Route 820H Stirling to Aldgate via Heathfield replaced by route 828. New route 820S City to Stirling via Greenhill and Rangeview Roads.
- 830, 832, 835 Lobethal Minor timetable changes.
- 837, 841F Nairne Minor timetable changes.
- 840, 840F, 840X, 860 Mount Barker Minor timetable changes
- 842, 842F, 843, 850 Strathalbyn Minor timetable changes.

Nomads On Track In a world first, Adelaide tram and train timetables are now available at the touch of a mobile phone. From 16 December 2003 mobile phone users can access train and tram timetables using an innovative high tech software system provided by Laborotech (Australia) Pty Ltd on Java-equipped mobile phones. The *Nomads OnTrack* software system enables up-to-date information about rail running times providing greater convenience and reliability for patrons and allows rail users to receive updates on their selected timetable advising of service delays and disruptions.

To access the timetables, train and tram users need to SMS *Nomads OnTrack* to receive a free 10 day trial as a special introductory offer. A once-off \$10 personal licence fee, effective for the life of the mobile phone number is charged if patrons decide to keep the service. *Nomads OnTrack* has the added benefits of offering the latest information with OnTrack updates. Subscribers receive a data call when a timetable changes to remind train and tram users to update their *Nomads OnTrack* timetables for the cost of only one data call.

The **Supermarket at Norwood** has closed due to refurbishment and a change of operator from Woolworths to Coles. A free shuttle bus was provided by the local council, known as *5067 The Parade Shopper* operating every 50 minutes, 7 trips, 45 min journey time, Mon, Wed- Fri.

South Australia - Country

Woodside Scout Jamboree timetables. All routes were coordinated by Serco who sub-contracted Southlink, Transitplus and Harris Coaches to help

with loadings. All Activity buses were provided by Serco, SouthLink & Transitplus.

All times are shown as depart /arrive /number of buses.

- Woodhouse to Belair National Park: 0835/ 0900/ 1, 0930/ 0955/ 8, 0940/ 1005/ 7
- Belair National Park to Woodhouse: 1750/ 1815/ 8, 1800/ 1825/ 7, 1850/ 1915/ 1
- Woodhouse to City (Torrens Parade Grounds): 0910/ 0955/ 2, 1010/ 1055 /7, 1020/ 1105/ 7
- City /Torrens Parade Grounds to Woodhouse: 1925/ 2010/ 1, 1930/ 2015/ 7, 1940/ 2025/ 8
- Woodhouse to West Lakes Aquatic Centre: 0935/1035 /1, 1035/ 1135/ 8, 1045/ 1145/ 7
- West Lakes Aquatic Centre to Woodhouse: 1930/ 2030/ 8, 1940/ 2040/ 7, 2030/ 2130/ 1

Leader Shuttle (Provided by Transitplus) all these services connected at Crafers Ramp with buses to/from City:

- Woodhouse to Mt Barker: (M-F) 0808, 0908, every hour from 956 to 1756, 1828, 1928 & 2028; (Sat & Sun) 0826, every hour from 0926 to 1726, 1728, 1828 & 1928
- Mt Barker to Woodhouse: (M-F) 0856, every hour from 0946 to 1446, 1531, 1642, 1742, 1859, 2014 & 2114; (Sat & Sun) 0913, every hour from 1016 to 1816, 1913, 2013 & 2113

Other services:

- Internal Woodhouse shuttle (Ran every day)
 - Car park shuttle (Ran 4th, 5th & 16th)
- Airport Transfers (Ran 5th & 16th provided by Harris Coaches).

Tasmania

Metro Hobart Commencing Friday, 2 January 2004 Metro Hobart and the Wellington Park Management Trust extended the Mountain Bike Service (Route 50) to weekends and Australia Day, on a trial basis, until 6 February 2004. The 50 departs from Hobart (Stop M, Franklin Square, Elizabeth St) at 1025, Monday – Friday, Sundays and Australia Day and at 1013 on Saturdays; journey time 15 minutes, no return service. The service travels express to Fern Tree Shops. Normal fares apply. The charge for bicycles is \$1.50 one way, with a maximum of eight (8) bicycles allowed on board. The *Wellington Park Mountain Bike Map* brochure is available on board for \$2.00.

Metro Launceston commencing Tuesday, 27 January 2004 announced some alterations to services. Some journeys now divert via Aldersgate Village, off George Town Rd, on the outward portion of the service to Rocherlea, and subsequently depart from Rocherlea and Mayfield no earlier than five (5) minutes later and arrive in the City no later than five (5) minutes later than previously. Intending passengers from Aldersgate Village going to the City have to board on the outward journey.

Monday – Friday

Route 14 depart City 1100 (will now arrive City 1205)
Route 17 depart City 1305 (will now arrive City 1405)

Saturday

Route 12 depart City 1300 (will now arrive City 1405)
Route 12 depart City 1500 (will now arrive City 1605)

The Saturday Route 12 service departing City at 1300 now arrives in the City no later than 1405 and does not continue on to Kings Meadows and Youngtown.

Timetable changes for **Burnie Metro Services** starting on the 27th January 2004.

- Acton: Route 10 alteration - Thorne St Creek bus stop no longer be used. Buses travel through Payne St, across Thorne St direct to Griffith St, continuing on the existing route to Upper Burnie. Time alterations - buses departing the city now 2 minutes later from 0910 hourly thru to 1610.
- Montello: Route 20 time alterations - all buses departing Upper Burnie now 1 minute later
- Acton and Montello combined; Route 15 operates to a new route in these suburbs.
- Havenview: Route 32 deleted in school term; Route 30 at 1508 to the city which operates in the school holidays only now also operates in the school term.
- Shorewell: Route 40 S at 1046 from the city (which operates in school term only) has been deleted; Route 50 at 1020 from the city now departs 10 minutes later at 1030, returning to the city from Upper Burnie also 10 minutes later at 1105. (and so on thru this trip); Route 50 at 1530 from the city now departs 5 minutes earlier at 1525 (and so on thru the entire trip back to the city); Route 40 at 1415 from Upper Burnie to the city now departs 5 minutes earlier at 1410.
- Hospital: Route 68 at 1318 from the city now departs at 1331, returning from the Hospital at 1338.
- Wynyard: A service has been added from Wynyard (Jackson St) in school holidays only, departing at 0810 direct via Old Bass Hwy to Somerset, continuing on via the Somerset route (Rt 66) to Burnie.
- Wivenhoe: Route 75 at 1550 has been deleted in school holidays only.

Victoria - Melbourne

Cranbourne Transit route 893 Cranbourne - Dandenong bus timetable has been revised effective date 10th November, 2003. (No timetable change). Cranbourne Transit also issued a new timetable dated 10th November 2003 for Route 895 (Narre Warren South to Fountain Gate via Hampton Park & Narre Warren Station).

Grenda's From Saturday 20 December additional trips will operate on the 888/889 timetable on weekends. Details are:

Saturdays

- The 1822 trip from Nunawading that previously terminated at Keysborough will now continue on to Chelsea arriving at 1940.
- An extra trip will depart Chelsea on route 888 at 1948 terminating at Glen Waverley Interchange at 2041.

Sundays and Public Holidays

- The 1742 trip from Nunawading that terminated at Keysborough continues on to Chelsea arriving at 1859.
- An extra trip departs Chelsea on route 888 at 1908 terminating at Springvale Shops at 1940.
- The 1822 trip from Nunawading that terminated at Keysborough continues on to Chelsea arriving at 1939.
- An extra trip departs Chelsea on route 888 at 1948 terminating at Springvale Shops at 2020.

These additional trips operate until the end of March 2004 when the loading will be reviewed.

Public Holiday bus services operated by Grenda's Bus Services on Sundays also run on Public Holidays. This includes Christmas Day and Good Friday.

Cardinia Transit (Grenda Corp) 840 Berwick - Narre Warren Circle bus timetable had been reprinted and altered effective date 15 December, 2003 with new look orange and white format.

Ivanhoe Bus Lines has changed times for Route 527 (Gowrie - Northland) effective 27 Jan 2004. Minor changes see travel times on most trips changed by up to 4 mins. The time-points at Boundary Rd, O'Hea & Sussex & Elizabeth St are no longer shown.

Latrobe University operates a shuttle bus service around the Bundoora Campus. A TT dated 29.8.2003 has been sighted and presumably the service operates weekdays during semester although this is not stated. The route runs from the Bus Interchange at the Medical Centre to the tram stop in Plenty Road via David Myer Building, Language Centre, GSM, BM Guest House and Graduate House. Service runs every 30' from 0800 to 1125 and from 1300 to 1625. Interestingly trips to the tram stop are only shown (and not the reverse).

Moreland Bus Service route 510 Essendon - Ivanhoe bus timetable also been revised with low floor bus timetable on it effective date November 2003.

National Bus Co new timetables: 366/367 Ringwood - Croydon, version 2 - date of printing not known.

Peninsula Buslines (Grenda Corp). Routes 769/770/771 Frankston - Karingal Hub S/C bus timetables revised effective date 15th December, 2003. And Nightrider City - Rosebud bus timetable also been reprinted effective date 1st January, 2004 new look blue and white format with red G sign below Peninsula Buslines sign on it.

Ventura The current timetable for 688 (Croydon - Olinda) is dated 25th August 2003, replacing the 18th August 2003 timetable! Printed in Ventura/Mount Dandy Bus format (rear dated 19Sep 2003.)

Weekday changes, are the cancellation of the 0725 Montrose-Croydon; the 0752 Montrose-Croydon now commences at Kate Kelly's at 0737 (runs via William Ricketts Sanctuary). The TT also notes in the 'Customers Please Note' section that ALL services are run with low floor buses with ramps.

In order to improve running times a new 767 Southland to Box Hill Timetable is dated Tuesday 27th January 2004. Basically trip times have either been lengthened or shortened depending on the time of day and direction of travel.

Weekdays: 0630 & 0650 ex Centre Road to Box Hill via Haig and Foch Streets has increased journey time by 1 min; 0650, 0705 and 0730 ex Southland via Haig and Foch Streets has increased journey time by 1 min; 0900, 1000, 1100, 1200 and 1300 ex Southland via Haig and Foch Streets has reduced journey time by 1 min; 1533 ex Jordanville Station to Box Hill now departs at 1527; 1530 ex Box Hill to Southland now no longer travels via Haig and Foch Streets; Extra trip ex Chadstone to Southland around 1830. Other minor timing changes for route via Haig and Foch Streets on Saturdays

There have also been minor changes to the 732 timetable (no longer services Fairhills Sec College and goes via hospital instead) and 754 services Wesley College on a morning trip. These changes will be included in some future reprint)

More Ventura Reprints:

- 742 (Chadstone - Eastland). 6/1/03 TT reprinted pre-Sep 2003 (no print date). Shows LF & LR trips.
- 765 (Box Hill - Mitcham) 24/3/03 TT reprinted 25-9-03. All Weekday low floor trips shown as LR & all Saturday services are Low floors with ramps. Rail connections at Box Hill & Mitcham have been re-included.
- Bayswater Nightrider 13/12/03 TT has been amended via sticker over old times - the 2332 trip departing Croydon now departs at 2327 & runs 5 mins earlier to Knox City, then as shown.

The Victrip Nightrider pages have been amended to reflect the new operators of the Werribee and St Albans services. These were formerly operated by Melbourne Bus Link, but have now gone to Dysons and Northern respectively.



Long Distance Bus

National

Firefly A new TT has been published dated 10.2003

Victoria Country

Geelong Bus booklet (incorporating all routes within Geelong Transit System operated by McHarry's and Bender's Busways) has been reissued dated December 2003.

Hoy's are not expected to renew their contract for the Shepparton services after 30 June 2004.-

The timetable produced for the Surf & Turf Holiday bus operated by Porstea Passenger is full colour glossy A4 folded, with the Grenda Corp logo on the cover. The service will also run 3/4/04 - 18/4/04 except Good Friday. The route stops at 24 locations, with a return trip taking 99 mins, the eastern section of the route runs as a loop, with stops 15 - 24 only served once. Final bus ex Gunnamatta is at 1646. Fares range from \$2.50 for Junior one way to \$25 Family Unlimited.

West Australia - Country

Bunbury bus service upgrade - the result of a review carried out in the second half of last year by the Public Transport Authority and Bunbury City Transit, which ran the service under an arrangement with the PTA. Features of the changes, which came into effect from Monday, January 19, include:

- the co-ordination of bus services from both Australind and Eaton to the Bunbury Health Campus, Edith Cowan University and TAFE
- the introduction of new services to Kingston and Dalyellup Beach
- the introduction of more direct and regular services for the majority of passengers
- the extension of Saturday services to a full-day service with some services operating on Thursday evenings and
- a facility by which passengers can signal drivers so as to be able to board and alight from buses between bus stops - as long as it is safe to do so - in both Australind and Eaton.

A public awareness campaign to inform residents of the changes involved:

- community information sessions at the Eaton Square and Centrepont shopping centres
- advertising in local newspapers and on buses
- development and distribution of an information brochure
- electronic service information and PDF timetables on the following websites: - Bunbury City Transit - City of Bunbury - Shire of Harvey, Dardanup and Capel - Edith Cowan University, Bunbury.

Premier Motor Service - in December 2003 three separate single sheet timetables were issued:-

- Sydney to Melbourne - Still includes the Sydney - Eden and Sydney - Bega services but route 700 is no longer mentioned for these services.
- Sydney to Brisbane - as before.
- Brisbane Cairns. Includes new service 20 from Briabane to Cairns departing Brisbane at 1000 and service 21 Cairns to Brisbane departing Cairns at 1330.

There is no longer any mention of the Ttrek timetable which was previously included in the timetable booklet.

Premier Motor Service also issued a new timetable booklet showing all their services effective 17th November 2003. This is issued in addition to the strip and photocopied timetables they also distribute.

ACT/NSW

There are two Canberra – Thredbo services

Operated by Snowy Mountains Hire Cars Ski Bus Pty Ltd. Operating Mon, Wed, Fri & Sun the service departs Thredbo at 0835 (Service # SB835) arriving Canberra Jolimont Centre at 1113. The return service (Service # SB130) departs Canberra at 1330 and arrives at Thredbo at 1618. A timetable is published for travel agents (there presumably may be a separate TT issued for the public) and is dated 14.11.2003 to 9.6.2004.

Summit Coaches' Canberra – Thredbo service, operated on behalf of Greyhound Pioneer, TT is dated 27.10.2003 according to the published issue for the travel agents. Services operate Mon, Wed and Sun with departures ex Canberra at 1145 arriving at Thredbo at 1420, departing Thredbo 1450 and arriving back at Canberra at 1730. An additional service operates Fridays with a departure ex Canberra at 1730 arriving Thredbo at 2015 then departing Thredbo at 2045 arriving Canberra at 2340.

New South Wales

Busways advises that whilst there will be new timetables in at least Port Macquarie and Coffs



Air

Air New Zealand (NZ) will introduce weekly non-stop flights between Melbourne and the New Zealand resort centre of Queenstown this winter to accommodate the growing ski holiday market. They will operate Tasman Express services every Saturday from 10 July until 18 September. Flight NZ 236 will depart Melbourne at 0645 and arrive in Queenstown at 1155. The return flight – NZ 237 – will leave Queenstown at 1255, reaching Melbourne at 1435, with the rest of the day to unpack and unwind. The services will be operated with new Airbus A320 twinjets, configured to seat 146 passengers – eight in Business Class and 138 in Economy.

Harbour in the next few months, the actual timetables have not been drawn up and no date has been set.

Ryans Bus Service. A new timetable was issued November 2003 which now shows the two previous routes as one route only Coffs Harbour - Woolgoolga - Grafton. It operates via Red Rock which got a mention in the title of one of the previous routes. The timetable is now a coloured brochure produced by Exodus Design and Printing and carries quite a large number of advertisements.

Queensland

Emerald Coaches (www.emeraldcoaches.com.au) have placed timetables for their coach services on their website. EC operate three routes all based from Emerald. The services are:

- Longreach – Emerald – Rockhampton (TT dated 6 October 2003, PDF format) - the Longreach to Emerald service operates Wed & Sun and the Emerald to Rockhampton service operates Mon-Tue and Thurs-Sat. Departure ex Longreach is at 0800 for Rockhampton and 0345 from Emerald to Rockhampton arriving 1705 and 0715 respectively. The Rockhampton to Emerald service operates Mon, Wed-Fri and Sun and departs 1810 arriving at 2200. The Longreach service operates Tues & Sat departing Rockhampton at 0840 arriving at 1800.
- Emerald – Mackay (TT dated 6 October 2003, PDF format) - Runs daily with departure ex Emerald (Service 5A) at 0545 arriving at 1130 and departing Mackay (Service 5B) at 1345 arriving back at Emerald at 1920.

Young's Coaches of Rockhampton have commenced a QR Trainlink service from Rockhampton to Yeppoon. Because Young's paint their buses in a pink livery, QR are advertising the service as "Catch the Pink Trainlink" and "You can't miss the Trainlink. It's pink!" In keeping with the pink theme the timetable printed for the service has lots of pink on it however is undated. The actual launch of the service was on the 10th December, 2003 at the Capricorn Coast Tourism Centre in Yeppoon.

Air New Zealand is to commence daily Christchurch to Wanaka return flights from 19th March this year. The new service makes Wanaka the 25th destination in Air New Zealand's national network and the 10th in the South Island, The flights, to be operated by Air New Zealand subsidiary Eagle Air, will utilise 19 seat Beech 1900D aircraft with a flight time of around one hour. The daily service will depart Christchurch at 1045 and arrive at Wanaka at 1145. The return journey will depart at 1205 and arrive at Christchurch at 1300.

Passengers going to the USA have been given another option with Air New Zealand's announcement that it will commence non-stop flights

between Auckland and San Francisco from June 30 with good connections to/from all Australian ports. Utilising a 747-400, Air New Zealand will initially operate three services a week, departing on a Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

AustAsia Airlines (?) will soon connect the Pilbara and Kimberly regions of Western Australia with Bali via a once weekly service operating every Friday. The flights will be operated with Boeing 737 aircraft chartered from Merpati Nusantara Airlines. Fares will be announced and reservations taken starting from January 25, with the first flight departing on Friday, March 5, 2004. AustAsia Airlines currently operates a once-weekly flight between Jakarta and Christmas Island. The Airline is considering rerouting its Christmas Island Flights to Bali with a timing to link with the new Western Australia service.

Big Sky Express (?) The first commercial flight for Australia's only community based airline took off from Inverell in New South Wales on 21 January 2004. The new air service provides flights between the north-western towns of Coonabarabran, Inverell, Gunnedah and Sydney. Coonabarabran has been without an airline for almost three years. Flights from Coonabarabran and Gunnedah will take place on Australia Day when the airline is officially launched.

Qantas (QF) is to have a three times weekly Perth Hong-Kong non-stop service from March 29 2004. Qantas suspended its daily Perth - Singapore - Hong Kong service during the SARS outbreak. Qantas said it would add two new domestic routes from April:

- between Perth and Cairns from April non-stop, twice weekly, two class Boeing 737-800 services This will add more than 330 seats each week to the airline's already significant operations to and from Cairns
- between Sydney and Broome a non-stop, weekly, two class Boeing 737-800 service each Saturday
- Qantas also announced last year that it would commence daily flights linking Canberra and Perth. These services will commence on 4 February.



Ferry

New South Wales

Sydney Ferries

New timetables:

- Darling Harbour - Version 4, 2003, STA doc 174995.
- Neutral Bay - Version 1, 2003, STA doc 174897
- Mosman - Version 1, 2003, STA doc 174979
- Woolwich - Version 1, 2003, STA doc 175000
- Rose Bay - Summer Timetable dated 27/12/03, single green DL sheet, no STA doc but SF0004/1203
- Manly - version 1, 2004

Lauda Air is to be rebranded into the Austrian Airlines [OS] designator system.

Virgin Blue (DJ) is to fly 5 times per week direct Perth - Gold Coast from 29 March 2004.

Services to /from Cairns are also to increase. From 11 March Cairns - Sydney from 2 to 3 daily; Melbourne - Cairns from 1 to 2 daily [09 April]; Brisbane - Cairns from 3 to 4 daily [08 May].

Virgin Blue has announced that, in conjunction with its sister airline, Pacific Blue, it will offer flight connections to and from Australia and New Zealand so that international Guests and their luggage will be able to connect seamlessly between the two networks. Virgin Blue has developed a convenient schedule that allows for a minimum connection time of 60 minutes in Melbourne and 90 minutes in Brisbane and Sydney for flights sold as connecting flights. This is intended to ensure that passengers have enough time to arrive at their connecting port and complete an aircraft change if required.

Norfolk Jet Express (YE) serves Melbourne via Sydney on Saturdays from 03 January 2004.

MacAir (CC) Horizon Airlines [in receivership] was purchased by Transjet Group trading as Macair on 06 November 2003. Flights between Sydney and Cooma, Grafton, Kempsey, Newcastle [Williamstown], Taree are now shown as Macair.

Hawaiian Air (HA) is to fly to Australia subject to Government Approval and will become the second* airline on the route. Hawaiian will fly the route with its Boeing 767-300ER wide-body aircraft. The twin-aisle, twin-jet B767 seats 252 passengers, 18 in First Class and 234 in Coach Class, featuring the comfort and convenience of a 2-3-2 seating configuration that offers either window or aisle seating to 86 percent of the passengers. Flight time will be approximately 10 hours. (* no one mentions the fact that Continental (CO) still service Australia from Guam into Cairns).

Sydney Ferries is to become a separate corporation from 1 July 2004.

Manly service During January the Manly service suffered from there being only two Freshwater class vessels available. Due to operational difficulties with the Queenscliff vessel, Manly JetCats operated in place of some Manly ferry trips.

Monday to Friday

Ferry trips replaced by JetCats: Depart Circular Quay 0615, 0735, 0900, 1030, 1200, 1330, 1500, 1630, 1745; Depart Manly 0700, 0815, 0945, 1115, 1245, 1415, 1545, 1705, 1830

JetCat trips cancelled: Depart Circular Quay 1620, 1710, 1810; Depart Manly 1645, 1745, 1835 Saturday, Sunday & Australia Day

Ferry trips replaced by JetCats: Departs Circular Quay 1000, 1130, 1300, 1430, 1600, 1730; Depart Manly 1045, 1215, 1345, 1515, 1645, 1820

JetCat trips cancelled: Depart Circular Quay 0835, 0935, 1035, 1135, 1235, 1335, 1435, 1535; Depart Manly 0900, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1310, 1410, 1500, 1600

The State Government scrapped the school ferry run from Mosman and Cremorne to Rose Bay three weeks before first term, forcing students to make a much longer trip to reach the other side of Port Jackson. Up to 80 students must now take two buses to the eastern suburbs via the city, or two ferries via Circular Quay in place of one ferry. The school ferry service has been run by the private operator Rosman Ferries under government contract, and has included two return trips across the harbour each day. The trips typically carry about 40 students to eastern suburbs private schools, but as many as twice that number are thought to be eligible.

Palm Beach Ferries the trial timetable (see right) for the Palm Beach - Woy Woy ferry service has a note 'This timetable is structured to connect with other timetabled public transport...' Is this a first for a NSW timetable?

Central Coast Ferries The other ferry operating from Woy Woy run by Central Coast Ferries to Empire Bay has a timetable advising 'New Trial Timetable Effective 1st September, 2003'. One noticeable change is the 1230 departure 'Cruise via St Huberts Island'. The ferry company also had a sign indicating a cruise and to check a web site for more details.

Victoria

VicFerries – The service reported last month ran for only the first day. Access to Portarlington Wharf caused problems and the service did not operate again until late December. The current timetable is: Depart Portarlington 0730 – arriving Port Melbourne 0815; returning from Port Melbourne 1800 – arriving Portarlington 1845.

Cost: \$15 for one way travel between Portarlington and Port Melbourne; \$24 per day for regular commuters

Williamstown Ferries A new TT and brochure has been published dated December 2003.

Tasmania

Spirit of Tasmania III timetable

For the period 13 January 2004 to 30 May 2004:

Departs Sydney 1500	Arrives Devonport 1130
Tuesday	Wednesday
Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday

Departs Devonport 1500	Arrives Sydney 1130
Monday	Tuesday
Thursday	Friday
Saturday	Sunday

For the period 31 May 2004 to 16 July then 8 to 29 August 2004 – no service 17 July 2004 - 8 August 2004:

Departs Sydney 1500	Arrives Devonport 1130
Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday
Departs Devonport 1500	Arrives Sydney 1130
Thursday	Friday
Saturday	Sunday

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Palm Beach - Hardys Bay - Woy Woy

Trial Ferry Service Timetable commencing 26/12/2003

Palm Beach to Hardys Bay and Woy Woy

Depart Palm Beach	Hardys Bay	Arrive Woy Woy
10.30 am	11.00 am	11.15 pm
12.30 pm	1.00 pm	1.15 pm
2.30 pm	3.00 pm	3.15 pm
4.30 pm	5.00 pm	5.15 pm

Woy Woy to Hardys Bay and Palm Beach

Depart Woy Woy	Hardys Bay	Arrive Palm Beach
11.30 am	11.45 am	12.15 pm
1.30 pm	1.45 pm	2.15 pm
3.30 pm	3.45 pm	4.15 pm
5.30 pm	5.45 pm	6.15 pm

*This timetable is structured to connect with other timetabled public transport, passengers are requested to be on wharves 5 minutes prior to departure times.

*This timetable is subject to alteration with or without notice due to sea conditions, or other unforeseen circumstances.

*Intoxicated persons, or persons acting in a socially offensive manner will not be permitted on vessels.

*This trial timetable concludes on 31/1/2004.