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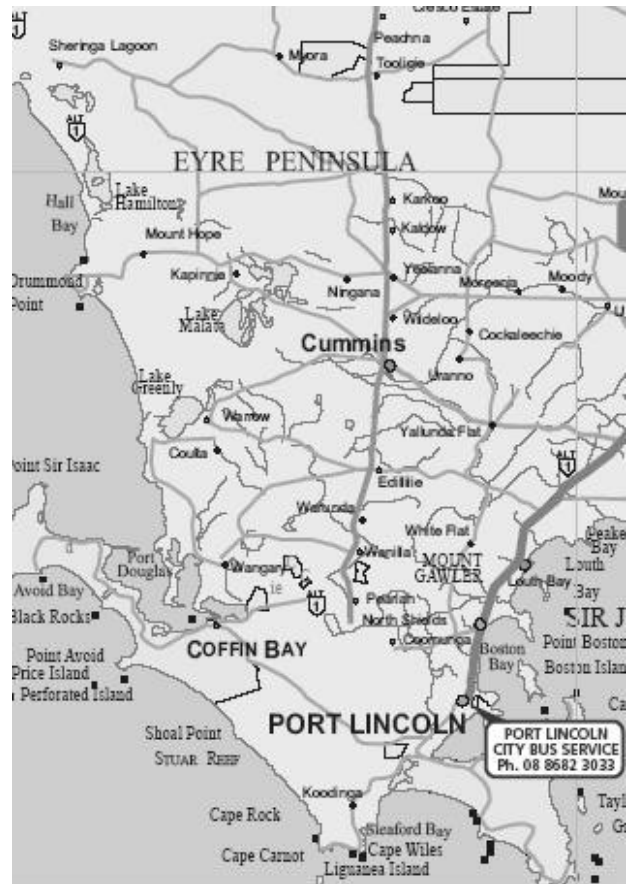
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Something missing?

Above: A section of the new SA StateGuide map showing the Eyre Peninsula. If you thought the Flinders Highway ran down the west coast you'd be right. So why is it missing? See page 10 for an explanation.

Left: The cover of the latest (April 2004) issue of the guide, unchanged apart from the date. Note the giant crayfish!

Provided by Roger Wheaton.

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You Wrote...

Visiting Cairns

From Simon Aalbers

I have recently returned from a trip to Cairns and thought I would share with you the latest tts from FNQ. My last trip to Cairns was in 2000 so most of the news will relate to changes since that time.

Sunbus (local urban bus service):

Sunbus issued two new tts dated 'Effective 1 November 2003', one for South West and one for Northern Beaches. In 2000 the local tt was in 'airline' style but the current tts are a more standard format. TTs are printed on A3 paper folding down to pocket size. The Northern Beaches tt indicates that routes 2/2A are now operated by wheelchair accessible buses.

Whitecars Coaches (Cairns – Tablelands):

The last Whitecars tt available from the AATTC sales was dated 01 January 2002. The current tt is dated 01 December 2003. Changes included:

- Ravenshoe – Atherton now operated by Kerry's Bus Service to the following times:- Ravenshoe 0745M-F, Atherton 0845-1100, Ravenshoe 1200 – 1400, Atherton 1450 – 1500, Ravenshoe 1600, Atherton 1700M-F, Ravenshoe 1945Sa, Atherton 2045-2345, Ravenshoe 0045.
- Cairns – Kuranda times have been altered and one service deleted.

- Some services are shown as connecting with Chilagoe Bus Service on MWF at Atherton.

John's Kuranda Bus (Kuranda – Cairns)

Appears to be a new service since 2000. TT is dated 01April and buses depart at the following times:

Kuranda	0730, 1330, 1615MTu 0730, 0930, 1230, 1410, 1615 W-F 0830, 1500 Sa Su PH
Cairns	0830*, 1515, 1715 MTu 0830, 1015, 1330, 1515, 1715 W-F 0830*, 1600 SaSu PH

Kuranda – Cairns Bus Service (Cairns – Kuranda)

Another new service since 2000, tt is dated 03 December 2003 and buses depart at the following times:

Cairns	0900 daily, 1100 daily, 1500 W-F, 1500Su
Kuranda	1000 daily, 1215 daily, 1545NotMTu, 1545Su

Note the inconsistency in use of running days notes.

There are a couple of interesting features about these two tts. Firstly it is interesting to compare the times for both these operators, particularly W-F when the Kuranda-Cairns depart Cairns at 1500 with Johns departing at 1515. Secondly it is

interesting to note the fares to Kuranda. Both these operators are offering \$2.00 one way fares. This compares with \$4.00 on Whitecars and \$35.00 on the train.

Speaking of trains another new operator since 2000 is **Cairns – Kuranda Steam**. An undated brochure, which doubles as a tt, shows services departing Freshwater Connection at 1020WFSu, arriving at Kuranda at 1200. return departure is 1445 arriving Freshwater Connection at 1620.

Freshwater Connection is located near Smithfield, north of Cairns, near the terminus of the Skyrail and where the road to Kuranda branches off the coastal road. Fares on the steam are \$85.00 return, compared with QR return fare of \$50.00. According to a friend within the tourism industry in Cairns, Cairns Kuranda Steam are doing it hard. Patronage is low and operating costs high and rumour has it that unless things improve soon this service may cease in the near future.

With the demise of **Coral Coaches** I was keen to find out what was happening north of Cairns. Not only has competition hit the Cairns – Kuranda services, but Cairns – Port Douglas is likewise well served.

BTS Tours (Cairns – Port Douglas)

Looking through the endless number of tour companies operating from Cairns I came across this one. While they advertise as a tour company they offer regular departures and single fares. The brochure is undated however departure times are shown as follows:

Cairns	0700, 1015, 1430, 1630, 1845
Port Douglas	0530, 0820, 1100, 1500, 1700, 1730

BTS also offer an optional Mossman Gorge service departing Port Douglas at 0930 and 1145, returning at 1215 and 1445.

Another offer from BTS was bus one way and boat the other, in conjunction with Quicksilver. This sent me hunting for a Quicksilver tt.

Quicksilver Connections (Cairns – Palm Cove – Port Douglas)

I found it. Quicksilver are also offering transfers between Cairns and Port Douglas. Timetable is as follows:

Cairns (Marlin Marina)	0800
Palm Cove jetty	0835
Port Douglas (Mirage)	arr 0930
	dep 1715
Cairns (Marlin Marina)	1845

Quicksilver are offering one way fares as well so I have treated this as transport not tours.

Sun Palm Tropical Express Coaches (Cairns – Port Douglas/ Cape Tribulation/ Cooktown; Port Douglas – Mossman)

I found three separate, undated brochures for Sun Palm with contradictory times in each of them. It is difficult to ascertain exactly what times their services operate however the routes appear to be:

- Cairns – Port Douglas with regular departures throughout the day
- Cairns – Cape Tribulation daily
- Cairns – Cooktown coastal route (WFSu returning TuTHSa)
- Cairns – Cooktown inland route (TuThSa returning WFSu, appears to operate by Port Douglas not Mareeba)
- Port Douglas – Mossman 4 departures, serves Mossman Gorge, golf Club and township.

Airport Connections (Cairns – Airport/ Port Douglas/ Cape Tribulation/ Mission Beach) Another operator serving Port Douglas. I could not find a tt in Cairns, however I was able to locate a tt on their website on my return home. Airport Connections offer the following services (effective 1 April 2004):

Cairns – Airport 60mins prior to domestic flights and 100mins prior to international flights
Port Douglas – Northern Beaches – Airport – Cairns every hour 0330 to 1630.

Cairns – Cape Tribulation 2 services daily Cape Trib 0745 and 1145, Cairns 0800 and 1400.

Cairns – Mission Beach 2 services daily dep Cairns 0700 and 1330, Mission Beach 1030 and 1730.

Coral Reef Coaches (Cairns – Mossman and Cairns – Cape Tribulation)

There was something surprisingly familiar about this tt (effective January 2004) and this was later confirmed to me. Coral Reef is owned by the same people who owned Coral Coaches. The similarity does not end with the tt layout, even the slogan 'Connecting Tropical North Queensland' was used by Coral Coaches. Coral Reef do not serve anywhere near the number of towns that Coral Coaches did. Their services are limited to Cairns – Mossman, Cairns to Cape Tribulation and the Port Douglas Town Service. I did not locate a tt for the latter but it is available on their website. Coral Reef offer two services to Cape Trip with four Cairns – Mossman and three (one way only) Mossman – Port Douglas. They also offer transfers to Mossman Gorge and Golf Club but no times are given.

FNQ Bus Lines (Cairns – Mossman)

FNQ operate school services in and around Mossman, including services between Cairns and Mossman. The tt on their website indicates they will accept other passengers on this service.

To be continued in August.

For the Record

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The Ghan

Changes to The Ghan Timetable and Motorail Facilities. Due to operational reasons, Great Southern Railway has made changes to The Ghan Timetable and Motorail facilities.

Effective immediately Great Southern Railway

- will no longer accept Motorail or Special Carriage thru bookings from Darwin to Sydney.
- will not be accepting Motorail into or out of Katherine until further notice.

Effective 1 July 2004

- Arrival time into Darwin has been adjusted to 1630 from 1600.
- Arrival time into Katherine has been adjusted to 1415 from 1340.
- Departure time from Katherine has been adjusted to 1820.
- Departure time from Tennant Creek has been adjusted to 0225.

New South Wales

North Coast Region. Countrylink has issued two A4 sheets which cover the changes made to North Coast services in May. Both pages are undated and appear to be pages 5 and 6 of some document. They did not have anything on the Southern Region changes.

CityRail New Timetable

Some further comments on the new train timetables due 24 July 2004:

- The Cumberland line timetable will be a stand-alone brochure and will no longer be part of the South Line booklet.
- Inner West Line and South Line services will be combined in one timetable booklet.
- The Carlingford line timetable will be a stand-alone brochure and will no longer be part of the Western Line booklet.
- The Olympic Park Sprint from Lidcombe to Olympic Park station will be reduced to operate every 20 minutes instead of every 10 minutes. So

it looks as though the existing timetable brochure which expires today 31 May 2004 will not be replaced until 24th July.

Adjustments to the CityRail timetable are to help improve the reliability of peak hour services and reduce reliance on overtime during the ongoing driver shortage. The adjustments were likely to remain in place until the end of next year when a new timetable would be introduced.

The adjustments would:

- Free up an additional 37 drivers for each weekday;
- Increase reliability and reduce congestion on the CityRail network during peak periods;
- Increase capacity;
- Support the principle of sectorisation and the estimated \$1 billion Rail Clearways plan;
- Reduce duplication of services on late night/early morning routes already served by Nightride buses.

Adjustments to Newcastle and Central Coast Line services include:

- Carriages will be added to the 0604 Wyong to Central and 1835 Central to Wyong to replace the existing 0556 Wyong to St Marys service and the 1604 St Marys to Wyong to increase reliability.
- Customers travelling from Wyong to St Marys should catch the 0603 service and change at Strathfield at 0749 for a Western Line service departing 0753 arriving at St Marys at 0834.
- On weekdays and weekends the 2319 service from Newcastle to Central will now terminate at Gosford. Passengers travelling beyond Gosford should catch the 2120 service from Newcastle.
- Services leaving after 2000 from Central and after 2130 from Berowra will run hourly.
- Customers travelling from St Marys to Wyong in the afternoon should catch the 1555 service and change at Strathfield for the Central Coast Line.
- On weekends the 2047 from Central will terminate at Gosford instead of Wyong. Passengers travelling beyond Gosford should catch the 2017 or 2117 service from Central.

	Column:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Ride Id:	3168	3172	3231	3103	3176	3180	3184	3188	3192	3194
	Trip:	V732	V734	V784	V604	V736	V738	V740	V742	V744	V746
	Train No:										
		am	am	am	am	am	am	pm	pm	pm	pm
1	Scone										
2	Aberdeen										
3	Muswellbrook				10.12						
4	Singleton				10.45						
5	Belford				10.56						
6	Branxton				11.03						
7	Greta				11.07						
8	Lochinvar				11.15						
9	Dungog			10.14							
10	Wirragulla			10.19							
11	Wallarobba			10.35							
12	Hilldale			10.40							
13	Martins Creek			10.46							
14	Paterson			10.51							
15	Mindaribba			10.59							
16	Telarah	10.31	10.42	11.06		11.23	11.43	12.23	12.42	1.21	1.31
17	Maitland	10.36	10.46	11.10	11.24	11.27	11.47	12.27	12.46	1.27	1.47
18	High Street		10.47				11.48		12.47	1.28	
19	East Maitland		10.50				11.51		12.50	1.31	
20	Victoria Street	10.40	10.52	11.14	11.28	11.31	11.53	12.31	12.52	1.33	1.51
21	Metford		10.55				11.56		12.55	1.36	
22	Thornton	10.45	10.58	11.19	11.33	11.36	11.59	12.36	12.58	1.39	1.56
23	Beresfield	10.48	11.01	11.21	11.36	11.39	12.02	12.39	1.01	1.42	1.59
24	Tarro		11.03				12.04		1.03	1.44	
25	Hexham		11.06				12.07		1.06	1.47	
26	Sandgate		11.11				12.12		1.11	1.52	
27	Warabrook (Uni)	10.55	11.13	11.29	11.43	11.46	12.14	12.46	1.13	1.54	2.06
28	Waratah	10.59	11.17	11.33	11.47	11.50	12.18	12.50	1.17	1.58	2.10
29	Broadmeadow										
30	Hamilton	11.04	11.21	11.37	11.51	11.54	12.22	12.54	1.21	2.02	2.14
31	Wickham	11.06	11.23	11.39	11.53	11.56	12.24	12.56	1.23	2.04	2.16
32	Civic	11.08	11.25	11.41	11.55	11.58	12.26	12.58	1.25	2.06	2.18
33	Newcastle	11.10	11.27	11.43	11.57	12.00	12.28	1.00	1.27	2.08	2.20

Above: A section of the Excel spreadsheet for proposed Hunter line timetable.

The RailCorp media release, 27 May 2004, stated that there were no changes to Hunter Line services. However, the Hunter timetables actually contained several changes to services on the Maitland line:

- The running times were more consistent and reasonable, correcting anomalies that had crept into the timetables in recent years. In most cases, the total trip time remained the same.
- The times of some early morning trips on weekdays and weekends were altered to accommodate the altered timetable for the Up XPT from Casino.
- Metford was removed from the stopping pattern of 'express' trains on weekdays, reducing the frequency from half-hourly to hourly.
- Metford was removed from the stopping pattern of every second 'all stations' train on weekends, reducing the frequency from hourly to

two-hourly. Following representations from the Commuter Council, Maitland Council, the University of Newcastle and Hunter Institute of TAFE, the current stopping pattern at Metford station was reinstated.

The public timetables had already been printed with the changes at Metford. Amendment sheets will be issued pending a reprint when initial stocks are exhausted.

The initial timetable with the Metford changes is attached.

Victoria

Ballarat Trackworks Continue V/line have not returned to use of the former 'Stage 1 & 3' timetable dated 17 April with the resuming of rail services as far as Bacchus Marsh as of 9 June.

Instead a fold-out A4 leaflet was issued. The font size used is very small, however they have wisely left a gap in the middle of the Mon to Fri timetables, which means the crease doesn't make some trips hard to read. The cover is the same style as a 'trackworks' leaflet. Various changes - some services formerly trains are now coaches, and trains in some cases travel slower. Following the replacement of all Western Line services with coaches all the way 6-8 June and then the purple interim timetable until 20 June, V/line is now running to the Stage 1 Orange timetable, as all trains to Bacchus Marsh have now resumed with coaches to Ballan and Ballarat to continue to early July

Bairnsdale Pocketed Picked up at Spencer St was a *Bairnsdale - Back On Track* temporary timetable, effective 20 May 2004. Pocket fold out size, and shows all train and coach services along the eastern corridor, pretty much as per the 3 May Booklet TT.

M>Train Pocket Timetables dated January 2004 Version 1: Footscray, Laverton, Westona. Version 2 Chelsea incorporating Edithvale and Aspendale; Highett; Glenhuntly; Moorabbin/Patterson (shows the incorrect times for Trains from City on weekdays); Seaford; Stony Point

Spencer Street platforms 13/14 closure Connex is advising Williamstown passengers of the works with a two sided glossy DL leaflet. One side details the travel arrangements passengers need to make to get to from Spencer St, while the other provides a complete list of every service on the Williamstown line not stopping, but nothing in relation to the three afternoon Broadmeadows trains. Three afternoon trains from Broadmeadows (at 15.51, 1649 and 1723) will not stop at Spencer Street Station on weekdays from Monday 28 June until Friday 10 September 2004.

Most affected trains have one minute taken off their journey time to Flinders Street by arriving one minute earlier, or leaving one minute later.

The leaflet also states 'Further works will be carried out in October'. The reason for the break in the works is primarily to allow Royal Show trains to stop.

V/Line trains are also affected from Saturday 26th June 2004. Two morning Western line services from Spencer Street - the 0753 to Melton and the 0830 to Bacchus Marsh - will be replaced by coaches, departing from the temporary coach terminal located opposite the Lonsdale and Spencer Streets intersection. Passengers joining these services at Spencer Street will travel by coach to their destinations. Passengers are able to join these trains at Footscray, departing at normal times of 0800 and 0837 respectively, and at all scheduled stations.

Queensland

QR Traveltrain reissued their Brisbane - Sydney A4 single page train timetable effective 17 May 2004 which shows the new train and coach times as a result of Countrylink ceasing the Murwillumbah service.

Western Australia

A new **TransPerth Armadale** train timetable is dated 8 February 2004



Perth - Kalgoorlie *The Prospector*

The new timetable is available at the Transwa website, www.transwa.wa.gov.au in PDF format, for the upgraded Prospector service which commenced from 28 June 2004; see page 15 for details. This service utilises the new railcars that have been constructed for TransWA high speed services on their Avonlink and Prospector services.

Extended AvonLink service. To coincide with the introduction of the new Prospector train, from 28 June 2004, in addition to its regular morning and evening services to Northam and Toodyay, Transwa's *AvonLink* service will travel from the East Perth Rail Terminal to Merredin and return three times per week. The new service will be further enhanced by the introduction of the new AvonLink train later in 2004. The new *AvonLink* train will have a capability of speeds up to 160km per hour and be able to carry up to 138 passengers in air conditioned comfort.



Tram/ Light Rail

Melbourne

The planned changes on **routes 1, 8 and 69**, which were due to start on Sunday 6 June have yet to commence.

Route 16, which now terminates at Melbourne University, will soon continue all the way to Cameron St, Coburg. Yarra Trams chief executive officer Hubert Guyot said passengers travelling between the Moreland terminus and Luna Park

will no longer have to change trams. On weekday and Saturday evenings between the University and Moreland Rd because there will be a route 1 or 16 tram every 10 minutes.

The enhanced route 16 service will replace route 22 from the Arts Centre to Moreland and is effectively the old route 15 reinstated.

On a typical weekday, there are 22,000 passenger trips on the existing services between Moreland and the Arts Centre, and St Kilda Beach to Melbourne University.

As with the route 1, 8 and 69 changes the new date for this change hasn't been announced.



National

Premier Motor Service single sheet timetable from Sydney - Melbourne and return dated June 2004.

Sydney

Busways has reprinted the timetable for Routes 721-7 (South Blacktown), but has left a blank wherever there was mention of the now deleted Route 725W (Blacktown-Wonderland Sydney-Eastern Creek Raceway), ie on the cover and on page 23. There is also a blank space on page 35 where there had previously been an advertisement for Wonderland Sydney.

The **Beaches to Bay Bus** which has operated during the past two summers as part of route 987 Cronulla to Kurnell is again operating during the four Sundays in June 2004. Unlike during the past two summers no printed timetable has been sighted but a timetable is posted at Cronulla Station with the dates of the four Sundays in June. Same as summer timetable.

Forest Coach Lines has released new timetables dated June 2004. Format is a fold up timetable measuring 7cm across by 10cm high, each with a different colour. For details of service changes see last month's *Table Talk* p9.

- 195 Gordon - St Ives Chase, 196 Pymble - Terrey Hills, M196 Macquarie University - Mona Vale Forest. Blue.
- 196 Mona Vale - Pymble, 285 Mona Vale - Chatswood, M196 Macquarie University - Mona Vale Forest. Yellow
- 276 Warringah Mall - Terrey Hills, 280 Warringah Mall - Chatswood. Purple
- 270 City-Belrose-Terrey Hills. Green with light green background.



Collins St Closure Due to construction work associated with redevelopment of the Spencer St Station precinct Yarra tram services 11 (West Preston), 31 (St Vincent's Plaza) & 42 (Box Hill) along the Collins St Extension will be temporarily suspended for up to 12 months, as of 27 June 2004. Instead these services will terminate in Collins Street at Spencer St superstop. Last westbound stop is Stop 1 & 1st Eastbound stop will be stop 2. Also, due to tram congestion at St Vincent's Plaza some 31 services may proceed to Victoria/Hoddle and terminate.

- 277 Castle Cove - Chatswood, 278 Killarney Heights - Chatswood, Brown
- 278 Chatswood - Killarney Heights (Partly), 279 Chatswood - The Esplanade, French Forest, 280 Chatswood - Warringah Mall, 281 Chatswood - Davidson, 282 Chatswood - Belrose/Davidson, 283 Chatswood - Belrose, 284 Chatswood - Duffy's Forest, 285 Chatswood - Mona Vale (partly). Green.

The 278-285 printed time table still only summarises departures from Chatswood while the web timetable includes full timings for outbound services and a network map.

Sydney Buses

There is no longer a list of current Sydney bus timetables on the Sydney Buses website. The AATTC website is the only place to look.

With the issue of the Mosman to North Sydney and Milsons Point timetable all Sydney Buses timetables are in 'TransitGraphics' or 'DL handbill' formats. The first timetables in these formats were issued in July 2000 so it has taken four years to convert them all. The previous house style was introduced in 1992 and the last timetable issued in it was the November 2003 Manly to Chatswood issue. There are now 129 timetables for regular services, 43 credit card sized, and 2 brochures for Explorers.

New timetables issued:

- E50 Manly to Milsons Point Express, June 2004, double sided DL
- 187 E87 L87 188 E88 L88 E89 190 L90 Pittwater, version 1, March 2004, #175356
- 151 175 E75 178 E78 L78 183 E83 184 E84 L84, Warringah, version 1, April 2004 #175398.
- 225 Neutral Bay Wharf to Cremorne Wharf, version 2, June 2004, #175224
- 227 228 229 230 Mosman to North Sydney, version 1, May 2004, #175364 - 'Also includes Northern Beaches services operating to Milsons Point or the City via North Sydney'

- 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249 Mosman to City, version 1, May 2004, #175380
- 275 Castlecrag to Chatswood, May 2004, #175125 - double-sided single leaf DL
- 286-289 North Ryde District, version 4, May 2004, #174243
- 343 X43 345 Kingsford to Millers Point, version 4 effective May 2004 #175018 - also includes 342
- 378 Bronte Beach to Railway Square, version 3, June 2004, #174854
- 389 X89 North Bondi to City via Paddington, version 3, May 2004, #175026
- 428 Canterbury to City, version 8, May 2004, #174151
- 448 Dulwich Hill to Marrickville Metro, May 2004, #190793 - double-sided single leaf DL

The **Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation** has produced a 16 page booklet, 8cm by 11cm, titled *Parramatta Transport Interchange* with the details of changes resulting from the closure of Argyle Street for eighteen months from 24 May 2004 whilst construction proceeds. There is a map for each operator (Westbus, T-Way, Sydney Buses, Baxter's Bus Lines, Hopkinsons, Busways, Harris Park Transport and taxis. There is also a map showing the changes resulting from the closure of the western concourse of the station.

New South Wales

Culburra Coaches Nowra-Culburra/Orient Point route 729 latest timetable is dated Oct 2003

Deane's Buslines commenced a new route 834 service from Queanbeyan to Jerrabomberra via Hume from Monday 31 May 2004 for a two week trial basis. The Sheppard St Hume portion of the service operates as Hail and Ride where passengers were advised to stand in a safe place for the bus stop and signal the driver as the bus approached. Details of the new Monday to Friday service are:

- Queanbeyan - Hume – Jerrabomberra: Queanbeyan Inter. Bay C1 0715, Sheppard St, Hume 0729, Jerrabomberra (Limestone Dr) 0743
- Hume – Queanbeyan: Sheppard St, Hume 1625, Queanbeyan Interchange 1655

Green's Northern Helensburgh-Coalcilffe route 14, revised 13 April 2004 size A4

Harrison's Gerringong-Nowra route 705 latest timetable Feb 2004, route no not shown in timetable.

Newcastle Buses new timetable for route 334 Glendale to Newcastle via Kotara South, 16 May 2004, version 4, #123075.

Nowra Coaches New timetables issued for Nowra-West Nowra/East Nowra route 724, May

2004; and Nowra-Bay and Basin routes 732/733 Feb 2004

Rover Motors, Cessnock, has issued a new timetable book to replace its previous three timetable brochures for route services, effective 7 June 2004. There has some rationalisation of routes and timetable adjustments to provide direct services and connections to Hunter Valley Gardens and to improve train connections at Maitland.

The route numbers now are:

- 160 Cessnock - Newcastle
- 162 Cessnock - Kearsley
- 164 Cessnock - Maitland (altered route in Maitland CBD)
- 165 Cessnock - West Cessnock
- 166 Cessnock - Bellbird
- 167 Cessnock - Nulkaba (Hunter Valley Gardens)
- 168 Cessnock - Ellalong, Millfield, Paxton
- 171 Kurri Kurri - Weston

The 24 page DL size full colour timetable book contains explanatory information, route maps and timetables. The timetable books carry a cover price of 50c.

Shoalhaven (North Nowra) Latest timetable issue is April 2004 for Nowra-Shoalhaven Heads route 709; Nowra-Bomaderry route 721 and Nowra-North Nowra route 722

Transborder Alpine Express Canberra – Thredbo, dated Saturday 26 June 2004 and concluding Monday 4 October. Service from Canberra departs 1040 arriving Thredbo at 1420 or 1400 depending on whether runs via Canberra station. Service from Thredbo departs 1320 arriving Canberra at 1645 or 1710 depending on whether it runs via Canberra station

Brisbane

Airtrain Citylink has issued an updated colour brochure train timetable effective 1st April 2004 for their Brisbane Airport - City - Gold Coast services. The train times do not appear to have been changed.

The property developer of the North Lakes housing estate near Petrie has engaged **Caboolture Bus Lines** to operate the North Lakes Community Bus from the North Lakes estate to the Town Centre and Petrie Railway Station. A timetable effective 17th May 2004 has been issued for the service.



From 7 June 2004 **TransLink** have issued new timetables for the former CityTrans bus/train timetables which have been rebranded as TransLink services. These are the integrated bus-

rail services operated from Forest Lake, Riverhills, Sinnamon Park and Upper Kedron. New TransLink fare information is shown and some of the times on some routes have also been changed.

- Route 367 Translink (former Citytrans) service Upper Kedron to Ferny Grove Railway Station 7 June 2004
- Routes 451 & 103 Translink (former Citytrans) service Sinnamon Park to Darra Railway Station 7 June 2004
- Route 452 Translink (former Citytrans) service Riverhills Loop to Darra Railway Station 7 June 2004
- Route 462 Translink (former Citytrans) service Inala - Forest Lake - Darra Railway Station 7 June 2004

Mentioned last month the new service operated by **Westside** running from Springfield Lakes to Wacol station and Mt Ommaney Shopping Centre has commenced. The service has been developed by Delfin (the developer), Queensland Transport and Westside. The timetable is effective from 17 May 2004 and is published as an A4 colour folded brochure. Services operate weekdays only with 22 trips (not all return):

Springfield Lakes departures 0650, 0719, 0757, 0838, 0938, 1038, 1338, 1538, 1624 and 1735.
Wacol station departures 0708, 0745, 0916MO, 1016MO, 1116MO, 1416MO, 1602MO, 1654, 1723, 1756, 1825

MO = Departs ex Mt Ommaney SC then to Wacol Station.

Queensland

Australia Coach Cairns – Airport dated 28 March 2004 (Winter TT) known as the Airporter service. Departures (ex Cairns) at 0400, 0430, 0730, 0900, 1000, 1100, 1210, 1400, 1500, 1600 and 1730

Coral Reef Coaches have issued a timetable for their Cairns - Mossman, Cape Tribulation and Cooktown services dated May 2003. Coral Reef acquired the services of Coral Coaches when they went into liquidation last year. See also *You Wrote...*

Trips to Mossman ex Cairns are 0900 (extends to Cape Tribulation), 1200, 1530 and 1930 daily.

Trips ex Mossman are at 0600, 0900, 1200, 1700 (ex Cape Tribulation).

The Cooktown service departs Cairns at 0700 and Cooktown at 1430.

According to the timetable a Karumba - Cairns service will commence "soon" with departure ex Cairns at 0645 and Karumba at 0645.

Cairns – Kuranda Shuttle Bus

Cairns – Kuranda. 3 December 2003

Services ex Cairns at 0900, 1100, 1300 and 1500 (Wed-Fri) weekdays; 0900, 1100 and 1300 Saturdays and 0900, 1100, 1300 and 1500 Sundays.

Services ex Kuranda weekdays at 1000, 1215, 1400 and 1545 (Wed-Fri only); Saturdays at 1000, 1215 and 1400 and Sundays at 1000, 1215, 1400 and 1545.

It appears that they may operate in conjunction with Whitecars as there is a 1000 additional service weekdays ex Cairns listed as operated by Whitecars.

City Sightseeing Gold Coast (with ex Hong Kong open top double deckers). New brochure includes an indicative timetable but is undated.

Fassifern Coaches who operate the Ipswich - Harrisville - Boonah service have made changes effective 28 June 2004 cancelling the 1620 from Boonah to Ipswich and the 1720 service from Ipswich to Boonah. This means it is no longer an afternoon service from Ipswich to Boonah after the school services. There is now a 0750 Ipswich to Boonah presumably formed by the morning arrival ex Boonah and a 1400 from Boonah to Ipswich which then forms the 1510 back to Boonah.

John's Kuranda Bus. Undated timetable but operates a Kuranda – Cairns service – see *You Wrote...* No other details except phone 0418 772 953 / 4093 9278 AH listed.

McCaffertys Greyhound has introduced some additional Toowoomba - Brisbane Airport services from 31 May 2004 by extending some of the existing Toowoomba - Brisbane services to Brisbane Airport. Consequently their Airporter Package service which included taxi pick-up from a passengers address has ceased to operate. An A4 sheet has been issued.

They have also made some time and pick up changes to their Brisbane - Rockhampton - Cairns services effective 1 June 2004 and a new A4 sheet timetable has been issued

McCaffertys Greyhound has increased the frequency of their Rockhampton - Banana - Brisbane service to a daily service from 8 June 2004. A new A4 sheet has been issued.

Mission Beach Dunk Island Connections

Port Douglas - Cairns - Mission Beach; Service operates 7 days/week; A4 colour brochure undated but February 2004. Southbound services depart Port Douglas at 0600, 0930 and 1130 and Northbound services depart Mission Beach at 0730, 1000 and 1700. One way trip takes between 3.5 and 4 hours.

The same timetable has a service between Mission Beach and Tully connecting with QR Sunlander and Tilt train services. Departure from

Bingil Bay at 1000 and South Mission Beach at 1030. Return service ex Tully at 1330 and 1645 (ex connection with down Tilt service). Further correspondence states that minor amendments had been made to services with the 1700 northbound service now departing at 1630.

Sunbus in Cairns now issue separate area timetables for their services instead of one for all areas. The South West area bus timetable effective 1 November 2003 which covered bus routes 1, 1A, 1C, 1E, 1G, 1H, 1X, N Night Service, 5, 5A, 6, 6A & 7. There is a separate Northern beaches timetable – see *You Wrote...*

Sun Palm Express Coaches now operate the bus service from Cairns - Port Douglas - Cape Tribulation - Cooktown. Their colour brochure timetable is undated. See *You Wrote...*

Westside Ipswich have reprinted their A4 sheet summary timetable effective Sept 2003 however it appears there were no changes to the times of services.

Whitecar Coaches Atherton – Cairns dated 1/12/2003 also shows service from Ravenshoe via Herbeton to Atherton operated by Kerry's Bus Service which connect to/from WC services. There is also a note that some services connect with Chilligoe Bus Service but no times are shown. See *You Wrote...*

Adelaide

There is a new timetable dated May 2004 for Routes 550/550B/551/552/SL8.

South Australia

The **StateGuide** has been updated for April 2004. There are a number of new but very infrequent services in various parts of the state. A close look at the map will still reveal evidence of where the former Ceduna to Port Lincoln service has been erased – the missing Flinders Highway. Some of the other isolated names on the map are, of course, old railway sidings and stations on closed lines.

Look at the Comment in the timetable for the Yorke Peninsula Community Passenger Service (route 1) and look how it says 'Bookings are essential but those who go to Aqua Aerobics will be given preference'. The majority of those who do Aqua Aerobics are senior citizens or people with physical disabilities so what the company has done is made sure that these people get to use the service.

Here's a list of operators that are in it (a couple of new companies as well)

- Premier Stateliner
- Yorke Peninsula Coaches

- Southern Yorke Peninsula Community Passenger Service
- Greyhound Australia
- Murray Bridge Passenger Service
- Barossa Valley Coaches
- Hoys Roadlines
- Sealink Kangaroo Island Shuttle Service
- Sealink Public Coach Service
- Sealink Ferry
- Transitplus (Non Metroticket services)
- Magors Bus Service
- Coorong Coaches
- Affordable Coachlines
- Mid Murray Coaches

Highway Hiker Tours, new operator of Murray Bridge town service. There are still four routes (1, 1A, 2 and 2A). Times appear to have unchanged but this will need to be confirmed. One bus operates the service. Undated, printed on A4 folded sheet with no map.

Melbourne

Cranbourne Transit.

Route 892 Narre Warren Sth - Dandenong bus timetable had been reprinted with corrections timetable current date still 24th March, 2003.

Route 895 Fountain Gate/Hallam - Narre Warren Sth bus timetable had been reprinted. Dated 23rd April, 2004. (New look blue and white format).

Eastrans 630 Elwood Beach – Monash Uni dated April 2004. Apparently a complete revamp of this route is planned with additional trips between Huntingdale/Ormond and Monash account of heavy loading.

Grendas introduced a new 857 (Dandenong-Chelsea) Timetable on 31st May. The 0640 trip now arrives Chelsea at 0735, resulting in the 0755 from Chelsea Heights and 0828 from Chelsea running 5 mins later throughout. These changes have been made because of late running on the 0640 trip.

National latest timetables for Routes 366 (Ringwood to Croydon via Croydon Hills) and 367 (Ringwood to Croydon via Ringwood East) are now separate leaflets. Both are dated 'Timetable reprinted May 2004/Timetable effective 21 Feb 2000', and neither carry a timetable number.

Sita Melbourne – Avalon Airport Shuttle
A new service dated from 1 June 2004 to 20 July 2004; additional JetStar flights are planned after 20 July 2004 requiring a new schedule – see page 12. Interestingly there are two sets of times depending on the flight departures.
Service runs from Franklin St (GPA/McCafferty) picking up at Spencer St then Werribee RSL then to Avalon.

Departure times (list 1) from Melbourne are 0600, 0700, 1435, 1530 and 1915 and (list 2) 0520, 0620, 1655, 1740, 1835.

Departures from Avalon (list 1) are at 0825, 0935, 1700, 1805, 2150 and (list 2) 0755, 0855, 1925, 2010 and 2105.

Trips take 1 hour and timetable is an A5 colour brochure

Driver 624 Kew – Oakleigh dated April 2004. Standard Driver format.

National Effective from Mon 21 June, the first 158 bus of the afternoon, which is currently scheduled to depart Genazzano College at 1516, will be altered to depart later and will start from Carey Grammar in lieu of Genazzano. This amendment will allow more students to catch the earlier bus and help alleviate overcrowding that's been experienced on the second bus at 1535.

Peninsula have a new 832 (Frankston-Skye) TT, dated May 17. The former 0710 from Skye now departs at 0700, as previously advised via a sticker over the trip in the 10 November 2003. In addition to this, 0815 ex Skye weekdays no longer runs to Monterey Secondary College.

Ventura has made a minor change to the weekday 700 timetable, as of 31 May. The former 0820 Box Hill - Chelsea service now terminates at Oakleigh. A new service from Holmesglen at 0845 runs 3 mins earlier the old 0820, including leaving Mordialloc for Chelsea at 0937 instead of 0940.

Stop timetables along 700 have been replaced, and venturabus.com.au/ven_700.shtml has been updated.

More reprinted timetables from **Ventura**, which have been done in standard Ventura format. References to www.victrip.com.au now are shown as www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au. Low floor trips have also changed. Also there are minor changes to some peak hour services, which commenced at the start of the 2004 school year. The May 2004 reprints cover 704 and 732, 737 and 754. None have print dates on the back. The effective dates are: 704 – 5 April 2004; 732 – 4 August 2003; 737 – 24 March 2003; 754 – 24 March 2003.

Victoria

Most of the Victorian country news relates to winter snowfield services.

Allambee Coachlines according to The Age newspaper supplement on the 2004 ski season were stated to have been operating a coach service to Mt Baw Baw. On advice received from the proprietor today Allambee has ceased trading and coaches sold (possibly to Jindivick Charters and Tours) following retirement.

Country Touch Tours

(www.countrytouch.com.au/tours.html), 24

Murchison Street, Marysville. Marysville – Lake Mountain (Lake Mountain Snow Bus) timetable is an A5 colour card undated but current. Service from Marysville operates weekends only departing Marysville at 1030 and Lake Mountain at 1500

Mansfield – Mt Buller Bus Lines timetables for Mansfield – Mt Buller, Mirimbah – Mt Buller, Melbourne – Mt Buller are dated 12 June 2004 to 3 October 2004

Mountain Top Experience

(www.mountaintopexperience.com)

Warragul – Mt Baw Baw dated 2004, connects with morning down Bairnsdale train Monday-Saturdays with additional morning run Sunday. All return trips depart Mt Baw Baw at 1620.

Pyle's Melbourne – Mt Beauty – Falls Creek, Albury – Mt Beauty – Falls Creek. Dated on cover 2004 but inside dates shown as from 20 June 2004 to 27 September 2004. Addendum attached regarding timetable change for Albury service resulting from change of connection times for Qantas flights to Sydney. This is effective from 19 July 2004.

Trekset Melbourne – Mt Hotham service dated 2004.

US Bus Lines *Buller Bullet* Belgrave to Mt Buller. Dep Belgrave at 0330 picking up at Knox City (0345), Spencer St (0430), Box Hill (0500), Ringwood (0515), Chirnside (0525) then arrives at Mt Buller 0900. Departs Mt Buller at 1700. Operates Sat/Sun only. Undated but current.

Perth

Colourama Print has published a timetable, similar in concept to the Brochure Publishing formats but sized A4, full colour brochure for the Belmont region of Perth. There is no date shown and routes include 38/39 (Perth – Cloverdale) and 37 Perth – Airport and 98/99 Circle Route and 342 Curtin Uni – Belmont.

Recent **Transperth** timetable booklets (see *Table Talk* April 2004 p12 for operator details):

Eastern	88	1 February 2004
	93	9 May 2004
	101	9 May 2004
	104	30 May 2004
	106	30 May 2004
	107	29 February 2004
	110	22 February 2004
Northern	59	9 May 2004
	64	15 February 2004
	71	30 May 2004
	76	30 May 2004
Western	44	1 February 2004
	45	1 February 2004
Circle		1 February 2004

Western Australia

Perth Goldfields Express and Goldrush Tours
Perth – Kalgoorlie – Laverton, dated 17.11.2002.
The Perth to Laverton service runs Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The Laverton to Perth service operates Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The Perth – Kalgoorlie service operates Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays and



Whilst very few Australian airlines now publish timetables there are still many international operators who do. Recent issues include:

- 7 January: Delta
- 28 March to 31 May: Asiana; Emirates
- 28 March to 27 June: All Nippon
- 28 March to 25 September: Olympic
- 28 March to 30 October: Alitalia; Air France; China; Finnair; Lot Polish; Lufthansa; Malaysia; Singapore; Swiss Air
- 1 April to 31 May 2004: JAL
- 28 April to 30 June: Japan Asia; Korean

Air New Zealand (NZ) has announced it will commence flying five weekly Boeing 747-400 services from Melbourne to Los Angeles (via Auckland) from 31 October 2004 adding 1,132 additional seats per week.

The Boeing 747-400 Melbourne-Los Angeles schedule effective from 31 October 2004 on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays will be:

NZ 124 Melbourne Auckland Dep 1200 Arr 1720
NZ 6 Auckland Los Angeles Dep 1930 Arr 1025
NZ 5 Los Angeles Auckland Dep 2145 Arr 0730
NZ 123 Auckland Melbourne Dep 0830 Arr 1020

Cathay Pacific (CX) plans to launch an additional service between Melbourne and Hong Kong, expanding the carrier's number of weekly flights on the route to 14. An airline statement said the additional flight, to be operated from August 3 with a three-class Airbus A330 aircraft, followed the recent aviation agreement between the Australia and Hong Kong governments. The new service means Cathay will offer two daily non-stop flights from Melbourne to Hong Kong (departing at 0745 and 1445).

JetStar (JQ) the first lot of JQ schedule changes occur on July 21, with A320s first appearing around then (at least according to Amadeus). It shows two A320s in service both out of SYD -one at 0600, arriving back there at 2110 after doing SYD-AVV(Avalon)-SYD-OOL-SYD-MCY-SYD-OOL-SYD and another leaving SYD at 0640 arriving back at 2225 to do SYD-HTI(Hamilton Island)-SYD-HTI-SYD-AVV-SYD.

the Perth service operates Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

TransWA Timetable update:

- Geraldton – Meekatharra (N4) 28 May 2003;
- Perth – Geraldton / Perth – Kalbarri (N2) 28 May 2003
- Perth – Albany / Perth – Gnowangerup / Perth – Katanning (GS2) 28 May 2003

Pacific Blue (DJ) has announced new services to Vanuatu and Fiji and plans to reach the Cook Islands using its 737-800 jets which can carry 180 passengers.

The airline intends to start services to Raratonga, Cook Islands, before the end of the year, subject to the outcome of commercial negotiations and regulatory approvals. The airline will review using '5th Freedom' rights that will also allow passengers to join or leave the flight during its planned en route stop in Christchurch.

Flights between Australia and Vanuatu will begin as of 20 September from two of the airline's key hubs, Melbourne and Brisbane. Pacific Blue will be the only carrier to offer a direct weekly flight to Vanuatu from the Victorian capital, as well as offering tourist friendly schedules from the Brisbane.

Effective 20 September 2004

- Melbourne – Port Vila DJ 113 Dep 0930M arr 1440M
- Port Vila – Melbourne DJ 118 Dep 1845Tu Arr 2250Tu

Effective 21 September, 2004

- Brisbane – Port Vila DJ 125 Dep 1440Tu Arr 1800Tu
- Port Vila – Brisbane DJ 126 Dep 1530M Arr 1730M

All times local

Pacific Blue has also confirmed it will begin direct flights to Fiji (Nadi) from Brisbane and Melbourne on September 9 and 10 respectively, after receiving approval from the Government in Suva.

Effective 9 September, 2004

- Brisbane - Nadi: DJ31Dep 0700W Arr 1225W; DJ33 Dep 0935SaSu Arr 1500SaSu
- Nadi - Brisbane DJ 36 Dep 1635WF Arr 1905WF; DJ 36 Dep 1430Su Arr 1700Su

Effective 10 September, 2004

- Melbourne - Nadi DJ 23 Dep 0905WF Arr 1550WF; DJ 21 Dep 0700Su Arr 1345Su
- Nadi - Melbourne DJ 24 Dep 1310Th Arr 1710Th; DJ 26 Dep 1545SaSu Arr 1945SaSu

All times local

Qantas (QF) will launch its new Shanghai services on December 2, operating three A330

services a week. Speaking at the Australian Tourism Exchange in Melbourne today, Qantas would offer business class passengers its new Skybed product on the 10 hour flight. The new services will depart Sydney on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.

On 18 June 2004 Qantas announced it would expand its European operations from 31 October by introducing daily codeshare services with Air France to Paris via Singapore and increasing services to London from 21 to 27 per week. Qantas was restricted to operating only three flights to Paris a week under the bilateral agreement between Australia and France. Passengers would fly on Qantas services between Australia and Singapore and then connect to Air France flights between Singapore and Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport.

The Qantas Group will operate 52 services each week between Australia and Singapore - 45 Qantas flights from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide and Darwin and seven Australian Airlines flights from Cairns and Sydney to Singapore.

Qantas would also, subject to approval by the International Air Services Commission, increase services to London from 21 to 27 per week with three new Perth-Singapore-London flights and three new Sydney-Hong Kong-London services. These additional services will utilise new landing and take-off slots at Heathrow that we purchased earlier this year. Under the new schedule, Qantas will operate 17 services to London via Singapore, seven via Bangkok and three via Hong Kong.

Rex (ZL) will begin services between Sydney and Armidale in NSW's New England region on 2 September. The carrier will use a 34-seat SAAB 340 aircraft to offer 32 direct flights a week.

Sydney Armidale (Dep/Arr)
ZL716 0650 0805 MTuWThF
ZL722 0800 0915 Sa
ZL728 1310 1425 MThF
ZL736 1700 1815 Daily
Armidale Sydney
ZL717 0825 0940 MTuWThF
ZL723 0935 1050 SaSu
ZL729 1445 1600 MThF
ZL737 1835 1950 MTuWThFSu

Rex has announced a boost in capacity to cater for ongoing passenger growth across its network.

The most significant benefit will be for customers on flights between Adelaide and the cities of Mount Gambier and Whyalla, where services are being upgraded to the 34-seat SAAB 340 aircraft with Rex dedicating a fourth SAAB to its six aircraft fleet in South Australia.

Services between Sydney and Mildura, Sydney and Griffith, Sydney and Wagga Wagga, Sydney

and Orange, and Adelaide and Ceduna, will also have additional flights under the new schedule.

Mount Gambier Rex is increasing seat capacity by 40% (376 seats) each week between Mount Gambier and Adelaide. From 19 July the SAAB aircraft will now fly 36 of the 40 Rex flights between Adelaide and Mount Gambier each week, including all peak time services. Seats on the Mount Gambier to Melbourne market will also increase by 15% with a new lunchtime return service on Fridays, a new flight Melbourne to Mount Gambier on Saturday evening and a Sunday morning service Mount Gambier to Melbourne.

Whyalla Seat capacity between Adelaide and Whyalla will be increased by 20% (210 seats) weekly with the aircraft being upgraded to the SAAB 340 on all flights except morning services on weekends. From 19 July, 34 out of 38 weekly services between Whyalla and Adelaide will be operated by the SAAB aircraft, including all peak time flights.

Ceduna Services between Adelaide and Ceduna are being boosted from 21 July with the addition of a morning return service on Wednesdays. Rex will now operate 20 flights each week between Adelaide and Ceduna.

Griffith & Mildura Rex's Sydney-Griffith-Mildura link and return operates on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday with the addition of a Wednesday service from 24 June.

Wagga Wagga Rex added an extra Sunday afternoon return service between Wagga Wagga and Sydney from Sunday 4 July, providing greater flexibility and availability of discount fares for weekend customers.

Orange From Sunday 27 June, Rex added another Sunday afternoon return service between Orange and Sydney.

The new schedules are a reflection of the increasing number of passengers taking to the skies on its regional routes.

Rex's passenger numbers in South Australia have continued to increase since the introduction of the SAAB aircraft on the Mount Gambier and Whyalla routes last year.

With the addition of Armidale to the network, Rex will fly more than 1000 flights every week to 30 metropolitan and regional centres across New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia as well as linking the national capital Canberra to Sydney with regular daily flights.

Virgin Atlantic Airways (VS) will launch daily scheduled services between Sydney and London via Hong Kong from December 8. Virgin plans to utilise A340-600 aircraft, departing Sydney at

1615, arriving in Hong Kong at 2005 and London Heathrow at 0450 the following day.

For travellers to Australia, flight VS200 will depart London's Heathrow Airport daily at 2130, arriving in Hong Kong at 1750 the following day. The aircraft will then depart Hong Kong at 1920, arriving in Sydney at 0710 the following day.

All services will be operated with a configuration of 45 Upper Class suites, 28 premium economy, and 233 economy seats.

In addition to the Sydney route, Virgin Atlantic has also recently announced it is due to launch services on a number of other new routes,



Ferry

Sydney

Matilda In the Wentworth Courier (Eastern Suburbs paper) there was an advertisement for Matilda Cruises' Rocket Express service between Rose Bay and Manly. The advertisement showed a timetable commencing 1 April 2004, with services departing every 90 minutes from both Rose Bay and Manly, between approximately 0930 and 1730. The service was being advertised in conjunction with the Manly Food and Wine Festival being held in early June.

In fact Matilda introduced a new timetable for the Manly Rocket Express in March 2004 which considerably reduced the service first referred to in *Table Talk* November 2003. This reduced the overall service from hourly to every 90 minutes. Every second trip used to call at Rose Bay and the new timetable improves the Rose Bay service as every trip calls there. The new daily timetable is:

Dep Darling Harbour: 0915, 1045, 1215, 1345, 1515, 1645, 1815

Dep Manly: 1000, 1130, 1300, 1430, 1600, 1730, 1900.

A Short Note...

As always completing *Table Talk* is a rushed job and sometimes some errors get through because there isn't enough time to complete proof reading. That may be the case with this issue so if you see something that's wrong please correct the historical record by notifying the editor.

All news magazines depend on their content for contributions from their readers. *Table Talk's* Editor is based in Sydney and depends on contributors from other states for interstate content. Much of the news in these pages comes from contributions to the Australian Transport Discussion Board, as well as a monthly survey of major operator's websites. If you feel there's

including Cuba and the Bahamas and an increase in services to the US, Caribbean, Asia and the Far East.

Virgin Blue (DJ) has announced it will begin daily direct flights between Hobart and Sydney from 2 September in response to strong lobbying from the Tasmanian travelling public and tourism industry.

Sydney to Hobart Daily DJ 618 Dep 0900 Arr 1050

Hobart to Sydney Daily DJ 619 Dep 1120 arr 1310

The last trip operates summer only, 1 October to 31 March. Trips also call at Circular Quay (Commissioners Steps). Journey times: Darling Harbour to Circular Quay 10mins, Circular Quay to Rose Bay 15 mins, and Rose Bay to Manly 20 mins.



The new logo for **Sydney Ferries** is shown at the left. This is part of the changes due to Sydney ferries separation from State Transit which occurred

on 1 July. At the time of going to print there was no sign of an update to their web pages.

Harboursights Cruises brochure - There is a 2004 version 2. This includes increased prices compared with version 1.

Pocket Timetable for the Manly Ferry and Jetcat, effective February 2004 (STA No 178939) - same format as those noted previously

news from your area that we aren't covering then please join our contributors.

I welcome feedback from readers on the content and layout.

For those interested in statistics the word counts for *Table Talk* so far this year are:

- Jan 9,530
- Feb 10,720
- Mar 7,767
- Apr 8,048
- May 7,582
- June 7,828
- July 8,774

The Prospector

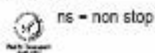
Below are the new timetables for the *Prospector* – reputedly Australia’s fastest train. See page 6

From Perth



PROSPECTOR (Effective from 28 June 2004)

From Perth		Mon Wed Fri	Mon	Tue Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
		AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
East Perth Terminal	Dep	7.20	3.15	7.20	3.15	7.20	2.55
Midland	Dep	7.40	3.35	7.40	3.35	7.40	3.15
Toodyay	Dep	ns	ns	8.30	ns	8.30	4.05
Northam	Dep	8.45	4.40	8.45	4.40	8.45	4.20
Cunderdin	Dep	ns	5.10	9.20	5.10	9.20	4.50
Tammin	Dep	ns	5.25	9.30	5.25	9.30	5.00
Kellerberrin	Dep	ns	5.40	9.45	5.40	9.45	5.20
Doodlakine	Dep	ns	5.50	9.55	5.50	9.55	5.30
Hines Hill	Dep	ns	ns	10.05	6.00	10.05	5.40
Merredin	Dep	10.10	6.15	10.30	6.15	10.30	5.55
Burraoppin	Dep	10.25	6.30	10.45	6.30	10.45	6.10
Carrabin	Dep	10.35	6.40	10.55	6.40	10.55	6.20
Bodallin	Dep	10.45	6.50	11.05	6.50	11.05	6.30
Moorine Rock	Dep	10.55	7.00	11.20	7.00	11.20	6.45
Southern Cross	Dep	11.10	7.20	11.35	7.25	11.35	7.00
Koolyanobbing	Dep	11.35	7.45	12.00	7.50	12.00	7.30
Bonnie Vale	Dep	12.55	9.10	1.20	9.15	1.30	8.50
Kalgoorlie	Arr	1.15	9.30	1.40	9.35	1.50	9.10



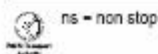
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From Kalgoorlie



PROSPECTOR (Effective from 28 June 2004)

From Kalgoorlie		Mon Wed Fri	Mon	Tue Thur Sat	Fri	Sun
		AM	PM	AM	PM	PM
Kalgoorlie	Dep	7.10	3.00	7.10	3.20	2.00
Bonnie Vale	Dep	7.30	3.15	7.30	3.35	2.20
Koolyanobbing	Dep	8.50	4.40	8.55	5.00	3.40
Southern Cross	Dep	9.15	5.05	9.20	5.25	4.05
Moorine Rock	Dep	9.25	5.15	9.30	5.35	4.20
Bodallin	Dep	9.40	5.30	9.45	5.50	4.30
Carrabin	Dep	9.50	5.40	9.55	6.00	4.45
Burraoppin	Dep	10.00	5.50	10.05	6.10	4.55
Merredin	Dep	10.25	6.05	10.25	6.30	5.25
Hines Hill	Dep	ns	ns	10.35	6.40	5.35
Doodlakine	Dep	ns	6.30	10.45	6.55	5.45
Kellerberrin	Dep	ns	6.40	10.55	7.05	6.00
Tammin	Dep	ns	7.00	11.10	7.20	6.20
Cunderdin	Dep	ns	7.10	11.25	7.30	6.30
Northam	Dep	11.50	7.40	11.50	8.05	7.05
Toodyay	Dep	12.10	ns	12.15	ns	7.20
Midland	Dep	12.55	8.50	1.05	9.10	8.10
East Perth Terminal	Arr	1.15	9.10	1.25	9.30	8.30



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StateGuide

Coorong Coaches

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Times are accurate at time of printing. Please check with your ticket seller for most recent times & routes.

Please note: Coorong Coaches do not operate any services on public holidays

Lameroo to Murray Bridge via Murrayville

	Daily AM	Daily PM
Murrayville*	6.10	
Pinnaroo	6.30	
Parilla	6.45	
Lameroo	7.00	
Parrakie*	7.25	
Geranium	7.30	
Jabuk	7.40	
Peake	7.50	
Sherlock	8.05	
Set down only from Taillem Bend to Pine Park		
Taillem Bend	-	
Unity College	8.45	
Pine Park	9.00	

* Stops serviced by booking only.

Murray Bridge to Lameroo via Murrayville

	Daily AM	Daily PM
Pick up only from Pine Park to Taillem Bend		
Pine Park	3.25	
Unity College	3.30	
Taillem Bend	-	
Pick up & set down from Sherlock to Murrayville		
Sherlock	4.10	
Peake	4.20	
Jabuk	4.30	
Geranium	4.40	
Parrakie*	4.45	
Lameroo	5.10	
Parilla	5.25	
Pinnaroo	5.40	
Murrayville*	6.00	

* Stops serviced by booking only.

Karoonda to Berri via Loxton

	Mon AM	Mon PM
Karoonda	9.00	
Borrika*	9.15	
Sandalwood*	9.23	
Halidon*	9.30	
Mindarie	9.37	
Wanbi	9.45	
Alawoona	9.58	
Loxton	10.25	
Berri Plaza	10.45	
Berri Information Centre	10.50	

* Stops Serviced by booking only. (S.A. time).

Berri to Karoonda via Loxton

	Mon AM	Mon PM
Berri Information Centre	2.30	
Berri Plaza	-	
Loxton	2.45	
Alawoona	3.10	
Wanbi	3.23	
Mindarie	3.30	
Halidon*	3.40	
Sandalwood*	3.49	
Borrika*	4.00	
Karoonda	4.15	

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Tintinara to Murray Bridge

	Thur AM
Tintinara	8.30
Culburra	8.40
Coonalpyn	8.50
Ki Ki*	9.00
Yumali*	9.05
Coomandook	9.10
Cooke Plains*	9.20
Set down only from Taillem Bend to Pine Park	
Taillem Bend	9.30
Pine Park	9.50

* Stops Serviced by booking only

Karoonda to Berri via Lameroo

	Thur AM	Thur PM
Karoonda	8.00	
Marama	8.20	
Kulkami	8.30	
Lameroo	8.55	
Parilla	9.05	
Murrayville*	8.45	
Pinnaroo	9.25	
Peebinga	9.45	
Paruna	10.10	
Loxton	10.35	
Berri Plaza	10.50	
Berri Information Centre	12.35	

* Murrayville by booking only (S.A. time)

Berri to Karoonda via Lameroo

	Thur AM	Thur PM
Berri Plaza	12.30	
Berri Information Centre	2.30	
Loxton	2.45	
Paruna	3.15	
Peebinga	3.30	
Pinnaroo	4.00	
Murrayville*	4.20	
Parilla	4.20	
Lameroo	4.30	
Kulkam	5.00	
Marama	5.10	
Karoonda	5.30	

* Murrayville by booking only (S.A. time)

Murray Bridge to Tintinara

	Thur PM
Pick up only from Pine Park to Taillem Bend	
Pine Park	2.30
Taillem Bend	2.50
Pick up & set down from Cooke Plains to Tintinara	
Cooke Plains*	3.00
Coomandook	3.10
Yumali*	3.15
Ki Ki*	3.20
Coonalpyn	3.30
Culburra	3.40
Tintinara	3.50

* Stops Serviced by booking only

Coonalpyn to Murray Bridge via Meningie & Taillem Bend

	Mon AM	# Mon to Fri AM	Mon AM
Coonalpyn	8.50	6.45	
Meningie	9.30	7.25	
Wellington	10.13	8.05	
Jervois	10.25	8.15	
Woods Point	-	8.20	
Unity College	-	8.40	
Set down only from Taillem Bend to St Joseph's			
Taillem Bend	10.40	-	
Pine Park	11.00	8.45	
St Joseph's	-	8.50	

Daily Service on School Days Only. Operates Wednesdays & Fridays during School Holidays

Murray Bridge to Coonalpyn via Taillem Bend & Meningie

	Mon AM	# Mon to Fri AM	Mon AM
Pick up only from St Joseph's to Taillem Bend			
St Joseph's	-	3.20	
Pine Park	2.30	3.25	
Taillem Bend	2.50	-	
Pick up & set down from Unity College to Coonalpyn			
Unity College	-	3.30	
Woods Point	-	3.45	
Jervois	3.05	3.55	
Wellington	3.15	4.00	
Meningie	3.55	4.50	
Coonalpyn	4.30	5.30	

Daily Service on School Days Only. Operates Wednesdays & Fridays during School Holidays

Karoonda to Murray Bridge

	Fri AM	Fri PM
Karoonda	9.00	
Wynarka	9.15	
Set down only from Taillem Bend to Murray Bridge		
Taillem Bend	9.43	
Murray Bridge	10.07	

Karoonda service does not operate on public holidays

Murray Bridge to Karoonda

	Fri AM	Fri PM
Pick up only from Murray Bridge to Taillem Bend		
Murray Bridge	2.30	
Taillem Bend	2.55	
Pick up & set down from Wynarka to Karoonda		
Wynarka	3.20	
Karoonda	3.35	

Karoonda service does not operate on public holidays



PUBLIC COACH SERVICE

Adelaide to Cape Jervis and return.
Telephone (08) 8231 1744

Times are accurate at time of printing. Please check with your ticket seller for most recent times & routes. All Services subject to change without notice.

Adelaide to Cape Jervis

DEPARTURE	LOCATION	TIME
Adelaide	101 Franklin St, Adelaide	3.45pm
Darlington	Bus Stop 30, Near Flagstaff Hill, South Road	4.00pm
Morphett Vale	Bus Stop 55 (Tuckerland Restaurant), South Rd	4.15pm
Aldinga	Mobil Service Station	4.30pm
Myponga	Myponga Post Office/Store	4.40pm
Yankalilla	Yankalilla Four Square Store (opposite the Hotel)	4.55pm
Normanville	Normanville General Store (opposite the Hotel)	5.00pm
Wirrina Cove	Wirrina Cove turn off	5.05pm
Leonards Mill	Leonards Mill	5.10pm
Delamere	Delamere General Store	5.10pm
Cape Jervis	Australia Post Mail Box in Main Street	5.30pm

Please note - Bookings are essential.

*Cape Jervis to Adelaide

DEPARTURE	LOCATION	TIME
Cape Jervis	Australia Post Mail Box in Main Street	9.30am
Delamere	Delamere General Store	9.50am
Leonards Mill	Leonards Mill	9.55am
Wirrina Cove	Wirrina Cove turn off	10.00am
Normanville	Normanville General Store (opposite the Hotel)	10.05am
Yankalilla	Yankalilla Four Square Store (opposite the Hotel)	10.10am
Myponga	Myponga Post Office/Store	10.20am
Aldinga	Mobil Service Station	10.30am
Morphett Vale	Bus Stop 55 (Tuckerland Restaurant), South Rd	10.45am
Darlington	Bus Stop 30, Near Flagstaff Hill, South Road	11.00am
Adelaide	101 Franklin Street, Adelaide	11.20am

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SEALINK FERRY

Telephone 131 301

SeaLink Ferry to Kangaroo Island

Daily except Christmas Day	Apr 04 - 31 Mar 05
	AM Service PM Service
Coach Dep Adelaide	6.45 3.45
Ferry Dep Cape Jervis	9.00 6.00
Coach Dep Penneshaw	10.00 7.00

Please note - Bookings are essential.

*SeaLink Ferry from Kangaroo Island

Daily except Christmas Day	Apr 04 - 31 Mar 05
	AM Service PM Service
Coach Dep Kingscote	7.00 5.30
Ferry Dep Penneshaw	8.30 7.30
Coach Dep Cape Jervis	9.30 8.30

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KI SHUTTLE SERVICE

Telephone (08) 8553 1122

*Kingscote to Penneshaw via American River

Daily except Christmas Day	Apr 04 - 31 Mar 05
	AM Service PM Service
Kingscote	7.00 5.30
American River	7.30 6.00
Penneshaw	8.00 6.30

Please note - Subject to bookings, services may omit American River. Bookings are essential. *Schedule changes apply to these services during the period 16 June to 19 September 2004.

Penneshaw to Kingscote via American River

Daily except Christmas Day	Apr 04 - 31 Mar 05
	AM Service PM Service
Penneshaw	10.00 7.00
American River	10.30 7.30
Kingscote	11.00 8.00

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

A sample of timetables from the current StateGuide. See page 10 for more details.