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Britomart ♦ Newmarket

to Newmarket			to Britomart				
MONDAY TO FRIDAY			SATURDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS				
Depart Britomart	Arrive Newmarket	Destination	Depart Britomart	Arrive Newmarket	Destination		
AM	6.10	6.18	Papakura	AM	7.10	7.18	Papakura
	6.15	6.23	Waitakere		7.15	7.23	Waitakere
	6.40	6.48	Papakura		8.10	8.18	Papakura
	6.45	6.53	Waitakere		8.15	8.23	Waitakere
	7.10	7.18	Papakura		9.10	9.18	Papakura
	7.15	7.23	Waitakere		9.15	9.23	Waitakere
	7.40	7.48	Papakura		10.10	10.18	Papakura
	7.45	7.53	Waitakere		10.15	10.23	Waitakere
	8.10	8.18	Papakura		11.10	11.18	Papakura
	8.15	8.23	Waitakere		11.15	11.23	Waitakere
	8.40	8.48	Papakura	PM	12.10	12.18	Papakura
	9.10	9.18	Pukekohe		12.15	12.23	Waitakere
	9.15	9.23	Waitakere		1.10	1.18	Papakura
	9.40	9.48	Papakura		1.15	1.23	Waitakere
	10.10	10.18	Papakura		2.10	2.18	Papakura
	10.15	10.23	Waitakere		2.15	2.23	Waitakere
	11.10	11.18	Papakura		3.10	3.18	Papakura
	11.15	11.23	Waitakere		3.15	3.23	Waitakere
PM	12.10	12.18	Papakura		4.10	4.18	Papakura
	12.15	12.23	Waitakere		4.15	4.23	Waitakere
	1.10	1.18	Papakura		5.10	5.18	Papakura
	1.15	1.23	Waitakere		5.15	5.23	Waitakere
	2.10	2.18	Pukekohe		6.10	6.18	Papakura
	2.15	2.23	Waitakere		6.15	6.23	Waitakere
	2.45	2.53	Waitakere		7.10	7.18	Papakura
	3.10	3.18	Papakura		7.15	7.23	Waitakere
	3.12	3.20	Waitakere		8.10	8.18	Papakura
	3.40	3.48	Papakura		8.15	8.23	Waitakere
	3.45	3.53	Waitakere		9.10	9.18	Otahuhu
	4.10	4.18	Papakura				
	4.15	4.23	Waitakere				
	4.40	4.48	Papakura				
	4.45	4.53	Waitakere				
	5.15	5.23	Waitakere				
	5.20	5.28	Papakura				
	5.27	5.35	Pukekohe				
	5.40	5.48	Papakura				
	5.45	5.53	Waitakere				
	6.10	6.18	Pukekohe				
	6.15	6.23	Waitakere				
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MONDAY TO FRIDAY			SATURDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS				
Origin	Depart Newmarket	Arrive Britomart	Origin	Depart Newmarket	Arrive Britomart		
AM	Otahuhu	5.42	5.50	AM	Otahuhu	6.57	7.05
	Papakura	6.12	6.20		Waitakere	7.53	8.02
	Papakura	6.42	6.50		Papakura	7.57	8.05
	Waitakere	6.53	7.02		Waitakere	8.53	9.02
	Pukekohe	7.12	7.20		Papakura	8.57	9.05
	Waitakere	7.23	7.32		Waitakere	9.53	10.02
	Papakura	7.42	7.50		Papakura	9.57	10.05
	Waitakere	7.53	8.02		Waitakere	10.53	11.02
	Pukekohe	8.01	8.09		Papakura	10.57	11.05
	Papakura	8.04	8.12		Waitakere	11.53	12.02
	New Lynn	8.14	8.23		Papakura	11.57	12.05
	Waitakere	8.23	8.32	PM	Waitakere	12.53	1.02
	Papakura	8.42	8.50		Papakura	12.57	1.05
	Waitakere	8.53	9.02		Waitakere	1.53	2.02
	Papakura	9.12	9.20		Papakura	1.57	2.05
	Waitakere	9.23	9.32		Waitakere	2.53	3.02
	Papakura	9.42	9.50		Papakura	2.57	3.05
	Waitakere	9.53	10.02		Waitakere	3.53	4.02
	Papakura	10.27	10.35		Papakura	3.57	4.05
	Waitakere	10.53	11.02		Waitakere	4.53	5.02
	Pukekohe	11.27	11.35		Papakura	4.57	5.05
	Waitakere	11.53	12.02		Waitakere	5.53	6.02
	Papakura	12.27	12.35		Papakura	5.57	6.05
	Waitakere	12.53	1.02		Waitakere	6.53	7.02
PM	Papakura	1.27	1.35		Papakura	6.57	7.05
	Waitakere	1.53	2.02		Waitakere	7.53	8.02
	Papakura	2.27	2.35		Papakura	7.57	8.05
	Waitakere	2.53	3.02		Waitakere	8.53	9.02
	Papakura	3.12	3.20		Papakura	8.57	9.05
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	Waitakere	6.23	6.32				
	Papakura	6.42	6.50				
	Waitakere	6.53	7.02				
	Waitakere	7.23	7.32				
	Papakura	7.27	7.35				
	Waitakere	7.53	8.02				
	Papakura	8.27	8.35				
	Waitakere	8.53	9.02				
	Waitakere	9.53	10.02				

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The current timetable for the 8 minute trips operated by trains on Auckland's Western and Southern lines.

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You Wrote...

Another Timetable Confusion

From Peter Hobbis, Adelaide

Trans-Adelaide have again this year, for second time in recent history, put into use a platform on just the one line, the Belair single line, at the Showgrounds for the Royal Show 3rd September to 11th September. A good idea - but what a timetable shambles!!

First the timetable itself.

It is OK coming from the city, though it is a combined Belair/Noarlunga t.t., and shows not only the trains that stop at the Show, but also those that stop at Goodwood only. The Goodwood station is approx. 700 metres further down from the show platform. There seems to be no clear pattern as to which train stops where. This is also the t.t. for homeward passengers going to these lines. They must read very carefully to work out whether to go to the show platform, or go to Goodwood (a totally different show gate!)

However going to the city it is quite chaotic. Trains from Noarlunga and Belair are shown on two different t.t.'s, good for the people from these places, but quite a challenge to those not used to searching out the minutiae of timetables for those trying to get to the city. There is not sufficient

frequency to allow a mistake at most times; e.g. no up trains stop at the show between 1714 and 1915, on weekdays (times of reasonable loading I would have thought); on Sat/Sun. up trains only stop at the show hourly all day and night.

I of course can read t.t.s fairly well, but am in the minority in the general community.

Secondly, the frequency and actual running.

On Friday I attended the show, and left at 1600 hrs. Having already realised the above, I took time in the showgrounds to research the t.t., and duly lined up on the platform, which was crowded. Two trains came and stopped - heading to Noarlunga and Belair, and were delayed while staff removed the many who boarded thinking they were going to the city (opposite direction, but how is the general public to know they would not reverse). There was an official present with a loud speaker at one end of the platform but it was totally inaudible in the centre of the crowded platform. Finally a city bound train arrived, 15 minutes after the scheduled time, and of course we stood looking at near empty trains racing past on the other city bound tracks.

Basic daytime frequency is 30 minutes weekdays, and 60 minutes weekends. Trains are therefore very crowded. The ones I observed had no extra

cars than they would normally have for Belair or Noarlunga.

This year they had four trains in each evening direct to Gawler Central, express to Greenfields then all stations; none in the daytime or late afternoon. Also none in reverse (Gawler to Show).

I realise there are difficulties with just the main Belair line at the platform (there are crossovers at Goodwood) but definitely there is scope to increase the service to the show stop. It seems to me that it was much smoother in former years when all train travellers went through Goodwood, and all services stopped there during this period. In fact I can recall special services running, especially on weekends, just to Goodwood, and one year in fact to Unley Park to enable reversing on the single track. It would probably be too expensive to also site a platform on one or more of adjacent lines, especially as passengers would have to cross running tracks, or an overpass be built.

It seems like one step forward, and about six backwards. You sometimes wonder if TransAdelaide just want to seem good, or if they really are seeking increased patronage.

Countrylink Update

From Ian Cooper, Canberra

I. Rail and Coach Services to Canberra

Despite the introduction of a revised Xplorer train timetable from Sydney to Canberra on 3 May, no official timetable has been produced by RailCorp. The ARHS Booking Office at Queanbeyan Station and the CountryLink Travel Centre at Canberra Station have each produced their own single sheet photocopied timetables.

Of equal concern, in terms of its public image, RailCorp has not produced, on two occasions this year, a revised timetable for the CountryLink coach service from Eden to Canberra, connecting with Xplorer trains. Schedules on this run have been revised on 3 May and 1 August 2004. Again, it has been left to the CountryLink Travel Centre at Canberra Station and at Jolimont to produce timetables.

Introduced on 3 May new coach services 776 (1005 ex Eden on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday) and 775 (1305 ex Canberra to Eden on Monday, Wednesday and Friday) were supplemented by a continuation of the previous coach timetable. Services 771 departing Canberra at 1620 and 772 departing Eden at 0720 continued to operate seven days a week. Part of the explanation for this rather bizarre situation was that neither travel agents nor passengers had been advised of the change of timetable, prior to 3 May.

Unfortunately Service 771 became a phantom service on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Service 772 became a phantom service on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. These services were deleted from the CountryLink booking system and, as there was no published timetable, knowledge of the existence of these trips was restricted to "word of mouth". Somewhat extraordinarily, no one in CountryLink was able to advise passengers why some services had to be placed on the confidential timetable list.

Then, after 13 weeks of operating coaches to new and old timetables, alongside each other, RailCorp introduced another new timetable on 1 August. This time around the second coach was deleted. Service 772 departs Eden at 0720 (the old time) on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday whilst Service 776 leaves Eden at 1050 on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Service 771 departs Canberra Jolimont at 1650, seven days a week.

Whilst the revised departure times facilitates a return to the much requested day return travel from the Far South Coast and Cooma to Canberra, train travellers from Sydney to the Far South Coast on Monday, Wednesday and Friday must wait at Canberra Station for 5 hours and 52 minutes before a "connecting coach departs!!! The train arrives at Canberra at 1123 and the coach for Eden departs at 1715. Passengers travelling from Sydney to Cooma on Monday, Wednesday and Friday are catered for by the Bombala coach which departs Canberra Station at 1215.

II. Coach Services in Southern and Western NSW

In April CountryLink awarded 5+2 year contracts to Purtill's of Deniliquin for the operation of several CountryLink coach services in Southern and Western NSW which had been conducted under a variety of temporary arrangements since the demise of King Bros one year beforehand. Tenders for the supply of four services had closed with RailCorp on 3 September 2003.

Purtill's took over the operation of three services on 1 May:

- Cootamundra to Condobolin from Transborder;
- Echuca to Albury from Dysons and
- Echuca to Wagga Wagga from Dysons

Purtill's also commenced a long term operation of the Mildura to Cootamundra service, under a new contract, a service which Purtill's had been providing for some months under a temporary, month by month basis. Purtill's had previously been the contractor on the Mildura run prior to losing the contract to Kings. Since the demise of King Bros the Cootamundra to Mildura service

had been temporarily provided by Fearnese, Transborder and Purtil's.

The new XPT schedules from Melbourne to Sydney, introduced on 25 July 2004 required the deferral of departure times of connecting coaches from Cootamundra by up to 40 minutes. For example coaches to Bathurst, Condobolin, Dubbo,

Queanbeyan and Tumbarumba now depart at 1450 instead of 1410 or 1415.

Whilst the new connections between XPTs and coaches remain satisfactory, the wait time between a coach arrival and a coach departure (eg. West Wyalong to Tumut) is now extended to 2 hours and 20 minutes.

Publications

Train Times

The third edition of *Train Times* has been compiled and published by Victor Isaacs dated September 2004. Whilst some might disagree with the premise that 'passenger trains are the superior form of transport' there is no doubt that this is the best reference on train services for Australia and New Zealand. The new edition includes numerous changes to schedules and for the historically minded now includes the year of opening of all railway lines. The timetables have more detail than those published by the operators by including passing times at locations where services don't stop.

Copies are available from Victor (43 Lowanna St, Braddon, ACT, 2612) or the AATTC Distribution Service for \$10.00, or downloadable from the AATTC's website.

Capital Times

Another of Victor's publications this covers train and coach services of the Canberra region. Now in its second edition this covers everything from rail and bus services to ferry cruises on Lake Burley Griffin. Perhaps given the lack of airline timetables some detail should be given other than contact points. Available from Victor as above but not currently on the AATTC's website.

For the Record

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General

Victoria

Stawell and Grampians Information Centre. A transport and quick reference guide has been produced for coach and rail services between Stawell, Melbourne and Adelaide and Halls Gap. Undated and printed as a A4, folded brochure.

New **VLine** timetables started 1 September 2004, primary as the result of their takeover of the Warrnambool Rail Service (formerly run by West Coast Rail) plus other minor changes. These include:

West Victoria

- Ballarat – Mildura via Bendigo. Monday-Friday: 0735 Bendigo – Ballarat, departs 4 mins earlier from Harcourt at 0800; 1415 Ballarat – Bendigo, departs 3 mins earlier from Harcourt at 1542.

- Melbourne-Ararat via Ballarat. Saturday 1753 Spencer St – Ararat departs 3 mins earlier from Ballarat at 1852.

South-West Victoria

- Warrnambool - South Geelong – Melbourne. Monday - Friday
 - * 1747 Spencer St – South Geelong: Extended to Warrnambool and stops all stations between Spencer St and Warrnambool.
 - * 1808 Spencer St – Warrnambool: Replaced by coach terminating at Geelong 1908.
 - * 0638 Warrnambool – Melbourne: Departs 53 mins earlier at 0545 on Mon - Fri.
 - * 0855 Geelong – Spencer St: Now an express coach service.
 - * 2010 Geelong – Spencer St: Departs 11 mins earlier arriving Spencer St at 2101.
- Geelong – Apollo Bay. Friday
 - * 1915 Geelong – Apollo Bay: Departs 10 mins earlier at 1905.

- Apollo Bay – Geelong. Monday – Friday 0612 Apollo Bay – Geelong: Departs 15 mins earlier at 0600.
- Melbourne – Mt Gambier via Geelong & Warrnambool
- * 0300 CST Mt Gambier to Warrnambool: Departs 55 mins earlier at 0205 CST on Mondays.
- * 0435 Heywood – Warrnambool: Departs 55 mins earlier at 0340 on Tues – Fri

North Victoria

- * 0440 Melbourne - Mildura via Bendigo & Swan Hill: Departs 10 mins earlier at 0430 Mon-Sat
- * 0800 Melbourne – Moama via Echuca: Departs 10 mins earlier at 0750 on Sundays.
- MurrayLink (Albury - Mildura)
- * 0900 Mildura - Kerang Wednesdays: Departs 10 mins earlier from Euston and Robinvale, 20 mins earlier from Wood Wood and Nyah and arrives Swan Hill 25 mins earlier.
- * 1345 Swan Hill – Mildura Wednesdays: Departs Swan Hill 15 mins later at 1400, Nyah and Wood Wood 5 mins later, 15 mins later from Robinvale and Euston

V/line has also produced two publications regarding the changes. A5 sized glossy sheet *We've changed our timetables to save you time* which details all changes made, and an undated pocket sized leaflet *We've made Victoria more colourful* explains the new colour-coding, and new timetable formats.

The network has been divided into 4 regions, each with a unique colour, incorporating previous timetable areas:

- East Victoria – Green includes: East & South East Victoria
- North Victoria – Orange includes: North, North East & North West Victoria*



Interstate

Great Southern Rail

As from the 4th November 2004, **The Ghan** southbound Thursdays only from Darwin will depart Alice Springs approximately 1 hour earlier at 1245. This will adjust the departure time ex Manguri on Thursday to 2000. It will also adjust the Motorail loading times for ASP to ADL on Thursday to 1000 - 1200.

There is no change to the departure time or the Motorail loading times for *The Ghan* that departs Alice Springs for Adelaide on Saturday. The departure time remains at 1400.

The normal **Overland** timetable was rescheduled to accommodate football fans travelling to the AFL Grand Final in Melbourne. The *Overland*

- West Victoria – Purple includes West & North West Victoria*
- South West Victoria - Blue includes: South West Victoria
- * Services previously in North West booklet have been split between North Victoria and West Victoria; services via Ballarat are found in West Vic and services via Bendigo in North Vic

Pocket timetables, posters, coach timetables and maps have all been colour coded.

All V/line timetables will be available in the one timetable book available from mid October. A fold-out reference sheet that can also be as a bookmark has been added to the book. At the top is a 24 hour clock that easily converts times to a 12 hour clock.

The following colour coded pocket size timetables were available at Spencer Street all effective 1st September, 2004 for Melbourne to:

- Orange: Craigieburn/Seymour; Shepparton/Tocumwal; Albury/Wodonga; Echuca; Mildura; Eaglehawk/Bendigo/Kyneton; Sunbury; Swan Hill; Mansfield (With Mt Buller coach connections); Donald, Bright/Yarrawonga - Melbourne
- Blue: Casterton/Hamilton; Halls Gap (Grampians Link); Great Ocean Road; Mt. Gambier; Warrnambool; Sth Geelong; Ballarat to Bendigo.
- Purple: Maryborough; Daylesford; Nhill/Dimboola/Ararat; Hopetoun/Ouyen; Ballarat/Melton
- Green: Lakes Entrance/Bairnsdale; Inverloch/Cowes; Yarram/Leongatha; Traralgon/Warragul
- Interstate: Adelaide to Sydney via Albury (Speedlink) ; Adelaide to Melbourne (Daylink)

departure time ex ADL on Friday 24th September was 2020. The *Overland* departures ex MEL on Friday 24th September and ex ADL on Saturday 25th were cancelled. The *Overland* departure time ex MEL on Saturday 25th was 2100.

Sydney

The new **CityRail** network and Sydney city maps 2004/05 (CityRail) have been issued August 2004. Also TravelPasses 2004 (CityRail/Sydney Buses/Sydney Ferries) July 2004. The CityRail TravelPass map has been updated in line with the new network map.

The Olympic Park Timetable 2004/05 is now available printed September 2004.

Melbourne

M>Train version 1 Jan 2004 pocket timetables for the following stations: Fawkner (inc. Merlynston & Batman), Brunswick (inc. Jewell) and Royal Park (inc. Flemington Bridge & Macaulay), Ascot Vale (inc. Newmarket & Kensington).

Brisbane

The new **QR Citytrain** timetable will commence from Monday 18 October. Changes are as follows:

- There will be alterations to two services on the Cleveland and Ipswich lines
- There will be additional services on the Ferny Grove, Gold Coast, and Sunshine Coast lines



Tram/ Light Rail

Adelaide

The annual City to Bay 12km run was scheduled for Sunday 19 September. Special trams were to be operated for the benefit of participants leaving



Bus

Interstate

Vline Canberra - Melbourne (Canberra Link via Albury/Capital Link via Sale) pocket timetable was obtained at Spencer St. It is the small format & Red (for interstate) colour code. MurrayLink Albury - Mildura the colour of the pocket timetable is red and it's in the large format.

Cleland's Sapphire Coast Express (M & M Cleland, Pyalong) A new undated A4 folded timetable has been issued printed in pink and white. Photograph on cover depicts 0893.AO Hino Rainbow used on the run from Melbourne to Ulladulla. Very detailed information about the service, travel hints and a mailing list invitation is included in the timetable.

ACT

ACTION Canberra Timetables. In Association with the 19/7/2004 timetables the following were also issued:-

- The Canberra Bus Map Dated July 2004 - this carries a cover price of \$2.20.
- Improved late night area bus services brochure - dated 19th July 2004
- ACTION in Gungahlin - route changes brochure - dated 19th July 2004.

Also all timetables dated 24 November 2003 carried a version number 5.0. However the routes

- There will be alterations to the Airtrain services

Further information will be available on their website. Copies of the new timetable will be available from Thursday 14 October at any attended station.

Perth

New Joondalup Line timetable effective 05 October - available on the Transperth website in PDF. Connecting bus timetables will be published as well.

the Brighton Road stop (19) every 10 minutes between 0630 and 0820 to enable them to travel to the City to start the run. Some trips will be express while others will stop all stops en-route. Participants will be issued with special vouchers entitling them to free travel up to 1230.

56/156/256 timetable now carries a version no 5.1 although still dated 24 November 2003.

From September 6 and 20 ACTION introduced Xpresso services designed to cut travel time and provide more direct services into the City, Russell and Parkes, Barton with a direct link between Belconnen and Tuggeranong Interchanges.

Routes and suburbs serviced:

- 701 Spence, Evatt, Melba
- 702 Fraser East, Flynn, Charnwood
- 703 Fraser West, Dunlop Macgregor, Scullin, Page
- 705 Tuggeranong to Belconnen direct link
- 49 Woden to Belconnen Direct
- 85 Banks, Conder
- 87 Gordon, Bonython
- 788 Gordon, Banks, Conder

Brochures were issued both headed "Now brewing Xpresso Services begin 20 September 2004". Both brochures appear to cover much the same items and inside both mention that route 705 started earlier on 6th September.

Sydney

Glenorie Bus Co. The route 636 Glenhaven timetable has been reprinted dated September 2003.

Hillsbus new M2 Express timetable (642-650-652-654), effective July 2004. The timetable

replaces the former separate (pocket) timetables for 642/654 and 650/652. The timetable shows 08/2004 on the inside, despite it showing 'July 2004' on the cover. It quotes the Glenorie Bus Co website and not the Hillsbus website.

Sydney Buses

New guides: South West Region Guide - version September 2004 (173724); Northern Beaches Region Guide - version September 2004 (173732)

New timetables effective August 2004 unless indicated:

- 185/L85 Warriewood Valley - version 2 (189811)
- 244-249, STA website shows a revised Mosman-City PDF timetable, showing the additional evening trips on routes 245-6 that commence today. The PDF however does not include an issue date, assumed 23 August 2004.
- 252-294 Pacific Highway to City - version 4 (174078) includes the minor alterations to the two 290 AM peak trips which now operate to QVB instead of Milsons Point. The route map has also been updated in the newer format
- 339/X39 - version 4 September 2004 (174821)
- 342, 343, 345 web PDF
- 391 392 web PDF, September 2004
- 412 Campsie via Earlwood - version 7 (174870)
- 487 Bankstown to Canterbury, version 3, (174797)
- 502, L03, 504, X04 - version 5 September 2004 (174920)
- 507/537 Putney and Tennyson Districts, version 6, effective September 2004 (174177)
- 545/550 Parramatta to Chatswood, version 8, effective August 2003 (174250) on the cover it shows "Operates School Days Only" in bold for route 550. at the rear to see a different version number, even though the issue date remains the same and no other changes are noted.

Pocket timetables:

- 326 Bondi Junction to City, 24 July 2004, (174581)
- 355 - 24 July 2004 (175414)
- 360 Clovelly to Bondi Junction, 24 July 2004, (174516)
- 361 - 24 July 2004 (174474)
- 374 - September 2004 (174524)
- 386/387 - 24 July 2004 (174664)
- 392/X92 - September 2004 (174599)
- 396/X96 - September 2004 (175455)

Westbus services in the Fairfield, Cabramatta, Bonnyrigg and Liverpool areas underwent some timetable and route changes from Monday 20 September 2004 with some services reinstated

due to customer demand. There are some timetable variations but mostly route changes to better meet the needs of passengers and to improve the utilization of resources.

New timetables are: 800, 824 & 825, 826, 827, 828 & 829, 830, 831, 833, 834 (also includes route 832), 835 & 836. All Version 09/04 and are produced in the same pocket sized format as previous versions

Route changes:

- 824- Returns to Wakely-Fairfield Route & replaces current 831
- 826- Route no longer services Abbotsbury, this is replaced by route 827. Service continues to operate via Fairfield Hospital
- 827- Returns to service Polding St side of Stockland Mall. Now services Abbotsbury. Route continues to service Tway.
- 828- Now services Newton Rd Loop
- 829- Route now services Frank St. No longer services Newton Rd Loop, this is now serviced by 828
- 830- Now services between Cabramatta and Blacktown only. Now 7 days a week service. Route now services Railway Pde, Chifley St, Market St, Victoria St & Grips Rd.
- Route 831- Now services Greenfield Park. No longer services Fairfield, this will now be serviced by 824
- Route 832/834- Returns during commuter peak. Times are basically the same except for additional trips on most routes during the peaks (eg most are 20 min frequency), the last trips are slightly earlier (eg 2130), and some minor timing changes.

NSW

Instead of the one route 428 timetable for Tamworth to Quirindi **Perrett** of Werris Creek has issued the following three timetables all dated July 2004 and all Transitgraphics version 1:-

- Route 428 Quirindi to Tamworth (This one is the same pocket size as the ACTION timetables).
- Route 428 Quirindi and Werris Creek.
- Quirindi to Tamworth TrainLink Coach Service

Busways North Coast. Timetable for routes 380/386 Grafton - Yamba - Iluka showing Busways North Coast as the operator and carrying a date 3/12/03 ie after the take over.

Shoalhaven public transport guide. Dated 2004. This excellent map and guide is published by the Shoalhaven City Council and provides information on bus and train services in the region. A web version is also available at www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/region/transport

Red Bus timetables. There is a timetable published for routes 24, 25 and 26 for Woodbury

Park, showing trips between Tuggerah Station and Wyong Station via Westfield and Woodbury Park. It is dated 1 December 2002, and is in the same format as the other single leaf timetables.

The leaflet also includes the route 30 timetable between South Tacoma to Westfield Tuggerah (of which there are only 4 weekday trips).

This appears additional to the Wyong - The Entrance booklet which also shows trips on routes 24-26 which operate via Woodbury Park (although does not include any timing points for local residents!).

Melbourne

From 6/9/04 changes to **Grenda's** low floor bus rostering take effect. Routes 830/1 will have them rostered to many Monday to Saturday trips. This'll be shown in the paper TT when it's reprinted in October. All Sunday trips will have low floors rostered, as will all Saturday trips on 888/9. This progressive move will gradually be extended to other routes. Currently only 826/7/8 & 888/9 timetables show when low floors are rostered to operate in bold.

Commencing Monday 13th September, 2004 route 849 the 0543 from Mossgiel Park to Dandenong will depart 5 mins earlier at 0538 to connect to the 0607 train from Dandenong to Flinders Street. New bus timetables will be reprinted and will be available from October.

Invictabus made the following changes from September 13th 2004.

- 664 (Knox City - Chirnside Park - Lilydale): the weekday bus timetabled to depart Bayswater to Croydon at 07:50 no longer runs via Jersey Rd but runs directly to Croydon for a departure at 08:05 instead of 08:10 to Chirnside Park; the weekday bus departing Chirnside Park at 08:42 departs at 08:38; all times at Glen Park Rd to Bayswater on Saturdays are brought forward 5 mins; the 691/664 combined Sunday service no longer exists. 664 now travels from Lilydale - Knox City (Currently no service between Bayswater & Knox on Sundays)
- 691 (Bayswater - Waverley Gardens): with the exception of a couple of weekday services in the AM and PM peaks, 691 no longer runs between Bayswater and Boronia, and the timetable also has departure time changes; the 691/664 combined Sunday service no longer exists, the 691 is now a stand alone service running between Boronia and Waverley Gardens.
- 665 (Ringwood - Dandenong): the 07:55 ex Ringwood and 15:30 ex Dandenong on weekdays ceases to divert diverting via Cleeland High School.

National Bus (part of **Ventura** Buslines from 27 September) The 07:30 journey on 365

(Shoppingtown - Ringwood) was altered to start from Donvale (Mitcham/Springvale Rds) instead of the ParK Rd/Enfield Ave since February. This has proved successful, and was made permanent in April. From 20/9 the 07:00, 07:20, 07:56 & 08:10 journeys that currently start at Park/Enfield will start from Donvale 5 mins earlier. A reprinted TT number 10 was available dated 20 September in a new format - A4 photocopy, folded into a DL size. The cover features a photo of M.A.N. 608 at Doncaster Park+Ride. It includes a Metlink style map and similar table layout as previously used, but without gridlines or borders. On the rear are details regarding fares, general information & contact details.

Skybus Melbourne (Spencer Street) - Melbourne Airport bus timetables had been revised from 16/07/04.

The 08:20 Box Hill - Chelsea on Weekdays on **Ventura's** 700 now runs 3 mins earlier - there is a reprinted timetable available. Despite the change commencing 7 July 2004 the reprint is still dated 13th October, 2003.

In April, **Ventura** introduced express services on 703 (Middle Brighton - Blackburn) to help the influx of Monash Uni students, from Clayton to Monash Uni at 08:20 and 08:40 & from Monash Uni to Clayton at 16:07. In early May, a Uni Days only trip from Blackburn to Syndal at 17:43 began. A timetable effective 5/5/04 has now been sighted which shows these trips, which weren't shown in the timetable effective 26/4/04.

Victoria

Australian Coach Travel. Operated a service between Melbourne - Tullamarine - Mt Buller trading as Mt Buller Ski Express during the ski season. Timetable was an A5 pink card dated 20 June 2004 to end September 2004.

Davis Bus Service, Ballarat. Further details of their new timetables issued 28 June 2004. They were published in a new book; the name Ballarat Transit was not used. Changes are:

- 2 Wendouree altered terminus to Wendouree Village
 - 3 Creswick minor route changes
 - 5 Black Hill, route change
 - 10 Buninyong, University days only services now run all year, additional services in peak hours
 - 13 & 14 Delacombe changed routes and through routed to Black Hill, 30 minute frequency
 - 15 Sturt Street West, Aquatic Centre diversion removed, 30 minute frequency
- Saturday changes include:
- altered through routing (1 Wendouree West & 12 Sebastopol, 2 Wendouree & 9 Canadian, 5 Black Hill & 13 Delacombe, 7 Brown Hill & 14 Delacombe, 10 Buninyong & 15 Sturt Street West);

- improved services to 10 Buninyong,
- operation of route 14 Delacombe,
- better services between Railway Station and Sovereign Hill.

Martyrs the new 9th August 683 timetable is printed in Martyrs blue and orange format, with Metlink style map; still has Victrip website domain at bottom, not Metlink's.

Brisbane

Add to last month's list effective 26 July 2004 in now standard TRANSLink format:

- 166
- 310, 315
- 320
- 345/344

The 166 is a BT service operated by Clarks Logan City Bus Service from Kuraby - Eight Mile Plains - Garden City. Branded a 'local' bus route 166 is a new route commenced as a result of an election pledge by the Brisbane Lord Mayor and often dubbed the 'Mayor's Bus'. Operating weekdays only the 166 runs from Garden City I/C to Kuraby station via Eight Mile Plains station and Kuraby North. Trips ex Garden City are at 0620 and 0655 (ex Kuraby North), 0710, 0750, 0815 then every 60' until 1615 then 1645, 1715, 1750, 1815, 1845 and 1915. Trips ex Kuraby Station are at 0645, 0715, 0750, 0820, 0850, 0920, 1050 then 60' until 1650 then 1725, 1750, 1820 and 1850. One way trip time is 20 minutes

More BT timetables have been revamped into the new design:

- 112-114
- 174-175
- 200-201,205-207
- 202-203,208
- 214-216,220-221
- 223-225
- 321

Caboolture Bus Lines. TT booklet for routes: 2 Caboolture - Beachmere (all stops); 3/4 Caboolture - Caboolture Central (loop); 5 Caboolture Central - Caboolture East (all stops). Standard TRANSLink format with red and white cover and dated 1 July 2004.

Route 2 operates inbound in the morning only with trips ex Moreton Terrace at 0630, 0730, 0825 (school days only); 0910 and 1110 and outbound trips only with departures ex Morayfield Shops at 1205, 1340, 1453 (school days), 1608 and 1730.

Route 3 and 4 loops have trips hourly with additional trips in the morning peak and the last 3 trips of the day in either direction as request only. Saturday and Sundays has 4 trips approximately 120 minute frequency. There appears to be an

error on the TT with route 4 table showing bus route 3.

Route 5 has trips ex Caboolture station at 0650, 0815, 0935, 0950, 1050, 1145, 1300, 1350, 1510, 1625 and 1720 and trips on Saturday/Sunday at 1015, 1225, 1420 and 1620 (request).

Timetables for all of **Clark's** Logan City buses are now in Translink Format

National Bus Co. Routes 1, 2, 3, 8 and 14 all have new timetables from 6 September 2004 to reflect changes to running times, etc.

Route SF01 which operates between Cleveland station and the Toondah Ferry terminal will be renumbered 258 - presumably at the same date

Thompson's.

Timetable covers route: 1 Bray Park Station - Regent Road; 2 Bray Park Station - Mercedes Street; 3 Bray Park Station - Westfields via Lawnton; 4 Bray Park Station - Westfields via Strathpine; 5 Westfields - Murrumba Downs. Dated 1 July 2004, issued in standard TRANSLink format with red and white cover. All routes are branded "links" and operate weekdays only. Trips on all routes operate hourly with additional trips in the morning and afternoon peaks. Routes 3 and 4 are essentially shopper routes.

Queensland

A further number of TransitGraphics brochures are worth mentioning here:-

- Queensland Bus Industry Council: Policy and Direction. July 2004
- Queensland Bus Industry Council: Shaping the Bus Industry. July 2004
- Queensland Bus Industry Council: Private Bus Services in Queensland - Who is carrying You and Your Family. July 2004.

Queensland country list

Country Road Coachlines (Allan Harlow).

Cairns - Karumba. Issued as A4 single sided sheet, undated. Service ex Cairns operates Mondays and Thursdays and ex Karumba on Tuesdays and Fridays. The ex Cairns service departs at 0645 from Trinity Wharf arriving Karumba at 1815. The Karumba to Cairns service departs the next day at 0700 arriving Cairns at 1815.

Cairns - Cooktown. Issued as A4 single sided sheet, undated. Two routes are offered - inland via Mareeba and a coastal service via Port Douglas. The inland service operates as a same day return on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays with dep ex Cairns at 0700 arriving Cooktown at 1215 then departing at 1430 arriving back at 1920. The coastal service operates ex Cairns Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and the ex

Cooktown service operates Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays. Trip ex Cairns departs at 0645 arriving Cooktown at 1400. The Cairns service dep Cooktown at 0700 arriving Cairns at 1400.

Sunshine Coast **Sunbus** timetables have been renumbered into the 600 series numbers from Sunday 12th September consistent with the introduction of the SE Qld renumbering as part of TransLink.

Routes 1 and 1A will be replaced with a series of five new services as follows:

- Route 600: Caloundra to Maroochydore high frequency service following the same route as former routes 1 and 1A.
- Route 601: Caloundra to Tewantin following the same route as former route 1. This service operates in the evenings only.
- Route 605: Kawana to Landsborough Station via Caloundra Link service following the same route as former route 1A and providing coordinated connections to rail services.
- Route 610: Nambour to Mooloolaba via Maroochydore following the same route as former route 1A, with the exception of an alternate entry point into Sunshine Plaza.
- Route 620: Noosa to Maroochydore following the same route as former route 1.

Routes 2 and 2A will be replaced with:

- Route 602: Caloundra to Nambour following same route as former route 2, with the exception that it will no longer travel to Golden Beach (refer Route 609 below).
- Route 622: Caloundra to Peregian Springs following same route as former route 2A, with the exception that it will no longer travel to Golden Beach (refer Route 609 below) and will be extended north to Peregian Springs.

A new route, Route 609, will be implemented to provide an hourly loop service connecting Caloundra, Pelican Waters and Golden Beach. This service will operate seven days a week and provide a quality connection with northbound services at Caloundra Interchange.

The other routes in the network will continue to operate to the same routes and timetables but will be renumbered as follows:

- Route 615: Landsborough to Maroochydore Link service (former route 5X) Route 616: Maroochydore to Chancellor Park / University (former route 6)
- Route 617: Maroochydore to Kawana via University (former route 6A) Route 625: Parklands to Noosa Heads (former route 11)
- Route 626: Sunrise Beach to St Andrews Drive (former route 10B)
- Route 627: Sunshine Beach to Tewantin (former route 10)
- Route 630: Nambour to Noosa Link service (former route 12X)
- Route 631: Nambour to Noosa via Cooroy (former route 12)

Timetables available on internet are:

- 600,601 Caloundra to Maroochydore (was route 1)
- 602,622 Caloundra to Nambour / Peregian Springs (was routes 2/2A)
- 605,615 Maroochydore to Landsborough / Landsborough to Kawana via Caloundra (was routes 1A/5x)
- 606,607 Sunshine Coast University to Caloundra / Nambour (606 was route 4, 607 new)
- 609 Caloundra - Pelican Waters - Golden Beach loop (new)
- 610 Nambour to Mooloolaba via Maroochydore (was part route 1A)
- 616,617 Maroochydore to Sunshine Coast University / Kawana to Maroochydore via University (was routes 6/6A)
- 620,601 Caloundra to Tewantin (was route 1)
- 625,626,627 Hastings St to Parklands / Sunrise Beach to Noosa Heads / Sunshine Beach to Tewantin via Hospital (was routes 11/10B/10)
- 630,631 Nambour to Noosa via Eumundi and/or Cooroy (was routes 12X/12)

Sun Palm Express A new A4 colour timetable undated has been sighted. Covers routes Cairns - Cape Tribulation; Cairns - Cooktown (via inland and via coast) and Cairns - Port Douglas.

Queensland Rail / Young's of Rockhampton An undated A5 colour TT has been issued for the Yeppoon/Rockhampton Trainlink service operated by Young's of Rockhampton. On the cover is a photograph of a Young's bus (a MB 616CDI / ABD) in striking pink livery with Trainlink decals.

Westside timetables route 8 Ipswich - Amberley / 9 Ipswich - Yamanto. Dated 31 July 2004. TT is published with green cover in the TransLink format and style. A3 folding down to approx 21 x 7 cm.

Route 8 has weekday trips outbound at 0655, 0800, 0900, 1007, 1105 then every 60 minutes to 1805 then on request as combined with 9 on request between the University of Queensland from 1905, 1935, 2005, 2035, 2105. On Saturdays trips operate every 60 minutes from 0735 to 1735 (to Amberley only and not returning to Ipswich).

Route 9 has trips ex Ipswich at 0629, 0652, 0727, 0828, 0933 then every 60 minutes to 1433 then 1534, 1638, 1706, 1737, 1808, 1838 then as a combined route with 8 with trips at 1905, 1935, 2005, 2035, 2105. On Saturday trips operate every 60 minutes at 0705 to 1705 (Yamanto Shops only).

Adelaide

Noted on the Adelaide Metro website are the following new timetables dated August 2004:

- 100 Circle Line

- 130/132/133/134/137/137F City to Fulham/Henley Beach South/West Lakes Shopping Centre
- 404/404L/405/405L/412/412B Paralowie Loop/Salisbury Interchange to Greenfields Station
- 505/506

Northern Territory

Darwinbus



Air Pacific (FJ) has cancelled its Canberra to Nadi service effective 17 September.

Japan Airlines (JL) is to add two extra weekly evening flights from Sydney to Tokyo via Brisbane from November 1st. The increase of the two night flights to Tokyo will effectively increase JAL's flights between Australia and Japan from 35 to 37 flights per week. JAL will use JL747-400 aircraft for the new flights, which carry the flight number JL774. The flights will be in two-class configuration with 55 business class seats and 394 economy class seats. Flight JL774 will leave Sydney on Monday and Saturday evening at 2000, arriving at Brisbane at 2030. Departure from Brisbane is at 2235 with arrival at Tokyo's Narita Airport at 0625 the following morning. The flights will operate from November 1st 2004 to March 26 2005 (subject to government approval)

Jetstar Tasmanian air travellers and the state's seafood exporters are set to benefit from the new and revised Jetstar schedule. Designed specifically around providing an improved spread of daily services to cater for both leisure and business travellers moving to and from Tasmania, the new schedule is applicable for all travel from 12 October 2004 to 26 March 2005. Jetstar remained committed to introducing a twice daily Airbus A320 service, the low fare carrier's new 177 seater aircraft, to operate between Hobart and Melbourne by the end of the calendar year. Schedule details for the A320 services will be announced in coming weeks. Seafood suppliers will benefit from Jetstar's revised schedule, where from 12 October, an expanded number of flight connections will be made available by Jetstar to Tasmanian lobster and abalone producers to partly cater for air freight. Tasmanian seafood freight forwarders were seeking an improved allotment of 30 minute aircraft turn times at Hobart, Launceston and Melbourne, improved access to meet connecting Qantas and Cathay Pacific international services to Hong Kong out of Melbourne, and an increased ability to air freight their perishable seafood cargo.

Pacific Blue (DJ) has announced it will continue its Trans Tasman expansion by launching two brand new routes as of 1 November as a result of

- DarwinBus TOURcar brochure (usual format), valid from January 2004
- DarwinBus A3 Complete Timetable (all routes), updated July 2004

Buslink. Alice Springs school bus timetables. Dated 2004. 7 routes throughout Alice Springs. Available online at http://www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au/community/pdf/School_Bus_TimeTable_2004.pdf

strong support and requests for more flight options. The new services will be:

- Christchurch - Gold Coast DJ57 dep 1525 arr 1610 Tu; DJ57 dep 1545 arr 1630 Sa
- Gold Coast - Christchurch DJ56 dep 1655 arr 2320 Tu; DJ56 dep 1715 arr 2340 Sa
- Wellington - Brisbane DJ 11 dep 0700 arr 0845 Tu Sa
- Brisbane - Wellington DJ18 dep 1740 arr 0005 M; DJ18 dep 1805 arr 1230 F

Virgin Blue (DJ) suspended its Sydney-Canberra service as of September 4 as a result of "unsustainable loads". The airline claimed it has seen poor load factors on the route because government agencies had been slow to adopt best-fare-of-the-day policies, "despite the substantial savings being achieved by numerous large private sector corporations and the Queensland Government when they implemented the same policies". Virgin Blue would review its decision in the "not too distant future" if it saw "solid" improvements. Virgin claimed it was experiencing stronger support on its Melbourne-Canberra and Brisbane-Canberra services. New services to Canberra from Adelaide and the Gold Coast were also "trending in the right direction due to the greater mix of leisure and private sector traffic that makes the routes viable despite Qantas's continuing dominance in overpriced taxpayer funded travel."

Virgin Blue will introduce an early morning departure from Mackay to Brisbane following enthusiastic encouragement from the local business community. The airline has spent the past few months reviewing the situation since Qantas downgraded their service to Mackay. Virgin Blue already operates two daily flights between Mackay and Brisbane and will trial on a "use it or lose it" basis, a third flight departing at 0610 and arriving into Brisbane at 0730 as of 26 November 2004. It also means an additional evening flight that will depart Brisbane at 1915 and arrive into Mackay at 2045 allowing for a full day's business in Brisbane.

Virgin Blue has announced it will begin direct flights between Coffs Harbour and Melbourne

following resounding requests from the local community. The new weekly flight will operate every Saturday to begin with and the low fare airline will monitor the flight closely to determine if there is enough demand to increase the number of services. The Melbourne flight will be the second Virgin Blue flight option in and out of Coffs Harbour and will compliment the original Coffs Harbour-Sydney services that were launched just over two years ago.

Singapore Airlines (SQ) will increase flights between Perth and Singapore by three per week, to 17 non-stop services, from 28 October 2004. The increase will boost Singapore Airlines' capacity on the route by 21%, or almost 970 seats per week, on the Perth - Singapore sector, providing a further boost to the state's tourism industry and adding essential capacity at a time

when demand will be strong. The new flights will provide a third window for departures from Perth, with a morning departure on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays. These flights will provide a lunchtime arrival into Singapore, facilitating good connections to other points across the globe, particularly Los Angeles (using SIA's new non-stop flights) and points in India. The inbound flights will open new connections for passengers from Shanghai, Beijing, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Tokyo and many more destinations, which are important source markets for inbound tourism to Western Australia.

Valuair is to launch low-cost Perth-Singapore services. The Singapore-based budget carrier will begin flying to Perth in December. The airline already has approval from Singapore and has an application in with Australia's aviation authorities.



Ferry

Brisbane

The Citycat Ferry Timetable for the Bretts Wharf to University of Queensland service is now dated September 2004 (noted on rear cover only) and is TransitGraphics version 4. All references to ferry route numbers have been deleted and ferry services are now shown as operated by MetroLink, Queensland.

South Australia

New Kangaroo Island Ferry Service: A new ferry service is planned to commence shortly from the

Wirrina Sunset Cove resort to Kingscote on Kangaroo Island. The 300 passenger and 38 vehicle ferry *Seaway* is currently waiting for government safety and operational approval before commencing operations; hopefully in the coming school holidays. Bus connections to and from Adelaide will also be provided. Wirrina is a resort near Second Valley. The service will be in competition with the existing Cape Jervis-Penneshaw service with its connecting road services Adelaide-Cape Jervis and Penneshaw-Kingscote.

A Short Note...

This month's cover, and only illustration, appears for two reasons. First *Table Talk's* editor was in NZ, and second it was one of the few illustrations available. The choice is limited by what's available but also by variety. The quantity used is limited by pages. This month's issue is again only 12 pages; to get to 16 would require lots more news or 4 pages of illustrations. The former is limited by events, the latter by contributions.

The V/Line timetables in this month's issue caused a bit of head scratching. Traditionally V/Line is a rail operator but as with NSW's Countrylink they also operate coach services. Separating the two is nonsensical as in some cases, for example Geelong, both coaches and trains are currently operating within the one schedule. The concept of a *railway bus* is almost as archaic as using 'bus so a large part of the V/Line news ended up in the General section, a little bit in Bus but none in Rail!

This was nearly the third consecutive month without any Tram/Light Rail news; the last item back in July (through routing of Melbourne route 16) proved misleading as it never happened.

Whilst each issue contains a lot of airline news you may note there hasn't been a mention of a published timetable. This is because very few airlines publish timetables. Qantas and Virgin haven't issued a timetable book for a couple of years now and few others are available. There's almost a total dependence on the web.

Sydney Buses has recently stopped its mail out service of timetables and referred to the fact that all timetables are available on their website. The cost of providing such a service was a valid reason but with the introduction of real time displays at bus stops will we see more timetables only available only on the internet?