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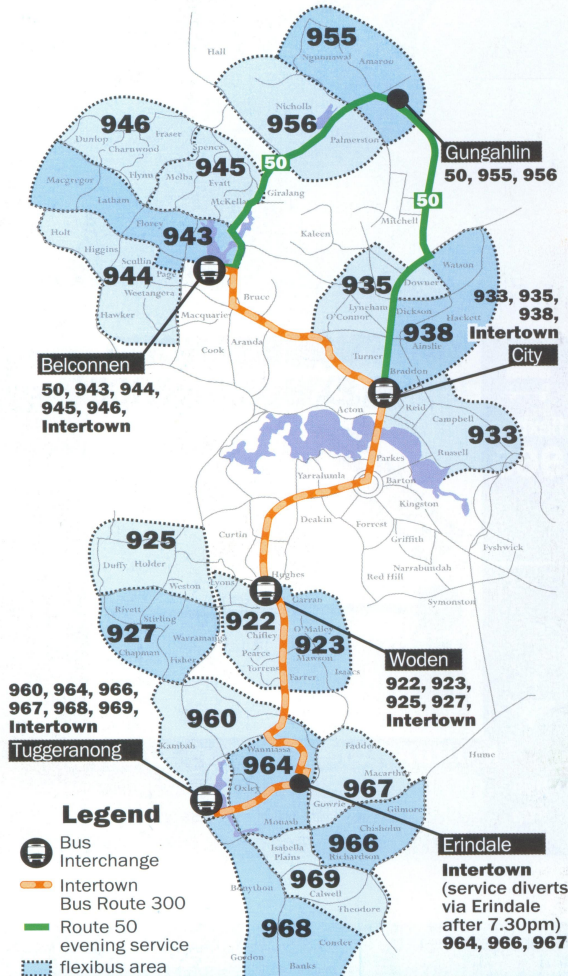


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May - July 05

Fares and Timetables
Effective 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006

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The cover of ACTION's Tuggeranong flexibus timetable. The back page (left of illustration) is a map showing the areas where flexibuses operate. The use of pale print on a shaded background

makes the actual suburbs very difficult to read even on the original. Evening services in the unshaded areas remain serviced by daytime routes. See page 6 for more details.

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National

Great Southern Railway has published a new timetable and fares booklet (see this month's cover) effective 01 April 2005 until 31 March 2006. The 12 page DL sized booklet contains times for the *Indian Pacific*, *The Ghan* and *The Overland*. *The Ghan's* timetable included the additional services to be operated from May to July 2005. The only mention of GSR as operator is in the terms and conditions on page 11; more prominent is their Trainways logo on the rear cover. Unfortunately the use of background shading makes it difficult to reproduce the timetable pages.

On 8 Apr 2005 **ARTC** issued a Version 2 of its 03-Apr-2005 NSW SWTT. Although there were some changes to trains on all routes, the principal alteration was addition of some dozens of coal trains (and return empties), emerging off the

RailCorp network at Islington Jct. (from Fassifern, etc?) and running to Kooragang Island. It would seem that these were probably omitted in error from Version 1.

On 20-Apr-2005 ARTC issued its biennial WTT (now called a Master Train Plan) and a two page Customer Commitment Chart (graphical timetable) for the remainder of its system (Albury-Melbourne-Adelaide-Whyalla/Broken Hill/Kalgoorlie), effective 04-Apr-2005. Unlike previous editions, which were in Excel format, the latest timetables have been issued in PDF format.

Victoria

V/Line

As reported last month stage 2 of the **Bendigo Regional Fast Rail** works started on Saturday 16 April and a purple temporary timetable applies

until mid 2005. Trains will return between Swan Hill and Bendigo. Coaches will replace all trains between Echuca, Bendigo and Melbourne but will not call at any stations between Watergardens and North Melbourne.

There are timetable changes for some V/Line services on the Southern line from 26 April when the **new station at Marshall opened**. The first stage of the project is now complete which allows passengers on Warrnambool-Melbourne trains to start using the station. Stage One includes the opening of the station building and installation of some signalling work which is now successfully completed. The new station will be a great benefit to the local area; it has ample capacity to service the growing populations at Marshall and Grovedale, including a car park with over 100 spaces and full station amenities. Further signalling works will be done during stage two of the project, due for completion mid-year. V/Line will continue working with the Department of Infrastructure to undertake signal testing so that the station can become fully operational as soon as possible. They expect that additional services, including commuter trains, will be able to use Marshall Station from the middle of this year

Warrnambool-Melbourne trains will depart around five minutes earlier to allow for the stop at Marshall, while maintaining current arrival times. Some services will leave some stations earlier or later compared to current timetable.

Key changes are listed below:

- 0545 Warrnambool Monday to Friday stops Marshall at 0750.
- 1225 Warrnambool Monday to Friday stops Marshall at 1430. Leaves Warrnambool 5 minutes earlier at 1220, leaves up to 6 minutes earlier between Terang and Winchelsea, and leaves 1 minute later from Geelong.
- 1745 Warrnambool Monday to Friday stops Marshall at 1959. Leaves up to 3 minutes later between Winchelsea and Lara. Arrives Spencer St 2110 as normal.
- 0705 Warrnambool Saturday stops Marshall at 0906.
- 1305 Warrnambool Saturday stops Marshall at 1506. Leaves Geelong 2 minutes later.
- 1705 Warrnambool Saturday and Sunday stops Marshall at 1905.

To Warrnambool

- 0848 Spencer St Monday to Friday stops Marshall at 0955. Leaves up to 2 minutes later between Winchelsea and Warrnambool. Arrives Warrnambool 2 minutes later at 1200
- 1240 Spencer St Monday to Friday stops Marshall at 1342. Leaves up to 5 minutes later from Winchelsea and Birregurra. Arrives Warrnambool 1558 as normal.

- 1747 Spencer St Monday to Friday stops Marshall at 1906. Leaves 2 minutes later from Winchelsea. Arrives Warrnambool at 2129 (Mon – Thur) and 2132 (Fri) as normal.
- 0848 Spencer St Saturday stops Marshall at 0955. Leaves 2 minutes later from Winchelsea. Arrives Warrnambool at 1201 as normal.
- 1220 Spencer St Saturday stops Marshall at 1324. Leaves up to 2 minutes later from Winchelsea and Colac. Arrives Warrnambool 1542 as normal.
- 1840 Spencer St Saturday stops Marshall at 1944. Leaves later up to 2 minutes between Winchelsea and Terang. Arrives Warrnambool 2 minutes later at 2146.
- 1900 Spencer St Sunday stops Marshall at 2004. Leaves up to 2 minutes later between Winchelsea and Terang. Arrives Warrnambool 2 minutes later at 2211.

The long awaited **VLine South West Victoria** timetable booklet is now out. Blue with a cover picture of the Twelve Apostles. Cover date is 27 February 2005 as for the other booklets, but the effective date is actually 26 April as it contains the times for the new Marshall Station which opens on that date.

Table Contents as follows:

- 100 Melbourne to South Geelong via Werribee & Geelong.
- 101 Melbourne to Apollo Bay via Geelong, Anglesea & Lorne (The Great Ocean Road).
- 102 Melbourne to Warrnambool via Geelong & Apollo Bay (Coast Link).
- 106 Melbourne to Warrnambool via Ballarat.
- 104 Geelong to Ballarat.
- 108 Geelong to Bendigo via Ballarat & Daylesford.
- 110 Melbourne to Mount Gambier via Geelong, Terang, Warrnambool, Port Fairy & Heywood.
- 111 Melbourne to Casterton via Geelong, Terang, Warrnambool & Hamilton.
- 201 Melbourne to Mount Gambier via Ballarat, Hamilton & Casterton.

V/line has issued a new East Victoria timetable dated 20 March 2005. Changes were detailed in Go V/line #5 as follows:

- **CORRECTION:** The (Bairnsdale) taxi number at the beginning of the East Victoria timetable booklet effective 27 February 2005 was incorrect. The correct number is 03 5152 6161
- There have been some minor changes to Yarram coach services to allow for connections to other services at Lang Lang. These changes were effective 20 March 2005.

- New timetable booklets and the Yarram, Inverloch/Cowes pocket timetables, have been reprinted and distributed to reflect these changes.

The 2005/2006 **Puffing Billy** timetable has been released, and is available from many Connex stations. It will run 1 April – 28 February 28 2006. Changes noted include: Cockatoo is now shown (located between Lakeside & Gembrook); there's no longer a purple TT - the yellow TT will operate on these days; last return trip to Belgrave 25 or 45 minutes earlier on some tables and other minor changes.



Sydney

Cross City Tunnel

Sydney's Cross City Tunnel will open on 12 June (several months earlier than predicted) which will mean some changes to city bus routes, especially those approaching the city from the Western Distributor, as they will use Druitt Street in both directions. More news next month.

Sydney Buses

Printed timetables effective:

- 13 February 2005
- T80 Liverpool - Parramatta Transitway - March 2005
- 135 Manly Wharf to Manly Hospital and North Head, v 3
- 159, 176, E76/E77 Wingala, version 2
- 201, 263 Crows Nest and Cammeray to City, v 8
- 257, 272-3 Willoughby District, v 2
- 323-325 New South Head Road to City - version 6
- 371-373 Coogee to City via Carr Street and Randwick - version 5
- 380-382 Watsons Bay and North Bondi to City - version 6

Website PDF files:

- 243 North Cremorne - effective April 2005

The **Westbus** website advises of minor timetable changes to all Fairfield, Cabramatta and Liverpool services from Saturday 9 April 2005. There are some minor route changes to routes 829, 830 and 831, but all routes will have revised times.

- 831 will no longer travel along the T-way. It will now travel along Bonnyrigg Avenue.
- 829 and 830 will not travel along Smithfield Road, but will now go down Justin Street onto The Horsley Drive.
- 830 will not travel down Railway Parade, but will return to Sackville Street and travel down

Perth

Transperth's new Gosnells Station became operational from 1156 on Sunday 17 April 2005. As a result, the existing Gosnells Station was closed from 1130 the same day. The last trains from the existing Gosnells Train Station on Sunday 17 April 2005 were: to Armadale at 1126, to Perth left the existing Gosnells Station at 11.27. The first trains from the new Gosnells Station were to Armadale 1156, to Perth at 1157. Transperth bus services routes 210, 211, 228, 231 and 232 started operating from the bus facility on the Wheatley Street side of the new station to coincide with the start of train services at 1156.

the length of Sackville Street between Hamilton Road and Bartley Street.

Bus Routes affected by the service changes include 800, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 833, 834, 835, 836.

An updated Fairfield Region Guide is now available on the Westbus website - dated 15 March 2005 (although link shows 9 April 2005) incorporating these changes. There will also be changes to School timetables, effective 26th April 2005.

There are several previously unreported shopping centre shuttles operating in suburban Sydney.

The developers of the **Rhodes Waterside development**, which includes the new Rhodes Shopping Centre, have commenced a local shuttle bus service for nearby employees of businesses in the Rhodes precinct on weekdays between 11:00am and 3:00pm. Train commuters also get access this service as there is a bus stop at Rhodes Train Station to the centre. For timetable and route information, please refer to the brochure available in pdf format at www.rhodeswaterside.com/retail/Shuttle%20Bus%20Timetable%202005.pdf

Lane Cove Shops and the industrial area around Mars Road are serviced by VillageXpress Bus Service provided by North Shore Shuttle Services Pty Ltd. A twenty minute service is provided between 1100 and 1430 on route A via Burns Bay Road and an irregular service on route B via Mowbray road. See www.northsydneybuscharters.com.au/express1.html for details.

At **Lidcombe** Hopkinsons run a Toyota Coaster bus between Lidcombe Station and Burnie Ave Lidcombe. It picks up Commonwealth Bank Staff at the same stop as the FMC (Flemington train depot) staff van picks up.

Macquarie Centre at North Ryde has a daytime shuttle round a lot of the North Ryde Technology

Park and back to the centre, using a coaster style minibus. It has been in operation for about 6 months.

New South Wales

Bega Valley Coaches 774/775 date unsure, but includes leaflet for discounted fares in the April School Holidays.

The **Blue Mountains Bus Co.** has put new timetables starting in May on their website at : www.mountainlink.com.au/timetables_may.htm

New timetables for all Pearce routes dated 2nd May 2005 are displayed on the website which now shows the name Blue Mountains Bus Company as do all the timetables.

- Emu Heights - Glenleigh - Penrith & Return route 688
- Penrith - Leonay route 689
- Blaxland - Mt Riverview - Blaxland route 691
- Faulconbridge - Springwood - Blaxland - Emu Plains - Penrith & Return Route 690
- Springwood Local No route number shown
- Springwood - Winmalee & Return route 692
- Hazelbrook - North Hazelbrook - Hazelbrook route 685
- Hazelbrook - Woodford - Linden – Springwood. Shown on same page as above also route 685
- Linden Rail - Shown on same page as above also route 685
- Springwood - Woodford - Katoomba & Return Route 690
- Katoomba Local no route number shown
- Katoomba - Blackheath - Katoomba route 698
- Katoomba - Mt Victoria - Katoomba Shown on same page as route 698 timetable above but no route number shown for this one.
- Katoomba - Leura - South Leura - Katoomba Routes 685 (Katoomba – Wentworth Falls) and 695 (Katoomba – South Leura).
Katoomba - Leura - Wentworth Falls - Nth Wentworth Falls & Return routes 685 and 690 (route 690 is shown in map as route 600).

While there are separate links for weekdays and weekends for all routes in some cases there are different pages for weekdays and weekends while for other the same page is used for both.

Weekend pages show different timetables for Saturdays and Sundays,

It is interesting to note that they use the name Blue Mountains Bus Co for all routes including those previously operated under the Pearce name. It was reported a couple of years ago that Pearce had taken over Blue Mountains Bus Co and until recently it had been assumed that eventually all routes would be operated under the

Pearce name thus getting rid of the Blue Mountains name.

Newcastle Buses New PDF website timetables: Effective April 2005

- 104, 107 (Jesmond/Warabrook)
- 226 Charlestown - Newcastle via Jesmond - effective April 2005. The 0812 trip ex Charlestown to University has been deleted.
- 363 (Belmont/Warners Bay)

Priors Batemans Bay

- 760/761 Batemans Bay – Malua Bay – Broulee – Moruya 22 Nov 2004
- 757/760 Town Services (Batemans – Surfside, Batemans – Catalina) 22 Nov 2004

Ulladulla Bus Lines

- 740/741 (same as previous) March 2004

ACT

From Tuesday 26 April 2005 **ACTION** introduced:

- Easy wheelchair access buses on all Intertown (300 series)
- increased Intertown evenings (300 series) frequency from 30 minutes to every 20 minutes
- Intertown evenings route 300 passes by the Erindale Centre in Tuggeranong to connect with local evening bus services
- New evening flexibus service in selected Canberra suburbs
- Minor timetable updates to daytime services on some bus routes

Flexibuses leave the bus interchanges in the evenings but rather than follow a set route, the driver takes each passenger as close to their destination as possible by the passenger telling the driver where they want to go. The drivers will also vary their routes to collect passengers in the suburbs who have called ACTION (on 13 17 10) from their nearest bus stop. Based on the successful trial of evening area services in Weston Creek, flexibus services will depart from bus interchanges to Canberra suburbs. Night-time suburban bus routes will also change. Instead of fixed routes, the bus will pick up passengers who have called ACTION (on 13 17 10) from their nearest bus stop.

The Flexibus services (with replaced routes in brackets) are:

- Belconnen: 943 (15/315, 16/116/216, 46); 944 (17/117/217, 44, 46); 945 (12/312); 946 (13/313, 14/314, 15/315, 46)
- Central: 933 (33); 935 (33, 35); 938 (38, 39)
- Gungahlin: 955 (31, 52, 53, 54); 956 (56)
- Kambah: 960 (60, 62)
- Tuggeranong: 960 (60/160, 62); 964* (61, 63, 64, 65); 966* (65, 66); 967* (65, 66); 968 (13/313, 14/314); 969 (12/312, 15/315, 65, 66, 67) (* = also Erindale)

- Weston Creek (from Woden): 925 (25); 927 (27)
- Woden: 922 (21/22); 923 (23/24)

From 1 April 2005 passengers can transfer onto other ACTION buses for up to 90 minutes from their first ticket use at no extra charge. It's built into all pre-paid tickets. They can also transfer on a Single Trip ticket but must ask your driver for a transfer before they pay.

Some suburbs will not be affected by the evening bus service. These suburbs are well serviced by regular routes and passenger numbers have been quite high.

There are two new route numbers being introduced with the new timetables for the Canberra network on 26 April. These are route 18 (off-peak service serving Banks and Conder) and route 50 (night time service between City and Belconnen via Gungahlin).

New timetables:

- 12 312
- 13 313
- 14 314
- 15 315
- 16 116 216
- 17 117 217
- 18
- 21 22 91 92
- 30 32
- 31 32 37 47
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- 36 39
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- 40 41 42
- 43 243 45 46
- 44 244 48
- 50 56 156 256
- 50 51 251 52 252
- 50 53 153 54
- 60 160 62 162
- 61 161 64
- 63
- 65 265
- 66 67 267
- 72 73 74
- 80
- 84 86

Intertown:

- 300 312 313 314 315

Xpresso:

- 268 269
- 701
- 703

Flexibus:

- Belconnen,
- Central,

- Gungahlin,
- Kambah,
- Tuggeranong,
- Woden,
- Weston Creek

Melbourne

Cardinia Transit reprinted the route 841 timetable, effective 31 January 2005. It corrects an error from the 13 December 2004 timetable, which showed the 1450 Cranbourne - Narre Warren North trip on Weekdays twice, but omitted the 1405 journey.

Cranbourne Transit. Route 893 Cranbourne - Dandenong had been reprinted dated 23rd April, 2004.

Peninsula Bus Lines have issued an updated 782/783 timetable, effective 10th January 2005. The only change is the inclusion of the following note: "Backup trips to and from Bittern and Tyabb operate on School Days only to Padua College (Mornington). Phone the Depot on 9786 7088 for details."

Victoria

V/Line

On Tuesday 26 April 2005, introduces a new timetable for the coach service between

Casterton and Warrnambool/Terang. Key changes are listed below:

- 0925 Casterton – Warrnambool Mon – Wed, Fri leaves Casterton 10 minutes earlier at 0915 with altered times en route. Arrives Warrnambool 1150 as normal.
- 0925 Casterton – Warrnambool Thursday leaves Casterton 25 minutes earlier at 0900 with altered times en route. Arrives Warrnambool 10 minutes earlier at 1150.
- 1545 Casterton – Terang Friday leaves Casterton 10 minutes earlier at 1535 with altered times en route. Arrives Terang 2 minutes earlier at 18.03.
- 1505 Casterton – Terang Sunday leaves Casterton 10 minutes earlier at 1455 with altered times en route. Arrives Terang 2 minutes earlier at 1723.
- 1605 Warrnambool – Casterton Mon – Wed leaves Warrnambool 5 minutes later at 1610 with altered times en route. Arrives Casterton 15 minutes later at 1845
- 1605 Warrnambool – Casterton Thursday leaves Warrnambool 5 minutes later at 1610 with altered times en route. Arrives Casterton 20 minutes later at 1900.
- 1220 Warrnambool – Casterton Friday leaves Warrnambool 15 minutes later at 1235 with altered times en route. Arrives Casterton 25 minutes later at 1510.

- 2100 Terang – Casterton Friday leaves Terang 5 minutes later at 2105 with altered times en route. Arrives Casterton 15 minutes later at 2335.
- 2140 Terang – Casterton Sunday leaves Terang 5 minutes later at 2145 with altered times en route. Arrives Casterton 10 minutes later at 0010.

See also the item under **Rail** re VLine South Western timetable.

The latest **Sunbus Avalon Airport** timetable is effective from 1 April - 31 May 2005, in usual DL format and replaces the timetable that finished on 26 March. So what about 27 – 31 March - 31? The service over these five days (27 – 31 March) was as per the current timetable, with the 1015 from Melbourne and 1230 from Avalon running. Normally these trips only operate Monday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Also available was an A4 sheet that details the three various timetables applying from 1 Feb - 31 May.

The latest **Transit South West** (Warrnambool) timetable from South Western Roadways is dated 27 Jan 2005.

Brisbane

Brisbane Transport adjusted services effective 18 April 2005

- Route 130 BUZ (Bus Upgrade Zone): An additional inbound trip departs from Parkinson at 0540 on weekdays.
- Route 142: An additional inbound trip departs from Browns Plains at 0725. In the afternoon peak, an additional trip departs from Riverside at 1707, and the 1700 trip departs at 1658..
- New route 162 Rocket service operates between Eight Mile Plains and the City on weekdays. In the morning it departs from Eight Mile Plains Station every 10 minutes between 0712 and 0822, pick-up at Garden City Station, then runs express to the City, stopping at the Parliament stop in Margaret St (far side George St) and the Riverside stop in Creek St (approaching Queen St). In the afternoon it departs from the Riverside stop in Creek St (approaching Queen St) every 10 minutes between 1630 and 1740, pick-up at the Parliament stop in Alice St (approaching George St), then run express to Garden City and Eight Mile Plains Stations.
- Route 186 and 189 timetables have been adjusted to better reflect on-road operating conditions.
- Route 200 has been upgraded into a high frequency BUZ route. Services operate at least every 15 minutes seven days a week, from early morning (0600 from Cribb Rd East) until late at night (2330 from the City). During the weekday commuter peak periods,

services operate every 10 minutes (inbound between 0615 & 0845, outbound between 1600 & 1800).

- Route 207 has been extended to operate from Carina Shops CityXpress stop, and runs every 10 minutes between 0717 and 0817. As a result of these upgraded services, Route 205 no longer operates. The Route 201 service is unchanged.
- Route 303 Some morning and afternoon peak services travel via the Aviation Precinct, and will be renumbered as route 304. The QR fare structure will continue to apply to these services. In addition some 303 services will be extended to operate to and from Myrtletown. There will no longer be any services between Curtin Ave East and Pinkenba Station These changes are designed to provide improved access to the area in peak periods. There are no changes to existing rail connections.
- New route 304 (Myrtletown - Eagle Junction via Lomandra Dr) during weekday morning and afternoon peak periods to offer a better connection to the aviation precinct. The new service will operate from Eagle Junction or Doomben QR Citytrain stations, Kingsford Smith Drive, Curtin Avenue, Holt Street, Pinkenba and Myrtletown via the aviation precinct.
- Route 302 will operate as per the existing timetable and will connect Pinkenba with the CBD. The route 302 combines with the new route 304 to provide an increased frequency between Kingsford Smith Drive and Holt St.
- Route 460 Additional trips have been introduced on Saturdays.

New BT timetables:

- 111/133/160/162 Effective 18 April 2005
 - 111 Eight Mile Plains to City busway service
 - 133 Sunnybank to City busway service
 - 160 Garden City to City busway service
 - 162 Eight Mile Plains to City rocket
- 129/130/131/132/133/136 Effective 18 April 2005
 - 129 Algester to City rocket
 - 130 Algester to City buz
 - 131 Algester to City rocket
 - 132 Algester to Garden City local
 - 133 Sunnybank shuttle
 - 136 Algester city precincts
- 140/141/142 Effective 18 April 2005
 - 140 Browns Plains to City cityxpress
 - 141 Browns Plains to City rocket
 - 142 Browns Plains to City bullet
- 172/173 Effective 27 January 2004 (same effective date as the old timetable but now in TRANSLink format)
 - 172 Garden City to City all stops
 - 173 Mt Gravatt Central to City express
- 179/180/181/186/189 Effective 18 April 2005

- 179 Garden City to City rocket
 - 180 Garden City to City cityxpress
 - 181 North Wishart to City rocket
 - 186 Wishart to City rocket
 - 189 Holland Park to City express
 - 200/201/206/207 Effective 18 April 2005
 - 200 Carindale to City buz
 - 201 Carindale Heights to City rocket
 - 206 Carindale to City city precincts
 - 207 Carina to City express
 - 302/303/304 Effective 18 April 2005
 - 302 Pinkenba to City all stops
 - 303 Myrtletown to Eagle Junction all stops
 - 304 Myrtletown via Lomandra Drive to Eagle Junction all stops
- 302 and 303 previously only included in Doomben train timetable as Route 303 Eagle Junction - Pinkenba Rail Bus service and Route 302 Pinkenba - City Citybus Service)
- 460/461 Effective 18 April 2005
 - 460 Forest Lake to City cityxpress
 - 461 Forest Lake to City rocket
 - School services

Picked up in early April 2005 was 101/102/103/122 effective 01 July 2004

A new **Red & White Coaches** school services timetable booklet has been issued dated February 2005. The details are:

- B: Taigum-Geebung-Aspley-Chermside
- D: Stafford-McDowall-Wavell Heights
- E: Albany Creek-Ferny Hills-Mitchelton
- H1: Bridgeman Downs-McDowall
- H2: Bracken Ridge-Carseldine-West Chermside
- J: The Gap-Ferny Grove-Ferny Hills-Arana Hills
- M: The Gap, Newmarket, Wilston
- P1: Redcliffe-Brighton-Sandgate-Deagon
- P2: Redcliffe-Brighton-Deagon

Queensland

Westside Bus Company and Translink have introduced a new network of services for the areas of Springfield, Redbank Plains, Wacol, Goodna, Bundamba and Ipswich. The new network began on 18 April 2005 and has all services renumbered into the 500 range of route numbers, unique to the area. Services have been extended by an hour until 1930 and extra services operate on Saturdays.

Summary of services:

- 463 (Brisbane route number) Wacol to Inala replaces 622
- 500 Wacol to Ipswich replaces 1, 1A, 1B and 1C, the trunk route linking with feeder services.
- 502 Bundamba to Ipswich via Silkstone, former 2 extended to Bundamba

- 503 Bundamba to Ipswich via Raceview, former 3
- 504 Brassall to Ipswich, former 4
- 505 Tivoli to Ipswich, former 5, combines with 504 to increase frequency on Pine Mountain Road
- 506 Leichhardt to Ipswich, former 1, 1A, 1B and 1C extensions operated as a separate route
- 507 Brassall to Ipswich direct, 517 via Coalfalls and 527 via Woodend, former routes 4A, 4B and 7
- 508 Amberley to Ipswich, former 8
- 509 Deebing Heights to Ipswich, former 9
- 510 Booval to Ipswich, former 10
- 511 and 521 Redbank to Goodna via Redbank Plains, former extensions to 1A and 1C. 511 extends south of Redbank Plains whilst 521 serves Bellbird Park.
- 522 Springfield to Goodna, former 602
- 530 new service from Springfield Lakes to Goodna direct working with 522.

A copy of the new *Public Transport Services Guide* was delivered to homes in the areas covered and is also available from the Translink website. The route map and timetables are also downloadable. Timetables are coloured western region green.

New Translink format timetables issued are:

- 463
- 500
- 502, 503, 510
- 504, 505
- 506, 516
- 517, 517, 527
- 508, 509
- 511, 512
- 522, 530

Adelaide

As a result of the operator changes announced in February (see *Table Talk* March 2005, page 9) there have been some changes to Adelaide timetables effective 24 April 2005.

The 210, 214, 216, 218 to routes 222, 224, 225, 226, 228 or 229 through running has ceased due to the service now being provided by different operators. Through passengers now need to change buses in King William Street. Operating times remain unchanged.

The 130 now no longer runs to Adelaide, due to road changes in the Henley beach North area; but will re-route from Seaview Road via Henley Beach Road and then travel as bus route 137 to the City. Route 130 will still run from Adelaide.

The 347X is now all-stops 347, and not express from the tram line.

The following timetables have been reprinted, effective 24 April 2005 (new operator in brackets):

- 130-137
- 210-218/618 (Torrens Transit)
- 222, 224/T224 (Southlink)
- 225/226/420 (Southlink)
- 228/T228 (Southlink)
- 229 (Southlink)
- 347/374

Perth

Transperth

Changes effective 24 April 2005:

- Minor time adjustments affecting routes 113 and 114 departures were introduced to accommodate longer travel times due to high numbers of students using these services. Southern timetable 118 was reissued.
- On school days only, additional trips operate on route 920. The additional trips leave from Fremantle at 14.37, 15.34 and 16.07 to provide extra capacity on this popular service. Southern timetable 130 was reissued.
- Minor adjustments to departure and intermediate times for specific trips on routes 116, 126 and 168 were introduced necessitated by traffic congestion enroute. Southern timetables 116, 121 and 132 were reissued.
- route 129 departing Kwinana Bus Station at 1448 will no longer extend to North Parmelia Primary School due to insufficient patronage on the extension. Southern timetable 120 was amended.
- route 718 departing Secret Harbour at 1555 on weekdays was discontinued due to insufficient patronage. Southern timetable 121 was amended.

From 1 May 2005 the current route 490, 1452 service departing Clarkson Station will depart at 1437 and will deviate to Yanchep District High School on school days at 1510 and pick up students for the Two Rocks area. During school holidays this service will leave Clarkson Station at 1437 and run via the normal route. Northern timetable 67 was amended.

Other recent timetables:

- Western 31 6 Mar 2005
- Western 40 6 Mar 2005
- Eastern 105 20 Feb 2005
- Southern 116 6 Mar 2005
- Southern 119 6 Mar 2005



Aeropelican Air Services (OT) discontinued services from its Belmont Airport site effective midnight on Friday 1 April 2005. All flights now

- Southern 120 27 Mar 2005
- Southern 121 27 Mar 2005
- Southern 122 6 Mar 2005
- Southern 125 20 Mar 2005

West Australia

Hedland Bus Service, Port Hedland, has a new website timetable (www.helandbuslines.com) dated 4 Jan 2005 which includes a Saturday timetable. Routes are now shown as

- 301 - South Hedland clockwise
- 401 - South Hedland anti-clockwise
- 501 - To Port Hedland
- 501 - To South Hedland

These replace:

- 101 South Hedland loop
- 201 Port Hedland – Cooke Point
- 501 Port Hedland – South Hedland

International

The first buses to travel between **India and Pakistan** for 18 months reached their destinations in Lahore and Delhi on 7 April 2005, marking a successful resumption of the direct service. The service had been suspended since December 2001, following an attack on the Indian parliament.

The Lahore-bound bus, carrying more than 30 passengers, mostly journalists, set off in heavy monsoon rain at 0600 (0030 GMT) on its 500-kilometre journey. The bus for Delhi left Lahore soon afterwards. There was a moment of celebration after the Delhi-bound bus crossed the Indian border and passed the Lahore-bound bus coming the other way in India's Punjab. The Delhi-bound bus arrived at the Ambedkar stadium terminus at 2000 (1430 GMT) - about the same time as the other bus pulled into Lahore.

Nepal and China signed a one year pact on a bus link between Lhasa and Kathmandu. 1 May will see the bus service begin, leading to increase in trade and tourism between the two countries. The Nepal government run company Sajha Yatayat and a Lhasa based private company Tibet Gurkha Trading Company will operate one bus each, every week. It will take 2 days to cover the 970 km route which runs across the Himalayas. One way travel is expected to cost Rs 5,000 (\$71.5), much cheaper than air travel which is 5½ times as much.

operate through Newcastle (Williamstown) Airport. The new schedule caters for between 5 to 7 return flights per day to/from Sydney, dependant on the

day. This schedule will provide existing and new customers with a wide choice of flight times to/from Sydney to connect with onward flights.

Air Pacific (FJ) is to increase flights between Sydney and Nadi (codeshare with Qantas) from 17 June. An additional three flights per week on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays Nadi 1855, Sydney 2130 returning Sydney 2230 Nadi 0430(+1)

Emirates (EK) From 01 May the introduction of the daily Dubai – Bangkok – Sydney services will see this service extended to Auckland instead of the direct Dubai – Sydney service.

Finnair (AY) and its Australian one world alliance partner, Qantas, have commenced code-share flights between Helsinki and Brisbane via Singapore. The cooperation flights have both Finnair and Qantas flight numbers and are operated via Singapore. Finnair flies to Singapore four times a week normally and this summer will offer daily operations to the city from 30 May to 1 September. This enables a daily code share service to Brisbane during the summer season. The flights depart from Helsinki at 2330 arriving in Brisbane 0635 the day after the next day. From Brisbane the flights depart at 1355 arriving in Helsinki at 0645 the next day. The airlines have an existing code-share agreement between Helsinki and Sydney via Bangkok .

Hawaiian Airlines (HA) and Qantas have revised their schedules so as to provide for a daytime arrival in Honolulu in lieu of a late night/ early morning arrival. HA451 M/W/Th/Sa Honolulu 1240 Sydney 1910(+1), HA452 Su/Tu/F Sydney 2120 arr Honolulu 1100; QF4 Tu/Th/Sa Sydney 2030 Honolulu 0950, QF3 Tu/Th/Sa Honolulu 1130, Sydney 1730 (+1).

Jetstar (JQ) from 1 June will bolster its weekly services by around a third with additional flights on existing routes and the commencement of a new direct service – Newcastle to Gold Coast – to be operated 3 times weekly. Jetstar will also increase its number of weekly services between Newcastle-Brisbane to three daily and Newcastle-Melbourne to twice from 1 June. The latest Federal Department of Transport passenger traffic figures have highlighted a 250 per cent jump in travellers on the Newcastle-Brisbane route for the 12 months to January 2005, continuing to make it one of Australia 's fastest growing domestic flight corridors. Along with Jetstar's new flight schedule at Newcastle Airport , QantasLink will continue to operate direct services between Newcastle and Melbourne and Newcastle and Brisbane .

Jetstar Newcastle all Boeing 717 schedule from 1 June 2005 (departure times shown)

- Newcastle-Brisbane daily: JQ382 07.35, JQ384 10.05, JQ 390 19.25

- Brisbane-Newcastle daily: JQ381 06.00, JQ385 11.40, JQ387 17.45
- Newcastle-Melbourne: JQ371 06.20 daily, JQ 375 13.30 (Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun), JQ377 17.15 daily
- Melbourne-Newcastle JQ374 08.15 daily, JQ 378 15.25 (Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun), JQ380 19.15 daily
- Newcastle-Gold Coast JQ396 13.50 (Tu/Thur/Sat)
- Gold Coast-Newcastle JQ395 15:20 (Tu/Thur/Sat)

Jetstar will reduce its flying between Brisbane and Rockhampton from two to one return 717 service daily, being replaced by Qantaslink.

Lan Chile (LA) from 5 July will add a fifth weekly service between Sydney and Santiago. This will be on a Tuesday in addition to the current Mo/We/Fr/Sa services. Timings are LA800 Sydney 1030 via Auckland arr Santiago 1245.

Pacific Blue (DJ) details of Brisbane/ Gold Coast to Auckland services mentioned in March are:

- DJ52 Tu Brisbane 0935, Auckland 1445
- DJ54 Th Brisbane 1800 Auckland 2300
- DJ54 Sa/Su Brisbane 1920 Auckland 0020(+1)
- DJ53 M/W/F/Su Auckland 0700 Brisbane 0845
- DJ79 TuSa Auckland 1530 Gold Coast 1700
- DJ78 TuSa Gold Coast 1745 Auckland 2245

Qantas (QF) is set to cut the number flights operating out of the north-west of Tasmania. The Burnie to Melbourne and Devonport to Melbourne services will be reduced by one return flight a day during weekdays. A Qantas spokesman said the airline is aiming to better align services and capacity with customer demand.

From 1 July Qantas will add extra return flights between Brisbane and:

- Adelaide - six new services, bringing the total number of weekly services to 27;
- Perth - five new services, bringing the total number of weekly services to 20;
- Sydney - four new services, bringing the total number of weekly services to 145;
- Mt Isa - an extra Friday service, bringing the total number of weekly services to eight.

Qantas has also added extra seasonal services between Cairns and:

- Perth - one extra service, bringing the total number of weekly services to three;
- Sydney - two extra services, bringing the total to 23 per week.

In addition, Qantas will fly larger aircraft on 13 weekly services between Brisbane and Darwin from July, providing an extra 854 seats each week for the peak season.

Qantas will add a new non-stop Brisbane-Los Angeles service to its schedule from 18 July, taking the number of Qantas flights on the route to 11 per week: four non-stop and seven via Auckland. The additional service would enable Qantas to provide a more balanced spread of departure days for customers travelling non-stop between Brisbane and the USA.

Qantas are reintroducing Qantas Boeing 737 services between Brisbane and Hamilton Island from 1 July. Qantas will operate three return flights a week on the Brisbane-Hamilton Island route, on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays, in addition to Jetstar's daily A320 services.

QantasLink services would replace Qantas' daily 737 flights between Brisbane and Rockhampton from 1 June. QantasLink Dash 8 aircraft will operate an additional 28 services to Rockhampton each week, bringing the number of weekly services to 67. This includes new daily departures from Brisbane at 1000 and 1730 as well as a later last flight of the day from Rockhampton at 1915 on week days to provide more opportunities for same day return services.



Ferry

Brisbane

Effective 4 April 2005 during the morning peak periods (Monday to Friday, except School and Public Holidays), additional express CityFerry services operate as follows:

A Short Note...

There will be a September issue of *Table Talk*, Victor Isaacs has volunteered to take on the challenge. All news in August should be sent to Victor at abvi@webone.com.au. Regular contributors will be advised of the cut-off dates.

One of the first families of published timetables to have disappeared almost universally has been Airline timetables. In fact to my knowledge neither Virgin Blue nor Jetstar have ever published a public timetable; and it's been years since there was a Qantas book. There's now almost total dependence on access to the Internet to find airline schedules. Most of *Table Talk's* Air timetable news is extracted from press releases and travel agents; from them is removed the PR spin and loquacious quotes. Even so every so often there's still something worth criticism. For example this month's Jetstar items on Newcastle showed their author's ignorance of the 24 hour clock with times such as '07:35 am' and '17:45 pm'. Surely by now the 24 clock is understood by nearly every writer.

Virgin Blue (DJ) has postponed the launch of its service between Perth and Kalgoorlie which was reported last month (page 11) as starting on April 7. The decision comes after the airline failed to strike a deal with the airport over access to facilities, as well as disappointing booking levels for the proposed service. The airline said it would review its plan to operate on the route.

Virgin Blue will introduce direct daily flights between Brisbane and the Great Barrier Reef Airport on Hamilton Island from 15 June. This is in response to lobbying from the Whitsunday Islands business and tourism community seeking access to competing airline services. Virgin Blue will closely monitor support for the Brisbane-Hamilton Island service and if successful, the airline will consider additional future route opportunities in and out of Hamilton Island from other destinations.

- DJ 583 dep Brisbane 1030 arr Hamilton Island 1200
- DJ 582 dep Hamilton Island 1230 arr Brisbane 1350

Mowbray Park direct to Riverside 0752 and 0817
Sydney Street direct to Riverside 0755 and 0820
These extra services will continue to operate subject to passenger usage and demand.

I've usually avoided including much in the way of International timetables as the field is so large that anything printed would only represent a small fraction of what's available and also there doesn't seem to be a great deal of interest in them. That being said I couldn't resist this month's items on Kashmir and Nepal. Despite all the criticisms of our operators none of them have to face the conditions these two bus routes operate under. How many bus drivers would be happy to operate knowing they were likely to be shot at or suffer some of the most extreme weather conditions imaginable?

It's been noted that Action's Flexibus name is not new, having been used in the 1980s. Anyone remember them?

Yet again a plea for copies of timetables for illustrations.