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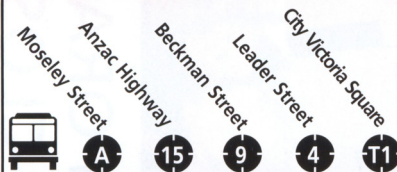
CITY to Glenelg



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7.28	7.37	7.45	7.54	8.05	
7.40	7.49	7.57	8.06	8.17	
7.52	8.01	8.09	8.18	8.29	
8.04	8.13	8.21	8.30	8.41	
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Glenelg to CITY



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You Wrote

From Geoff Mann

May I add a few comments further to the item in the May *Table Talk* on the opening of the new station at Marshall.

For those unfamiliar with the location, it is in the Geelong semi-rural suburb of the same name and virtually on the site of the former station which was closed to passengers in 1957 and all traffic in 1964.

The wording in *Table Talk* reflects that used in the V/Line Service Announcement. This used the term Southern line for what has always been referred to as the South Western line. The announcement stated that completion of the first stage will allow passengers on Warrnambool - Melbourne trains to start using the station. I consider this to be confusing to potential users. A clearer statement should have advised that the station was now open for passengers to join the trains to and from Warrnambool which would now stop at Marshall

and that it would service not only Marshall and Grovedale, but also be convenient for Barwon Heads residents (being just off the Barwon Heads Road). Signage to the station is minimal.

There was strong support for the station to be located at Grovedale where there is more residential development, adjacent to the Surf Coast Highway serving the rapidly growing dormitory town of Torquay. This was rejected on the basis that the rail gradient was too steep. The original Grovedale station existed here for many years until closed in 1952 and presumably trains managed to stop in those days.

Stage 2 of the opening will take place in "mid 2005" following which four new services will operate on weekdays (expected to be two up and two down commuter services).

Additional information is available on the Dept of Infrastructure website under Transport Planning and Projects.

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General

Adelaide

A new edition of Metroguide has been issued, dated 24 April 2005, to coincide with the changes in operators. However it doesn't mention any operators nor summarise any of the changes.



NSW

On Friday 13th May, ARTC issued a Version 3 of its NSW Standard Working Time Table, to come into effect on 12-Jun-2005. The changes are mostly adjustments to train times on the Hunter Valley coal lease lines and on the North Coast. At the same time RailCorp posted a STN modifying its own SWTT from the same date. No new SWTT had been issued as of 16-May.

All current NSW SWTTs for both ARTC and RIC continue to refer to vanished operators such as FreightCorp, RIC, Patricks and Freight Australia in their train descriptions. Current operators such as RailCorp and Pacific National do not appear. The reason is unknown, but may be related to the terms and conditions of Access Contracts.

NSW RailCorp has advised in its Weekly Notice that new Local Appendices to the SWTT will be issued on and from 5-June-2005. All sections will be issued in one consolidated A4 volume instead of separately as previously.



Melbourne

Yarra Trams. Due to the State Government's project to remove the Flinders Street overpass and construct a new intersection at Flinders and King Streets, the following changes to tram services applied from first tram Sunday 22 May to late November 2005:

South Australia

A new edition of State guide, dated April 2005 has been produced still missing the Flinders Highway (see *Table Talk* July 2004) and also the Buses'R'Us Broken Hill service. The giant crayfish remains on the altered cover!

Each Appendix will cover only the Greater Sydney lines-as per the WTT. LAs had previously been issued frequently, but these will be the first new issues since September 2002. They will be available on the RIC safety pages web-site (<http://railsafe.ric.nsw.gov.au/Railsafe/ric/index.jsp>), which no longer requires an account to access it.

Melbourne

The bi-annual Australian International Airshow 2005 was held at the Avalon Airport, near Geelong from Tuesday 15 March until Sunday 20 March. The Airshow was open to the public from Friday afternoon, including the *Night Alight* show until Sunday evening. To cater for the sessions open to the public V/Line Passenger added stops for Warrnambool trains at Lara, built up regular passenger trains with extra cars and ran extra trains to Lara with connecting buses to and from Avalon Airport. Full details of the services over the weekend can be found in Chris Gordon's report in the May 2005 issue of *Railway Digest*.

- Routes 48 (North Balwyn/New Quay Docklands), 70 (Wattle Park/City) and 75 (East Burwood/City) terminate at the intersection of Flinders and Market Streets.
- Route 86 (Bundoora/Telstra Dome) terminates at the Docklands Drive tram terminus.
- Route 24 (North Balwyn/LaTrobe Street West End) is extended from LaTrobe Street during peak hours and runs along Harbour

Esplanade to terminate at Flinders Street West at stop number D6.

- Route 30 (St Vincent's Plaza/New Quay Docklands) terminates at the Docklands Drive tram terminus from 0600 to 1800 Monday to Friday.
- City Circle operates from tram stop D6 at Flinders Street West to the intersection of Victoria Parade and Nicholson Street, travelling via Harbour Esplanade, LaTrobe Street and Victoria Parade.
- Shuttle tram – A new temporary service to provide a link between Flinders Street and Docklands. Trams travel between the intersection of Flinders and Market Streets and Flinders Street West (tram stop D6), via Market Street, Flinders Lane, William Street, Bourke Street, Spencer Street, LaTrobe Street and Harbour Esplanade to Flinders Street West

Bus

Sydney

Sydney Buses introduced some minor timetable alterations to route 201 in the AM peak from Cammeray from Tuesday 26 April - some trips have been altered to start earlier or later than advertised (specific details advertised on the STA website). The website timetable for the 201/263 has subsequently been updated to reflect these alterations, dated 26 April 2005

STA has released the 2005 UNSW timetable - same format as last year (pocket sized). Shows '2005 Edition'. Both PDF and printed versions are available.

New STA website timetables, effective May 2005:

- 136/L60 - v3
- 142/E66 - v2
- 169-172-173 v3
- 187-190 - v2
- 348 - v4
- 401/4 - v6

They are now including the full timetable as a PDF - including both front and rear covers and the version numbers, which appears to be a positive step. Hopefully they'll continue doing so.

Printed timetables (effective May 2005 unless stated otherwise)

- 136-L60 Manly-Chatswood, v 3
- 142-E66 Allambie Heights, v 2
- 169-172-173 Narrabeena, v 3
- 187-190 Pittwater, v 2
- 243 North Cremorne - effective April 2005, v 2
- 256 Chatswood West, v 6
- 348 Bondi Jn-Alexandria, v 4

Updated timetable information was displayed at stops from 22 May 2005 and frequency flyers were available on board trams.

Adelaide

The City to Glenelg tram line will be closed from 5 June until 7 August 2005 to enable the line to be upgraded and enable the use of new Bombardier Flexity Classic vehicle to be introduced. An alternative bus service will operate along most of the line with an additional free service operating between stops 6 and 12. The tram replacement will operate every 20 minutes, 12 in peaks; whilst the shuttle will operate every 15 minutes.

An A3 size brochure with map and timetables was distributed – see cover.

- 401-4 Sydney Olympic Park-Lidcombe, v 6
- 415 Burwood to Campsie, v 10

And a service announcement (No SR50) for Route 442 - Changes to Journey Times effective immediately - the 0020 and 0050 early Sunday morning trips will terminate at Gladstone Park.

The new Cross City Tunnel is scheduled to open on Sunday, 12th June 2005. Due to new road structures to accommodate the western tunnel entrance/exit (near Darling Harbour), Sydney Buses coming in and out of the city via Victoria Road/Anzac Bridge will incur some minor operational changes around the Town Hall area:

Inbound (from Anzac Bridge/Victoria Road): Buses will cross Harris Street, Ultimo over a specially built flyover which will bring them into Druiitt Street (instead of Bathurst Street). The current bus stop in Bathurst Street will be closed. First stop for inbound buses will be at Queen Victoria Building (QVB).

Outbound (from CBD to Anzac Bridge): There will be no changes for passengers to outbound buses heading across the Anzac Bridge for about 3 months -- routes and bus stops will not change for the time being.

New South Wales

The **Blue Mountains Bus Co** printed timetables commencing May 2005 (see last month) are:

- 685 Hazelbrook - North Hazelbrook - Hazelbrook / 690 Katoomba - Woodford - Springwood / Hazelbrook - Woodford - Linden - Springwood / Linden Rail
- 685 & 695 Katoomba - Leura - South Leura - Katoomba / 690 Katoomba - Leura -

Wentworth Falls - North Wentworth Falls and Return

- 688 Emu Heights - Penrith - Emu Heights
- 689 Leonay - Penrith - Leonay via Emu Plains
- 691 Blaxland - Mt Riverview - Blaxland
- Katoomba Street - Medlow Bath - Blackheath - Mount Victoria - Hat Hill Road - Govetts Leap Road - Evans Lookout Road / Katoomba - North Katoomba / Katoomba Local
- Springwood - Winmalee - Springwood / Springwood - Burns Road / Springwood - Hospital - Buckland / Springwood - Chapman Parade / Springwood - Bee Farm Road

All timetables show "effective 2005". They are in the standard Brochure Publishing format as previous issues, but are all different sizes and colours. It seems that they are still as confusing as ever with some route numbers shown more than once and other timetables still not containing any route numbers.

Kirklands Buslines has introduced new timetables for their Lismore (661, 681-684) and Ballina (661, 668, 669) local services, as well as their regional services, all effective 28 April 2005. The new regional timetables introduced on 28/4/05 include the following (as listed from their website):

- 661 Ballina via Goonellabah / Regatta Est. / Wollongbar / Alstonville / West Ballina 28-04-2005
- 660 Evans Head to Ballina & Return 28-04-2005
- 690 Evans Head to Lismore & Return 28-04-2005
- 695 Grafton to Lismore & Return 28-04-2005
- 662 Lennox Head to Lismore & Return 28-04-2005
- 661 Lismore via West Ballina / Alstonville / Wollongbar / Regatta Est. / Goonellabah 28-04-2005
- 610 Mullumbimby / Brunswick Heads / Byron Bay to Lismore and Return 28-04-2005
- 670/675 Tenterfield / Geneva & Kyogle / Casino to Lismore & Return 28-04-2005

Finally sighted in **Newcastle** have been

- 104/107 Jesmond/ Warabrook to Newcastle April 2005 version 5
- 226 Charlestown to Newcastle via Waratah April 2005 version 9
- 310/311 Belmont to Newcastle via Valentine March 2005 version 6.

Some of these had previously been reported on the website.

Premier Illawarra made changes to both the route and timetables of route 6 (Wollongong to Mt Pleasant) from 16 May 2005.

Melbourne

Effective May 23rd, are new timetables for Routes 555 and 556 (Epping to Northland). This is owing to the long awaited use of the bus interchange at Reservoir Station. Most times are adjusted by a few minutes.

U.S. Bus Lines have recently extended routes 694 (Olinda - Belgrave) & 698 (Olinda - Upper Fern Tree Gully) to Mt Dandenong Lookout on a number of trips. This was announced on their bulletin board and the updated timetables are shown online at www.usbus.com.au along with changes to running times. Also the 697 (Belgrave - Belgrave South) timetable now shows a 0800 trip from Belgrave on weekdays. This appears to have operated since at least October last year.

Ventura Bus Services on the extended route 753, between Boronia and Bayswater will be reduced following a four year trial. Patronage averaged between 0.7 and 1.1 on the trips that are to be reduced.

From Monday 2nd May 2005, weekday and Saturday services between Boronia and Bayswater will change, and these resources will be used where they are needed elsewhere in the network such as:

- two additional evening trips on route 737, between Knox City and Boronia; and
- improved running times on routes 732, 734, 753 and 755, using GPS technology (this will be implemented with the introduction of the 75 tram to Vermont South). (Craig - due Mid 2005)

From Monday 2nd May 2005, Ventura will operate an evening 737 bus from Knox City to Boronia at 20:05, which will return at 20:22. This will assist customers using the cinemas or Knox O-Zone shops and restaurants.

Timetable changes occurred from Monday 23rd on routes 207, 304 and 307.

The changes include:

- improved frequency through Doncaster Park and Ride to provide a more even distribution of passenger loading;
- numerous school trips adjusted to better cater for school bell times; and
- selected trips on routes 304 and 364 have been altered to provide a more even frequency after 2100 on weeknights

The following changes also occurred on 23 May:

- Route 200, Departing Lonsdale St & Hardware Lane in the City - the 1700, 1800 and 1830 services will all depart 5 minutes later.
- Route 279 Departing Doncaster Shoppingtown the 0752 service will now depart at 0749

- Route 350 Departing Latrobe University the 0748 service will now depart at 0743
- Route 366 From Ringwood Railway Station will operate on a 60 minute frequency from 1900 onwards and has been extended to Croydon Railway Station.
- Route 366 From Croydon Railway Station will operate a 60 minute frequency from 2000 to 2330.

The following new National Bus Co. (Ventura) timetables are available:

Number 1 for routes

304 City (Queen St) - Warrandyte - Ringwood via Eastern Freeway, Blackburn Rd & The Pines S/C

305 City (Queen St) - Deep Creek (Warrandyte) via Eastern Freeway & George St

316 City (Russell St) - Deep Creek via Eastern Freeway & Doncaster Rd (Peak Service Only).

Number 4 for routes:

207 Donvale - Doncaster Shoppingtown - City (Melb. Central) via Doncaster Rd

303 Mitcham - City via Springfield, Middleborough Rds & Eastern Freeway (Peak Service Only)

306 Nth Ringwood - City (Queen St) via Wetherly Rd & Eastern Freeway (Peak Service Only)

307 Mitcham - City (Queen St) via Doncaster Rd & Eastern Fwy.

Number 6

Route 364 Doncaster Shoppingtown - Ringwood via The Pines S/C & Warrandyte (With route 304 City - Ringwood).

Tables 1, 4 and 6 are the same as old yellow blue pocket size timetables at the front and at the back, National Bus with Ventura logo below Melbourne Central logo on it.

Route 366 (Ringwood - Croydon) - effective May 2005 printed in DL format similar to current 365 TT, but with Ventura logo at top of front cover, and Nationalbus logo under MAN photo. Table layout is with timepoints shown horizontally, rather than usual NBC vertical layout. No timetable number shown.

Doncaster Park & Ride to/from City - Undated A4 TT showing Freeway Express buses (307, 309, 313, 316, 319) times between Doncaster P+R & City. Reprinted edition of one first issued mid 2004 with updated times (in 24hr clock). Features Ventura logo at top alongside Nationalbus logo.

Westrans Werribee booklet timetable, effective 2005 from Werribee Station. Same format as previous editions covering all routes within Werribee (436 - 444). It now also includes the timetable for 413 (Hoppers Crossing - Laverton) although the service is still operated by Altona

Bus Lines (Westrans Altona). There is also a second network map to covering Hoppers Crossing - Laverton, showing 413 as well as other routes in both Hoppers & Laverton. Unlike the online 440 TT, times for the Youth Bus aren't provided.

Brisbane

New TRANSLink publications:

- Public Transport Services Guide - Ipswich effective 18 April 2005
- Public Transport Quick Reference Guide - Ipswich effective 18 April 2005.

Hobart

Alterations to Hobart services, commencing Sunday, 15 May 2005

Monday to Friday Services:

The 140 service departing Bothwell at 0700 am now departs at 0648.

The X1 service departing Cove Hill Fair at 0720 now departs at 0712.

The X1 service departing Cove Hill Fair at 0745 now departs at 0737.

The X1 service departing Cove Hill Fair at 1609 now departs at 1605.

The 117 service departing from Hobart at 2210 is extended to Old Beach, Otago & Glenorchy and renumbered to route 119.

Friday Only Services

The 117 services departing from Hobart at 2310 and 0010 are extended to Old Beach & Otago and renumbered to route 120.

Saturday Services

The 118 service departing from Hobart at 2210 is extended to Old Beach, Otago & Glenorchy and renumbered to Route 121.

The Route 118 services departing from Hobart at 2310 and 0010 are extended to Old Beach & Otago and renumbered to Route 122.

Sunday Services

The 117 service departing from Hobart at 1810 is extended to Old Beach & Otago and renumbered to route 120.

The 118 services departing from Hobart at 1910, 2010 and 2110 will be extended to Old Beach & Otago and renumbered to Route 122.

Perth

New timetable books:

South	5	24 Apr
Eastern	11	
Southern	116	24 Apr
	118	
	120	
	121 delete routes 126 and 867	

130
132 add route 126
131 add route 867
Northern 78
27 Mar
1 May



Garuda Indonesia (GA) will operate two Bali flights a day to and from Perth following its largest-ever expansion in services for Western Australia. The 40 per cent boost in services – effective from June 1 – is keyed to customer convenience. It follows record interest in Bali from Western Australians. The rise from 10 to 14 Boeing 737 400 flights a week means daily 0800 departures for early starters will now be complemented by daily 1410 flights for city and country travellers who prefer a later departure.

The earlier flights will suit travellers who prefer to arrive in Bali just before lunch (1140 local time) while the later departure suits travellers with families and connections to think of. They will arrive in Bali just before dinner (1755 local time).

Return flights at 0930 and 1955 Bali time are also keyed to the preferences of early and late starters, with the morning flight arriving in Perth at 1310 local time and the evening flight at 2330.

Hawaiian Airlines (HA) will introduce a new one-stop service from Sydney to San Diego, California. The flight will begin operating from Thursday, June 2, and will connect Australians with San Diego via Honolulu. To make the San Diego flight connection, Hawaiian will bring forward its Sydney departure time by 20 minutes to 2100 each Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, arriving in Honolulu at 10.40am the same day. After clearing US Customs, passengers can transfer to the San Diego flight, which departs Honolulu at 1220 and arrives at 2035 - a flight time of five hours and 15 minutes. The return flight, HA 15, departs San Diego at 0850 and arrives in Honolulu at 1130, in time to connect with flight HA 451, Hawaiian's 1230 service to Sydney. This flight is scheduled to arrive in Australia at 1900 the following day, in time for many onward domestic flights.

Jetstar will operate direct flights three times weekly between Sydney and Queensland's Hervey Bay, the gateway to Fraser Island from July 29 following an upgrade of the destination's airport to allow jet operations. The service will add 1,050 seats a week on the route, with Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday flights. Sydney-Hervey Bay will become Jetstar's 32nd point-to-point domestic route, and its 11th from Sydney Airport.

Qantas will start using its discount airline **Jetstar** to fly to New Zealand and some Asian destinations by September as part of the national

carrier's plans to slash costs amid rising oil prices and intense competition. Jetstar will launch an aggressive marketing campaign by the end of the month to raise its public perception ahead of the rollout of the new services, which are expected to include Bali. Management has also been working to improve the airline's public and internal image of being a downmarket offering.

Jetstar has announced it will fly daily and direct between Sydney and Ballina / Byron from 12 July 2005. The gateway by air to Ballina, Byron Bay and the fast growing Northern Rivers region, Ballina will become Jetstar's 17th destination and its 12th point to point market from Sydney. Jetstar will operate a single daily return Sydney-Ballina service with the future of its fleet, the Airbus A320, configured for 177 passengers. Sydney-Ballina JQ 164 dep 0950 arr 1110 Ballina-Sydney JQ 163 1140 arr 13.05.

From July, **Qantas** will add five extra Perth-Brisbane services, three additional Perth-Melbourne flights, a third Perth-Cairns service and a second seasonal Broome-Sydney service.

A second seasonal Perth-Kununurra service operated by QantasLink will be added from 18 May.

There will be an additional 1,700 seats in each direction each week, providing more opportunities for travel to and from Western Australia and catering for expected seasonal demand for holiday destinations in the north, Qantas currently operate 41 services each week between Perth and Melbourne which will increase to 44 with three more non-stop flights from 14 July.

Perth-Brisbane services will increase to 20 with the addition of five weekly services between the cities from 1 July and a third Perth-Cairns service commences on 6 July.

The second seasonal service between Broome and Sydney will operate on Wednesdays, from 6 July and complement the Saturday service.

A second Perth-Kununurra flight would be added on Wednesdays between 18 May and 12 October in response to demand. The seasonal flights were extremely popular last year, so for a second year QantasLink will introduce a second weekly service. This service will depart Perth at 1105 on Wednesdays arriving in Kununurra at 1425 with the return service at 1505, arriving into Perth at 1935 after flying via Newman.

QantasLink operates an additional return Dash 8 service between Canberra and Melbourne from 1 May, bringing the total number of services operated on the route by the regional carrier to 24 each week. The new service would operate on Sunday evenings, providing business travellers with the option of arriving in the nation's capital late in the evening ahead of a full day's work. The new flight departs Melbourne at 1920, arriving into Canberra at 2040. The return service from Canberra will depart at 2105, arriving into Melbourne at 2225.

QantasLink subsequently announced an additional five return services between Melbourne and Canberra and between Sydney and Canberra, bringing the total number of Qantas services operated on the routes each week to 77 and 152 respectively. QantasLink will operate the five additional Dash-8 weekday return services between Sydney and Canberra from 9 May.



Ferry

Sydney

In a statement to the *Manly Daily* in response to a letter of complaint in the paper about the erratic running of the Manly Ferries, Sydney Ferries have denied that ferries being 'boxed in' at Balmain is the cause of late running or cancellation of early morning services. The content of this letter was also published as a news item in last month's *Table Talk*, we stand corrected.

Queensland

Commencing Monday 9 May 2005 there was a change to water taxi services between Toondah Harbour at Cleveland and Dunwich at North Stradbroke Island. These interim changes are subject to review in July / August 2005. The Stradbroke Flyer service will cease to operate services from Cleveland to Dunwich at 1530 and 1630 each weekday.

As a result Stradbroke Ferries have adjusted their Water Taxi timetable to address passenger demand between Toondah Harbour and Dunwich

A Short Note...

Sadly only 8 pages this month, probably a record low for *Table Talk*. Why? Well it appears that very little was happening in the way of timetable changes across the country this month. Hopefully there'll be a lot more next month.

Also if you've got some comments on timetables or previous *Table Talk* articles and news why not write or email me. Whilst I can gather news from the web I can't use your comments without your *Table Talk*

These new services provide late afternoon departure times; giving customers increased flexibility with their travel plans. Also from 9 May, QantasLink will operate five additional Dash-8 weekday return services between Melbourne and Canberra. These new services have been timed for the convenience of the corporate traveller with a mid afternoon departure time from Melbourne.

Virgin Blue's international airline **Pacific Blue** began flying between Auckland and Australia on 13 May. The Auckland - Brisbane service will initially operate four times a week, while the direct Auckland - Gold Coast flight will depart twice a week on a Saturday and a Tuesday.

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and now operate services departing Cleveland at 1515 and 1615 each weekday

Connex bus route 258 will now transfer students between Toondah Harbour and Ormiston Primary School, Cleveland Primary School and Cleveland Station. Bus services will meet the 0800 ferry service arriving at Toondah Harbour and 1515 ferry service departing Toondah Harbour each weekday on school days only.

South Australia

A 65 car ferry is expected to start operating within a year between Wallaroo and Lucky Bay, near Cowell on the Eyre Peninsula. The ferry will be able to take a mix of cars and trucks will cut almost 350km of a road trip to Port Lincoln. It will reduce the driving time between Adelaide and Port Lincoln to about 3½ hours with a sea journey of slightly less than two hours. The ferry will be run by Sea Transport SA whose principal Stuart Ballantyne played a key role in setting up the Kangaroo Island Sealink in 1984. It is proposed to have two vessels with a frequency of every two hours during daylight.

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