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## New Toowoomba – Brisbane service



At the time of press we had not received a copy of the timetable for Toowoomba Transit Coaches' new Brisbane – Toowoomba service, however we do have a picture of the coach! The coach, an Austral, originated from Hussey's of Deniliquin.

Photographer: Paul Garrard.

## New RailCorp summary timetables

TRAIN	OPERATOR	LENGTH	ARR	DEP	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	FORMS	COMMENT
8184	AWR	500	00:17			M							Ex Manildra
8172	Patrick	600	01:16				M		M	M	M		Ex Warren
5174	Patrick	600	03:52					M		M			Ex Moree
3162	LVRF	440	04:28								M		Ex Cootamundra
3162	LVRF	440	04:45			M	M	M	M	M			Ex Cootamundra
5142	Silverton	700	04:53								M		Ex Wee Waa
8142	Silverton	435	05:09					M		M			Ex Warren
5142	Silverton	750	05:09				M		M				Ex Wee Waa
8142	Silverton	750	05:15			M							Ex Rozelle stow / Warren
8178	Patrick	600	05:32								M		Ex Dubbo / Warren
8178	Patrick	600	05:35				M		M				Ex Dubbo / Warren
T170	Patrick	600	06:33			M		CANCELLED FROM 17 JULY 2006					Ex Enfield 06:00
T203	Fcorp		09:43			T			T			T204	Ex Chullora SOY 09:00
T176	Patrick	500	09:53								M	T177	Ex Yennora 08:43
T176	Patrick	500	10:01			M	M	M	M	M		T177	Ex Yennora 08:48
T182	Patrick	600	10:11			M	M	M	M	M		T183	Ex Sandown 13:15
T292	South Spur	274	11:04				M					T293	Ex Leightonfield 10:10
T182	Patrick	600	11:40								M	T183	Ex Sandown 10:20
T236	Silverton	270	12:56			M	M	M	M	M		T237	Ex Leightonfield 11:28
4168	LVRF	665	15:11			M	M	M	M	M		1467	Ex Sandgate
T251	LVRF	340	15:23			M	M	M	M	M		T252	Ex Minto 13:46
9182	AWR	520	15:46				M		M			Term	Ex Nowra
T178	Patrick	900	19:37			M	M	M	M	M		T179	Ex Yennora 18:29
T290	South Spur	274	21:01		M							T291 Mon	Ex Leightonfield 20:10
4142	Silverton	500	22:26				M	M	M	M	M		Ex Pt Waratah 17:10
8172	Patrick	600	22:27		M								Ex Warren
8184	AWR	500	22:40						M				Ex Manildra
8184	AWR	500	22:55					M					Ex Manildra
T253	LVRF	340	23:53					M	M	M	M	T250	Ex Minto 22:32

On 22 June 2006 RailCorp published the first in a series of summary timetables comprising a list of arrivals and departures at each of its yards at Botany, Cooks River, Leightonfield, Sandown and Yennora. The above extract is for the Botany yard. (Geoff Lambert)

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## Corrections and clarifications

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Geoff Mann has pointed out an error in last month's issue on the item on new Swan Hill services which was slightly incorrect. The 0810 train to Swan Hill is, in fact, a new service rather than extending the existing service from Bendigo.



### International

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#### Bosnia

##### Timetables now online

Bosnia finally has on line timetables available as a PDF download at <http://www.zrs-rs.com/images/redvoznje.pdf>

Or as a web site at <http://www.zrs-rs.com/> (Tony Bailey)

#### China

##### New China – Tibet railway opens

On 1 July 2006 the new Qinghai – Tibet railway line is due to commence trial operations. China railways have already established the timetables for the first three pairs of trains from five cities to Lhasa. One train T27/8 departs Beijing's West Railway station at 2130 arriving in Tibet at 2058 on day 3 after 4,064km. Overall the trip takes 47 hours and 28 minutes.

The trip from Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, to Lhasa, with a length of 3,360 kilometres, will take about 48 hours and

10 minutes by the trains T22/23, while the return journey by the train T24/1 will be 48 hours 50 minutes. This train will pass Guangyuan, Baoji, then link to Lanzhou, Xining, Golmud and Nagqu township before it reaches Lhasa.

Now the world's highest railway, the line extends 1,956 kilometres from Xining to Lhasa. Some 960 kilometres of its tracks are 4,000 meters above sea level and the highest point is 5,072 meters, at least 200 meters higher than the Peruvian railway in the Andes, which was formerly the world's highest altitude railway. (Tony Bailey)

#### India

##### Timetables speeded up and other reforms

A new rationalized railway time table will be introduced with effect from 1st July 2006. The new TT has resulted in speeding up of 140 trains, which have now been made *superfast* (Indian Railways term) in the first phase. The time taken for the journey will be reduced by one hour for 85 trains, by 60-120 minutes for 31 trains, by 120-300 minutes for 16 trains and more than 300 minutes for 8 trains. 34 mail/express trains have also been speeded up by 90 to 435 minutes. 2422

and 2444 New Delhi-Bhubaneswar Rajdhani has been speeded up by 80 minutes.

This year, the time table will be published in two phases i.e. one effective from 1 July 2006 and the other from 1 December 2006 due to large scale revision of the existing time table.

Meanwhile many trains have now been strengthened with additional carriages and new maintenance programs have been introduced, including converting all stock to air-brake operation. (Tony Bailey)

## ***New South Wales***

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### **ARTC**

ARTC-NSW issued Version 1 of its 28 May 2006 Standard Working Timetable early in June 2006. Version 2, to take effect on 2 July 2006 was issued on 21 June 2006. ARTC National issued its own WTT on 28-May-2006, effective for that date. This is the first ARTC National WTT to show train numbers, although it still does not identify the operators. Interestingly RailCorp has issued the a warning on its WTT web-site regarding links being established to the website from other pages. (Geoff Lambert)



## **Tram/ Light Rail**

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### ***Victoria***

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#### **Yarra Trams**

##### **Updated timetables**

- Routes 5 Melbourne University – Malvern and 64 Melbourne University – East Brighton are



## **Bus**

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### ***New South Wales—Sydney***

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#### **Caringbah Bus Service**

##### **Updated timetable**

- Routes 977/978 dated April 2006 in Brochure Publishing format. (Michael Marshall)

### **RailCorp**

On 22 June 2006, NSW RailCorp published the first of a new series of timetables, being a list of arrivals and departures from its freight terminals at each of Botany, Cooks River, Leightonfield, Sandown and Yennora. (Geoff Lambert)

### **CityRail**

#### **New timetables**

- Carlingford line booklet dated 28 May 2006 (Michael Marshall)
- Olympic Park timetable now issued with title Olympic Park with subtitle Lidcombe – Olympic Park and dated 26 May 2006 (Geoffrey Clifton)

### ***Victoria***

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#### **V/Line**

##### **Updated timetables**

- Donald - Melbourne - effective late February 2006 (minor changes)
- Sea Lake/Charlton - Melbourne - effective late February 2006 (minor changes)
- Albury to Mildura Murraylink - effective 2 April 2006 (Craig Halsall)

now combined in a single booklet dated May 2006

- Route 67 Melbourne University – Carnegie dated May 2006 (Michael Marshall)

### **Forest**

#### **Updated timetables**

- Route 270/L270 City timetable - the website PDF has been updated to show an effective date of April 2006. No paper timetable has been sighted as yet. (Lourie Smit)

### **Sydney Buses**

#### **Updated timetables**

- Route 111 Sydney Explorer effective April 2006 (Norbert Genci)

- Route 222 Bondi Explorer effective April 2006 (Norbert Genci)
- Route 225, version 4, effective June 2006 in PDF format (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 339/X39, version 7, effective 18 June 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Routes 341/2 local Kingsford services dated June 2006 issued as a double-sided DL sheet (Adrian Dessanti)
- Routes 343/X43/345, version 6, effective June 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 353, version 8, effective June 2006 in PDF format (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 355, version 10, effective June 2006 in PDF format (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 378 Bronte to Railway Square, version 6, dated 28 May 2006 in PDF format (Geoffrey Clifton)
- Route 380 Watsons Bay and North Bondi to City, version 8, dated 28 May 2006 in PDF format (Geoffrey Clifton)
- Routes 386 387 Vaucluse/South Head Cemetery to Bondi Junction, version 5, dated 28 May 2006 in PDF format (Geoffrey Clifton)
- Route 389 X89 North Bondi to City via Paddington, version 5 dated 28 May 2006 in PDF format (Geoffrey Clifton)
- Route 407, version 4, now a separate timetable effective 30 April 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 408 now separate timetable published as double-sided DL sheet effective 30 April 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 409, version 4, effective February 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 412, version 10, effective June 2006 in PDF format (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 422, version 9 December 2005 with PDF version also showing 1 May 2006. (Geoffrey Clifton)
- Route 423/L23, version 10 January 2006, with PDF version also showing 1 May 2006 (Geoffrey Clifton)
- Route 426, version 9 February 2006, with PDF version also showing 1 May 2006 (Geoffrey Clifton)
- Route 428/L28, version 10 January 2006, with PDF version also showing 1 May 2006 (Geoffrey Clifton)
- Routes 435-440, version 7, effective 30 April 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 443, version 6, effective 1 May 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 470, version 6, effective 1 May 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Routes 480-483, version 10, effective 1 May 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Routes 492, 494, 499, version 7, effective May 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 506, version 8, effective February 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 518, version 6, effective February 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)

#### Updated region guides

- Southern region guide (green) dated June 2006. (Adrian Dessanti)
- Western region guide (orange) dated June 2006. (Adrian Dessanti)
- Eastern region guide dated June 2006 (Michael Marshall)

#### Other service changes

During May 2006 a number of changes occurred across a range of Sydney Buses' services:

- From Sunday 21 May 2006 routes 202, 207 and 208 had new timetables to match customer demand. Route 202 now runs every 60 minutes on Sunday replacing the 208. Route 207 now has reduced trips from Lindfield Garden Village.
- From Sunday 21 May route 263 frequency was reduced from every 60 minutes to 70 minutes.
- From Monday 22 May 2006 route 258 is now reduced to one outbound trip from Chatswood to Mars Industrial Area departing at 0800 and one inbound trip departing Mars at 1705.
- From Monday 22 May 2006 the following timetables were updated with minor variations: 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 209, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 261, 263, 265, 272, 273, 275, 288, 290, 292, 294 and 296.
- From Monday 22 May the following Eastern timetables were updated with minor timing variations: 301, 302, 309/L09/X09, 310, 359, 391, 392, 394/L94/X94, 395, 396, 397 and 399.
- From Sunday 21 May a number of Northern timetables were updated. Route 191 trips at 2208 and 0010 ex Avalon were cancelled. Route 192 has a new hourly weekday timetable. The 1700 ex Avalon on route 193 has been cancelled and route 141 Manly to Seaforth was cancelled from Monday 22 May 2006 due to low patronage.

- From Monday 22 May 2006 route 404 was cancelled due to low patronage and route 401 had Saturday trips reduced to hourly. (Lourie Smit, Steven Haby)

## ***New South Wales—Regional***

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### **Greens Northern Coaches**

#### **Updated timetables and new website**

- A new website has been established at [www.greensnortherncoaches.com.au](http://www.greensnortherncoaches.com.au)
- Route 15 updated 28 May 2006. (Adrian Dessanti)

### **Newcastle Buses**

#### **Updated timetables and guides**

- University of Newcastle Callaghan campus transport guide dated 20 February 2006
- University of Newcastle Callaghan campus transport map dated 20 February 2006
- Route 339 Glendale – Charlestown, version 4, dated 27 February 2006. (Len Regan)

### **Premier Illawarra**

#### **Updated timetables**

Further to the item in *Table Talk* (No.167 June 2006) the following booklets incorporating the new timetables have been released all with the date “effective 28 May 2006”

- Northern District (brown) – routes 3/8 (loop), 6, 7 - version 3
- Figtree District (orange) – routes 10/11 (loop), 23, 24, 25, 38/39 (loop) - version 2
- Unanderra, Berkeley, Warrawong and Port Kembla District (blue) – routes 34, 35, 36, 65 - version 3
- Dapto District (red) – routes 32, 33, 43 - version 2
- Lake Link (yellow) – routes 37, 57 - version 4
- Shellharbour, Albion Park, Kiama District (purple) – routes 51, 70, 71, 73, 76 - version 3
- Shellharbour District (aqua) – routes 52, 53, 54, 72, 74 - version 4. (Adrian Dessanti)

### **Rover Motors**

#### **Updated timetables**

Rover Motors issued a new timetable for all their routes on 1 September 2005 This now includes the Rover Wine Country Express and Sydney Airport - Cyprus Lake Resort timetable, which were previously in a separate brochure but

operates to and from Sydney Coach Terminal, Eddy Ave instead of Sydney Airport. (Len Regan)

## ***Queensland—Brisbane***

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### **New operators**

#### **Mighty Bus**

Mighty Bus is a new operator which is planning to run low cost services from Brisbane to Gold Coast, Byron Bay, Sunshine Coast and Toowoomba. Services have not yet commenced but a website with price and time comparisons to other modes and operators has been launched at [www.mightybus.com](http://www.mightybus.com). More details next issue. (Steven Haby)

#### **Toowoomba Transit Coaches**

Toowoomba Transit Coaches is a new operator running between Toowoomba and Brisbane. No timetable has yet been sighted, although the coach has! More details next issue. (Steven Haby)

### **Brisbane City Council**

#### **Updated timetables**

In conjunction with bus stop changes in the city the following timetables were re-published dated 29 May 2006:

- 105/107/108
- 111/133/160/162
- 112/113/114
- 116/121
- 117/121/124/125
- 119/120
- 129/130/131/132/133/136
- 135/155/134/145
- 140/141/142
- 150/151/152/156
- 170/171/176
- 172/173
- 174/175
- 177/178/183
- 179/180/181/186/189
- 184/185
- 192
- 199/197/196/195/193

- 200/201/206/207
- 202/203/208
- 204
- 210/211/212
- 222/232
- 230/231/235/236
- 300
- 301
- 302/303/304/308
- 306/322
- 320
- 323/923
- 325/335/339
- 330/331
- 333
- 334
- 340/341/344
- 345/344
- 350/355/351/352
- 357/359/350/351/355
- 360/361/364
- 370
- 372/373/365/366
- 374/375/376
- 377/378/368/369
- 379 (Grange)
- 379/380/381 (Ashgrove)
- 380/381
- 385/382/383/384
- 390
- 411
- 412/407/402
- 414/415
- 417
- 425/426

- 430/431/446
- 430/431/435/436/440/441/446
- 433/445
- 435/436
- 440/441
- 450/453/454/455/46/457/458/459
- 460/461
- 470/416
- 471
- 475/476
- City Loop. (David Hutton)

## **Mt Gravatt Bus Service**

### **Updated timetable**

- Route 260/261 (formerly routes 2/4/6/9) is now issued in standard Translink format dated 10 October 2005. (David Hutton)

## ***South Australia***

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### **AdelaideMetro**

#### **Torrens Transit route rationalisation plans**

An article in the *Adelaide Advertiser* on 30 June 2006 reported that Torrens Transit is undertaking a comprehensive review of their route services and that at least 30 of their 150 routes operated are targeted to be axed according to a draft plan. These include services in and out of major areas such as Marion, Flinders University and Arndale Shopping Centre at Kilkenny. The proposals are yet to be signed off by the SA Transport Minister. Some of the services that are likely to be affected include the following: 190 - Mitcham to Torrens Park; 198 - City to Reynella; 204 - City to Paradise; 207/208 - City to Ingle Farm; 214 - City to Panorama; 218 - City to Aberfoyle Hub; 237 - City to Valley View; T240 - City to Marion Shopping Centre; 243 - City to Seaview Downs; 247 - City to Seacombe Heights; T255 - City to Port Adelaide; 292 - City to Oakden; 301, 306, 307, 312 - Arndale Shopping Centre to Port Adelaide; 311 - Arndale Shopping Centre to Mansfield Park; 347 - West Lakes to Flinders University; 360 - Tea Tree Plaza to Port Adelaide; 503 - Paradise to Tea Tree Plaza via Valiant Rd and Helen Tce; 511 - Tea Tree Plaza to Hope Valley Lutheran Retirement Village; 512 - Golden Grove Village to John Rd; 544 - City to Golden Grove; 600 - Marion Shopping Centre to Glengowrie Estate; 729 - City to Blackwood; C1 - Elizabeth to City; C2 - Greenwith to City. (Tony

Bailey, Steven Haby, *Adelaide Advertiser* 30 June 2006)

#### **Updated timetables**

- Routes 99B/99C dated 11/05 (Michael Marshall)
- 243 Group (Torrens Transit) dated 4/06 (Michael Marshall)

## ***Victoria—Melbourne***

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### **Cranbourne Transit**

#### **Extra trips on route 893**

From 10 July 2006

### **Dyson's Bus Service**

#### **Updated timetables**

- Route 564 Bundoora, RMIT – Epping Plaza and Epping Plaza has been reprinted in orange Metlink DL format dated 15 March 2004! The timetable incorporates the Sunday only 569 Greensborough – Epping service which has an updated timetable. (Bradley Matthews)

### **East West Bus Company**

#### **Updated timetables**

- Route 560 Greensborough – Broadmeadows dated October 2005 in orange Metlink format. (Craig Halsall)

### **Ivanhoe Bus Company**

#### **Route 548 changes**

The long-awaited changes to route 548 have come to fruition and a new timetable has been published dated 19 June 2006 in standard Metlink DL format. The route map is the same as the old 547 with the extension via Springthorpe Estate. Every second bus off-peak travels via Springthorpe Estate whereas in the peak morning trips travel ex Latrobe University via the estate and afternoon peak trips travel via Kew. Additional peak trips are included and the Saturday service runs every 45 minutes. (Bradley Matthews)

### **Peninsula Bus Lines**

#### **Updated timetables**

- The timetable booklet dated 30 January 2006 for routes 768, 769, 770, 771 and 777 which was withdrawn from circulation due to two minor errors has been sighted with handwritten corrections. However a new booklet for these routes has been released dated 15 May 2006 (Craig Halsall, Michael Marshall)

- Route 832 Frankston – Skye has been updated dated 8 May 2006 in standard Metlink DL format with minor timing changes.

### **Reservoir Bus Company**

#### **Updated timetables**

- Route 558 Reservoir circular route in Metlink format dated October 2005 (Michael Marshall)

### **Sita / Westrans**

#### **New shared route**

New route 400 between Laverton station and Sunshine station which serves a number of prisons in the area commenced 19 June 2006 and is shared between Sita and Westrans. Operating 7 days a week a 30 minute service is provided from around 0600 to 1800. A new standard Metlink orange DL TT has been released dated 19 June 2006. (Michael Marshall)

### **Sunbury Bus Service**

#### **New route 488 and updated timetable**

A new Metlink booklet has been released for routes 481, 483, 485-488 dated May 2006 with route 488 a new service to Jacksons Hill.

Changes include:

- Minor timing changes on route 483 Sunbury – Moonee Ponds
- Slight change in the route of 485 Sunbury – Wilsons Lane
- Route 486 Sunbury – Goonawarra Estate is now extended to Rolling Meadows
- Route 487 Sunbury – Killara Heights has services on Saturdays
- New route 488 Sunbury – Jacksons Hill is a circular new route replacing part of route 486. Trips take 10 minutes to Jacksons Hill and return with weekday runs at 0700 (ex Jacksons Hill); 0715; 0740; 0845; 0935; 1005; 1125; 1220; 1320; 1425; 1405; 1435; 1705; 1725; 1805; 1835 and 1910. Saturdays has trips ex Sunbury station at 0940; 1040; 1220; 1310; 1340; 1640 and 1740.
- Maps include Tullamarine routes 487 and 500 (Craig Halsall, Steven Haby)

### **Ventura**

#### **Updated timetables**

- Route 766 Box Hill – Thomas Street, Burwood has been extended to Burwood, Toorak Road and Warrigal Roads from 13 June 2006. Unofficially this route has been running to Toorak Road since February. Interestingly the TT issued is dated 14 May 2006 indicating that Ventura may have wished to commence the

route earlier. Another quirk is that the TT is numbered 35 which is the same as its flagship

route 700! (Craig Halsall)



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## **Domestic**

### **QantasLink**

#### **Route rationalisation**

Qantas has announced changes to its Northern Tasmania and South Australia schedules, following a review of the regional QantasLink network. The plan includes the following service reductions:

- cease operations to its two South Australian ports, Kangaroo Island and Port Lincoln from 28 June 2006;
- cease operation to Burnie in Tasmania on 31 July 2006;
- replace daily Qantas B737 Launceston-Melbourne services with double daily Dash 8 services on 1 August 2006 and
- maintain Jetstar's 21 A320 jet return services a week between Launceston and Melbourne. (Tony Bailey)

### **Rex**

#### **Rex ceases Armidale services**

From 2 July 2006 Rex will cease their Sydney to Armidale service due to low patronage. (Tony Bailey)

#### **Rex expands services to Port Lincoln**

From 17 July 2006 Rex will add four flights per week from Adelaide and three further return services from 14 August 2006. This follows the cancellation of all flights to Port Lincoln operated by QantasLink from 28 June 2006. (Tony Bailey)



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## **Tasmania**

### **SPOT III ceases**

On 27 August 2006 *Spirit of Tasmania III* will make its last trip between Sydney and Devonport before being sold and the service cancelled due to lower than expected patronage and high costs. Meanwhile press reports in the *Melbourne Age*

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### **More Wagga Wagga flights**

From 3 July 2006 Rex will increase flights to Wagga Wagga from Sydney with the introduction of number of additional services in peak times. An extra morning flight will depart Sydney at 0640 and Wagga Wagga at 0810 and additional evening flights from Wagga Wagga at 1830 and Sydney at 1700. (Tony Bailey)

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## **International**

### **Garuda**

#### **Adelaide flights cut**

From 1 June 2006 Garuda will cease flying between Adelaide and Bali due to continuing poor loading on the route. (Tony Bailey)

### **Qatar Airways**

#### **Daily flights to Australia plan**

Qatar Airways is in negotiation with the government to introduce

daily flights to Australia. Talks have begun over the plan to launch the services between Doha and Australian ports.

The airline is looking to come online in Australia early in 2007 but is awaiting approval from the Australian government for daily access.

It is believed the carrier is pushing for the daily flights as any fewer would not make the route viable. The airline currently operates offline for Australian passengers through Singapore, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur and Hong Kong to the Middle East, Africa and Europe (Tony Bailey)

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newspaper and ABC News Online on Tuesday 6 June 2006 stated that the Tasmanian Government and TT-Line had expressed concerns regarding the long term future of the existing Melbourne to Devonport service. One option is to increase fares to offset rising costs. (Steven Haby)