



# TABLE TALK

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## NOTE FROM THE ACTING EDITOR

### Vale Victor Issacs

As you maybe aware Victor Isaacs passed away peacefully on Tuesday 8 October 2019. Victor's contribution to the ATA and his stewardship of *Table Talk* was formidable as his encyclopedic knowledge of railway and tramway operations in Australian and overseas.

I have offered to the ATA Committee to edit the November 2019 issue of *Table Talk*, **Chris Pandilovski will be interim editor from December**. Victor had already commenced work on the November edition, which was kindly forwarded to the ATA by Agnes Boskovitz, Victor's wife. Agnes has very kindly agreed to continue proofreading *Table Talk* for which we are very grateful.

## RAIL & TRAM NEWS

### NATIONAL

#### ARTC

Another ARTC Master Train Plan (Working Timetable) commenced on 3 November 2019, covering all sectors of the ARTC network.

ARTC has issued a new MTP on the first weekend of 3 consecutive months: 8 September, 6 October and 3 November 2019.

They are all Version 1, rather than variations on an original MTP.

All of these MTPs are available as a pdf file on the Distribution Lists. They are available as a single pdf file for the entire network, or as separate pdf files for each sector in each direction

## QUEENSLAND

### Brisbane

For the Corinda-Ipswich-Rosewood rail shutdown effective 12-13<sup>th</sup> October a pdf timetable of replacement bus services was produced by Transitgraphics – refer to the end of this news item.

The replacement bus services were-

- R592 Corinda-Redbank all stations
- R593 Redbank-Ipswich all stations
- R594 Corinda-Redbank-Ipswich-Rosewood only
- R596 Corinda-Springfield all stations
- R598 Ipswich-Rosewood all stations

Half hour frequencies operated on all routes.

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• Fares and ticketing information  
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**Rail replacement bus services**  
Ipswich/Rosewood & Springfield lines partial closure  
R592 Redbank to Corinda  
R593 Ipswich to Redbank  
R594 Rosewood to Corinda (Serving specific stations)  
R596 Springfield Central to Corinda  
R598 Rosewood to Ipswich

**mini network map**  
See inside for complete network map.

Route R592 Redbank station to Corinda station Inbound		Rail replacement timetable Queensland Rail											
<b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>													
Ipswich/Rosewood (partial) line bus route	R592	R592	R592	R592	R592	R592	R592	R592	R592	R592	R592	R592	R592
Stop	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am
Redbank station	5:36	6:06	6:36	7:06	7:36	8:06	8:36	9:06	9:36	10:06	10:36	11:06	11:36
Goodna station	5:41	6:11	6:41	7:11	7:41	8:11	8:41	9:11	9:41	10:11	10:41	11:11	11:41
Galilee station	5:46	6:16	6:46	7:16	7:46	8:16	8:46	9:16	9:46	10:16	10:46	11:16	11:46
Diarra station stop B	5:51	6:21	6:51	7:21	7:51	8:21	8:51	9:21	9:51	10:21	10:51	11:21	11:51
Orley station	6:03	6:33	7:03	7:33	8:03	8:33	9:03	9:33	10:03	10:33	11:03	11:33	12:03
Corinda station	6:08	6:38	7:08	7:38	8:08	8:38	9:08	9:38	10:08	10:38	11:08	11:38	12:08
<b>Saturday &amp; Sunday (continued)</b>													
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Stop	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
Redbank station	2:06	2:36	3:06	3:36	4:06	4:36	5:06	5:36	6:06	6:36	7:06	7:36	8:06
Goodna station	2:11	2:41	3:11	3:41	4:11	4:41	5:11	5:41	6:11	6:41	7:11	7:41	8:11
Galilee station	2:16	2:46	3:16	3:46	4:16	4:46	5:16	5:46	6:16	6:46	7:16	7:46	8:16
Diarra station stop B	2:21	2:51	3:21	3:51	4:21	4:51	5:21	5:51	6:21	6:51	7:21	7:51	8:21
Orley station	2:33	3:03	3:33	4:03	4:33	5:03	5:33	6:03	6:33	7:03	7:33	8:03	8:33
Corinda station	2:38	3:08	3:38	4:08	4:38	5:08	5:38	6:08	6:38	7:08	7:38	8:08	8:38
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Stop	pm	pm	pm	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am
Redbank station	10:56	11:06	11:26	12:06	12:36	1:06	10:41	11:11	11:41	12:11	12:41	1:11	1:41
Goodna station	10:46	11:16	11:46	12:16	12:46	1:16	10:51	11:21	11:51	12:21	12:51	1:21	1:51
Diarra station stop B	10:58	11:28	11:58	12:28	12:58	1:28	11:03	11:33	12:03	12:33	1:03	1:33	2:03
Orley station	11:03	11:33	12:03	12:33	1:03	1:33	11:08	11:38	12:08	12:38	1:08	1:38	2:08
Corinda station	11:08	11:38	12:08	12:38	1:08	1:38							
<b>Explanations</b>													
Connections to or from other Rail replacement buses traveling to or from Rosewood, Ipswich or Springfield Central stations available at Redbank, Diarra, Orley or Corinda stations.													
Connections to or from Ipswich/Rosewood or Springfield lines available at Corinda station.													
Please visit <a href="http://translink.com.au">translink.com.au</a> or call TransLink on 13 12 30 for more information.													
SAT Operates Saturday only.													
WE Operates Saturday and Sunday.													
am Morning services.													
pm Afternoon and evening services.													

## Coal haulage contracts

Aurizon has secured a contract for carriage of coal from Japanese company Sojitz's mine at Minerva, 50 km south of Emerald, 400 km to Gladstone.

## Adani mine haulage

A report on ABC News Online (Thursday 17 October 2019) stated that Pacific National had expressed an interest in bidding for the rights to haul coal on the yet to be constructed (and controversial) Adani Carmichael mine. Interestingly Genesee & Wyoming Australia (GWA) have indicated that they have refused to deal with Adani and Aurizon is under sustained pressure from shareholders such as Perpetual Investments to follow GWA's lead.

Documents from the Queensland Office of State Development show that Adani have applied for accreditation as a rail operator to bypass other operators in the market.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

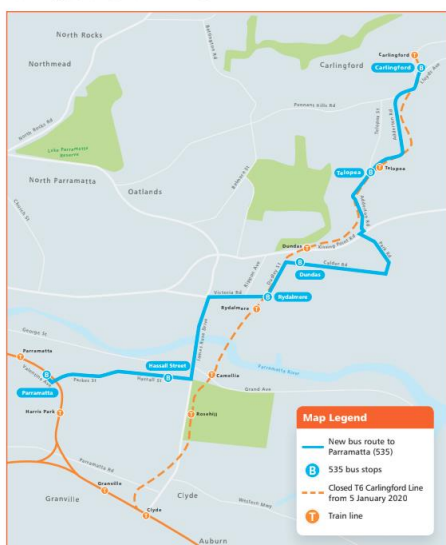
### Sydney Trains: Base Timetables for Christmas-New Year

Wednesday 25 December to Tuesday 31 December will run on a Saturday Base Timetable. Wednesday 1st January will run on a Sunday Base Timetable. *ARTC TAA 1181-2019 refers.*

### Carlingford to Clyde line closure

The Clyde to Carlingford Line will be closed permanently on 5 January 2020 to permit construction of the Parramatta Light Rail Line. The replacement bus service 535 will operate from Parramatta at a fifteen-minute peak frequency.

535 Bus Route  
Carlingford to Parramatta



## North West Metro

The locations of seven proposed Western Sydney Metro stations have been confirmed at Westmead, Parramatta, Sydney Olympic Park, North Strathfield, Burwood North, Five Dock and the Bays Precinct, Rozelle.

The NSW Government will also fast-track work to investigate the feasibility of building a Metro station in Pyrmont, while also assessing a potential station at Rydalmere. Further work is also underway to determine the location of the new Metro station in the Sydney CBD. Construction is to start in 2020.

## VICTORIA

### Industrial

V/Line, Metro Trains and Yarra Trams and the RTBU are currently deadlocked across a range of EBA negotiations which may see a ramping up of industrial action across the entire network in coming weeks.

In recent months Yarra Trams have been affected with several 4 hour stoppages across the week as a result of talking protected industrial action.

### V/Line

**New timetables are to be released on 1 December 2019. No further details available at press time.**

### Melbourne overcrowding

Overcrowding on morning peak trains in Melbourne dropped, the afternoon peak remains a worry for passengers according to figures from Metro Trains. These show about 10% of people travel on trains packed with more than 900 passengers. The worst lines for standing-room-only conditions are Craigieburn, Sunbury and then Werribee.

The Transport Department's annual tram load report which surveyed passenger volumes over a nine-day period in May claims Melbourne's most crowded trams are on the inner-northern routes of 1 and 6. It also claims overcrowding is rare and the commuter crush at peak times is improving. It found only four instances of CBD trams that were over-capacity during peak times.

### Sunbury line upgrading

CPB Contractors, as part of the Rail Infrastructure Alliance, has been selected by the Victorian Government to deliver the next stage of works on the Sunbury line upgrade. The works will provide upgrades to the rail network's power and track system to support High Capacity Metro Trains (HCMTs) travelling through the Metro Tunnel. Upgrades on existing lines include overhead electrification works between Sunbury and South Kensington and at South Yarra, signalling power upgrades and additional infrastructure at Calder Park sidings. Work will commence this year and is scheduled to be completed in 2023. The Alliance consists of

CPB Contractors and John Holland, with AECOM as the design partner, as well as project owner Rail Projects Victoria and rail franchisee Metro Trains Melbourne.

## **Metro Trains Melbourne: delays with HCMT**

A report in Sunday's *Age* newspaper (Sunday 13 October 2019) stated that to date not one of the new HCMT trains have turned a wheel under their own power and there continues to be a series of problems yet to be rectified. As of September 2019, six 7-car sets have been delivered and testing, scheduled for the last quarter of 2019 has not yet commenced. The project is running at least 12 months behind schedule.

ATA's youngest member Domenic Haby reported that he noted 3 7-car sets shut down at Pakenham East yard on Saturday 19 October 2019 whilst en route to Morwell.

The Minister for Transport expressed disappointment and noted that to speed up the implementation of the trains, the rollingstock would be delivered from China almost fully assembled. Currently the carriages are delivered as shells and assembly completed at Downer's yard at the Newport Workshops. Concerns were expressed about the future of jobs at this site and at the Bombardier site at the former Ballarat railway workshops where the last of the XTrapolis fleet are being delivered (and the first of the fleet delivered back in 2000 are being refurbished).

## **Yarra Trams**

### **Timetables**

A new timetable will start on Sunday 10 November for routes 70, 75 and the City Circle (route 35). Minor changes will occur to 70 and 75 services and the City Circle will now operate to an increased frequency of every 20 minutes following the introduction of two further refurbished W8 class cars.

### **Tram bustitution**

Track and overhead renewal works between St Kilda Road and Williams Road in Prahran saw High Street closed to all traffic from Sunday 13 October until Wednesday 29 October. Replacement buses operated from Stop 19 (Shrine of Remembrance) in St Kilda Road, around the works area and to the Glen Iris terminus on route 6.

In addition to the above works, tram services along St Kilda Road were affected with the Metro Tunnel Project's Anzac Station site works adjacent to the former Domain tram interchange during the same time. This saw buses replacing all trams on routes 3,3A, 5, 16, 58, 64, 67 and 72 between Stop 19 and Stop 25 Commercial Road.

The works in High Street, Prahran particularly saw heavy traffic in adjacent key roads with delays to route 72 and 78 trams. It was reported that services on route 72 Camberwell were shunting at the Leura Grove crossover to alleviate late running. This intermediate terminus has not been used on a regular basis for some years.

## **BUS & COACH NEWS**

### **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

#### **Transport for Canberra**

Transport Canberra introduced new weekend bus timetables effective 28 September. Apart from Rapid Routes which continue to operate at half-hour frequencies all other services we operate at a two-hourly frequency.

The plan is to make the weekend timetable more reliable as previously trips had to be cancelled due to a driver shortage at weekends.

### **VICTORIA**

#### **Acquisitions and takeovers**

Long established western suburbs operator Sita Bus Lines was acquired by Australian Transit Systems which in turn was acquired by SeaLink operator of the Kangaroo Island ferry service. The acquisition by SeaLink of Australian Transit Systems business units around September 2019 was in reflection of a new diversification philosophy geared towards multimodal transport.

Christian's Bus Company which operates from South West Victoria to Bendigo recently acquired Gold Bus and Bacchus Marsh Coaches – two divisions of the Donric empire which started with Sunbury Bus Service. Gold Bus operate several interurban services from Ballarat and Bacchus Marsh Coaches run that town's local bus routes.

#### **Route 700 returns!**

Melbourne's iconic route number 700 Box Hill – Mordialloc which later became part of SmartBus route **903** has been (albeit temporarily) resurrected as a temporary express Oakleigh – Chadstone shopping centre service. The route operated by Transdev commenced Saturday 19 October 2019 and will operate on weekends and public holidays only until 27 January 2020 to encourage more people to travel via public transport to Chadstone (Australia's largest shopping centre) rather than driving.

The timetable operates from around 0800 to 2200 Saturdays and 0900 to 2000 Sundays every 8 to 10 minutes as an express service between Oakleigh station and Chadstone taking nine minutes for a one-way trip.

An extract of the timetable appears below.





Following community consultation a new Sale bus network is under consideration by PTV which will see the existing routes expanded from four to six and services running Monday to Saturday.

The proposed route network is as follows-

- Route 1 South**  
 Remains unchanged but will receive an additional service weekday and four Saturday services.
- Route 2 North**  
 As per route 1.
- Route 3 Wurruk – Gippsland Centre**  
 This route has been revised and commences in Wurruk and will run via the West Sales Bowls Club, Port of Sale and arts precinct and the Gippsland Centre. One additional weekday trip and three Saturday services are proposed.
- Route 4 Sale station – Gippsland Centre**  
 An existing route with minor adjustments servicing the station, Port of Sale and arts precinct. One additional weekday service and three Saturday services proposed.
- Route 5 Glebe Estate – Gippsland Centre**  
 A new route with three weekday and Saturday services.
- Route 6 Sale Specialist School – Gippsland Centre**  
 A new route with frequencies as per new route 5.

Route maps of the existing and proposed network are at the end of this section.

## Proposed new Stawell bus network

An overlooked news item from May 2019 is a review currently underway with the Stawell bus network.

The proposal will see the current three route network reduced to two but with increased frequency with two additional trips weekdays and eight new services on Saturdays.

The proposed network is as follows-

- Route 1 North**  
 This route will service the north of Stawell starting on Main Street travelling past the Town Hall and Central Park before servicing the train station then to Frayne Street, Barnes Street, Cypress Street, Mary Street, Bennett Street, Lilian Street, White Street, Ligar Street, Houston Street, Newington Road, Dalton Street, Heal Street, Walker Street, Darlington Road, Woods Street, Moonlight Street and to Main Street.
- Route 2 South**

Commencing on Main Street, the route will run via Victoria Street, St Georges Street, Sloane Street, Napier Street, Stawell Railway Station, Napier Street, Seaby Street, Wakeham Street, Doyle Street, Shirref Street into Luke Street, Seaby Street, Smith Street, Griffith Street, Darcy Street, Playford Street, Longfield Street, Seaby Street, Burgh Street, Foster Street, Longfield Street, Seaby Street, Cooper Street, Sloane Street, Warren Street, Kingston Avenue, Freeland Avenue, Oliver Avenue, Dawson Street, Wakeham Street, Colquhoun Street, Napier Street, London Road into Patrick Street, Eventide Homes, Patrick Street, Main Street.

Interestingly unlike other regional cities, Stawell only has two formal bus stops so work will be underway to identify the additional stops.

A map showing the current and proposed Stawell network is included at the end of the bus and coach news section.

## QUEENSLAND

### Brisbane

#### New Flagstaff bus route

Commencing 18 November 2019 this new bus route will operate between Browns Hill station and Flagstaff south of Brisbane.

The operator is Bus Queensland.

**535**  
**535 Flagstone to Browns Plains**  
 Effective from 18 November 2019

**Route description**  
 535 Flagstone to Browns Plains serving Flagstone, South Maclean, North Maclean and Browns Plains. Operates Monday to Friday.

**Ticketing information**

Ticket type	Where to buy tickets
TransLink gas card	TransLink for public transport
TransLink smart card	TransLink for public transport
TransLink single	TransLink for public transport

**Timetabling information**

**How to read this timetable**

- Use the route map to find the two timing points your stop is located between.
- Find these points on the timetable. Your bus is scheduled to arrive between the times shown for these points. For example, if your bus stop is between timing points Q and O on the map, then the bus is scheduled to arrive between the times listed for Q and O.

Please note the times shown are approximate. We advise customers to be at their bus stop at least five minutes before the scheduled departure time.

**Travel tips**

- Pre-plan your trip at MyTransLink app: [translink.com.au](http://translink.com.au) or call 13 12 30.
- Top up your go card or have the correct fare ready before boarding. If you have a concession card, have it ready to show the driver.
- Read the number on the approaching bus to check if it is the one you want.
- Raise your hand so the driver knows to stop.
- On the bus find your seat quickly. If you need to stand, hold onto a handle.
- Ring the bell to let the driver know to stop at the next stop for you to get off. Stay seated until the bus stops and touch off with your go card as you get off.
- Wait for the bus to move away and check the road is clear before crossing the road.

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Route 535 operates weekdays only with frequencies varying between 30 minutes to 2 hours.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

### Transdev changes

Transdev which operates TransPerth's Joondalup area services will relinquish that operation in January 2020 after being advised that they were not the successful bidder. Swan Transit was the successful tenderer. Transdev have operated these services since 2011.

### Henley Brook

Henley Brook Bus Station will open on Sunday 3 November, resulting in changes to routes 335, 336, 337, 353, 355 and 955 and School Special 750. These services will undergo a route change and no longer service Ellenbrook Transfer Station, which will close

## AIRLINES

### Domestic

**Jetstar** will introduce a direct air route thrice weekly between Melbourne and Busselton, in the south-west of WA from March 2020. The new route follows major upgrades to

the Busselton Margaret River Airport, including \$45 million in funding from the State Government.

### Direct flights Melbourne to Kununurra commence 2020

The first ever scheduled air service between the destinations will commence 15 May 2020.

The flights are timed to offer seamless connections in Melbourne across the Virgin Australia network and will open up access for both domestic and international travellers, to iconic destinations such as the World Heritage listed Purnululu National Park (Bungle Bungle), Mitchell River National Park, Lake Argyle & the Ord River, the famous Gibb River Road, El Questro, Home Valley Station and the remote northern-Kimberley coastline.

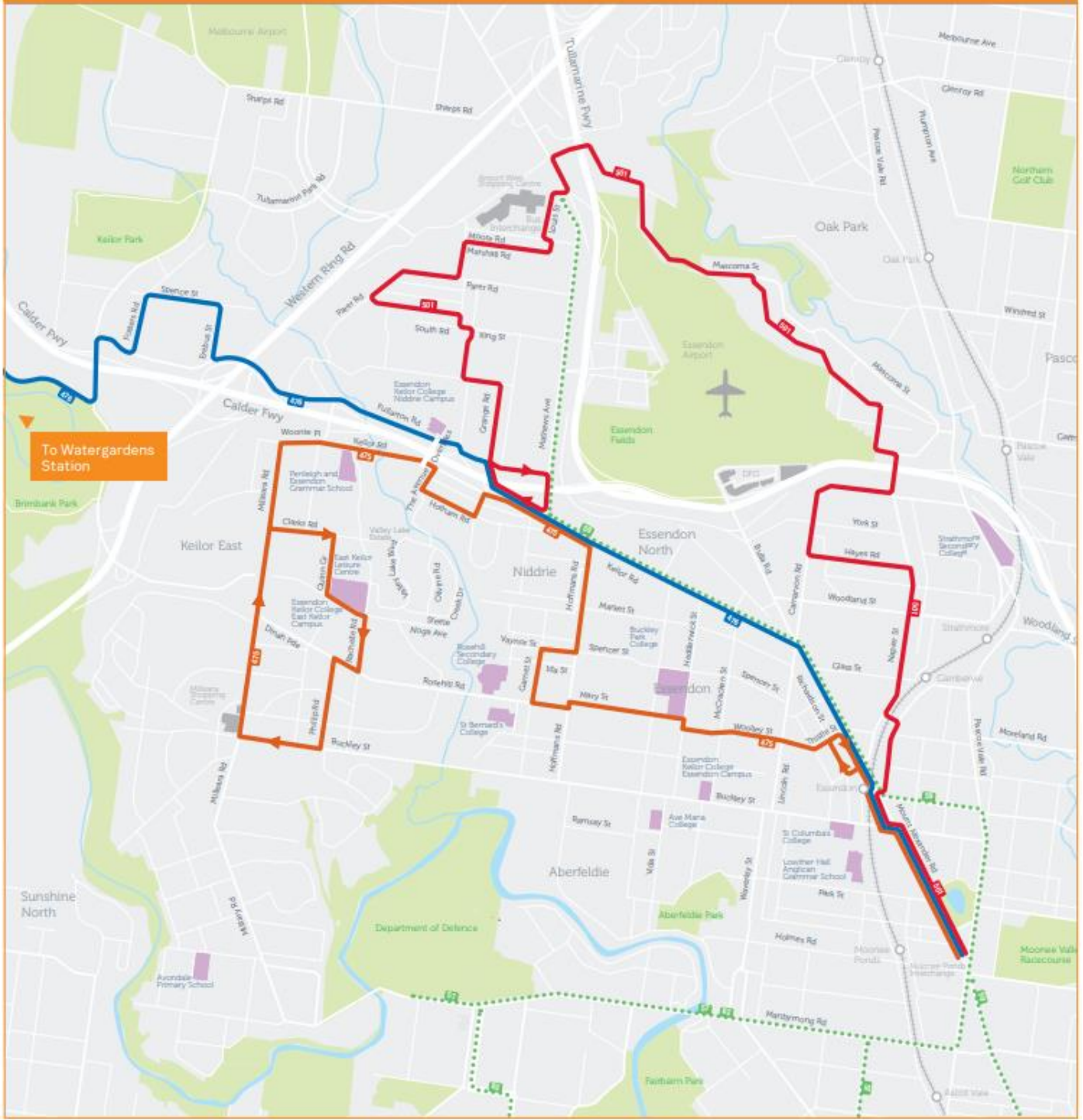
A number of the available seats have already been pre-purchased by major tour operator, APT, who will be using the seats to cater to their Kimberley cruise and land touring passengers.

The flights have been made possible by the extended planning and research undertaken by East Kimberley Marketing Group, and the financial support of the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley, the tourism and business community, the Kimberley Development Commission and Tourism Western Australia.


Shire President, David Menzel, said "this new air access into Kununurra and the East Kimberley is something that the Community can be very proud of. The air service is likely to create a new market of fly-in visitors to the region whilst making Kununurra an even better place to live".

The service will be operated by Alliance Airlines Fokker 70 aircraft, with seats sold via Virgin Australia. The aircraft seats 8 passengers in Business Class and 65 in Economy Class. Flights will run three-times weekly between May and August 2020, departing Melbourne on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and departing Kununurra on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

# Existing bus routes 475, 476 and 501



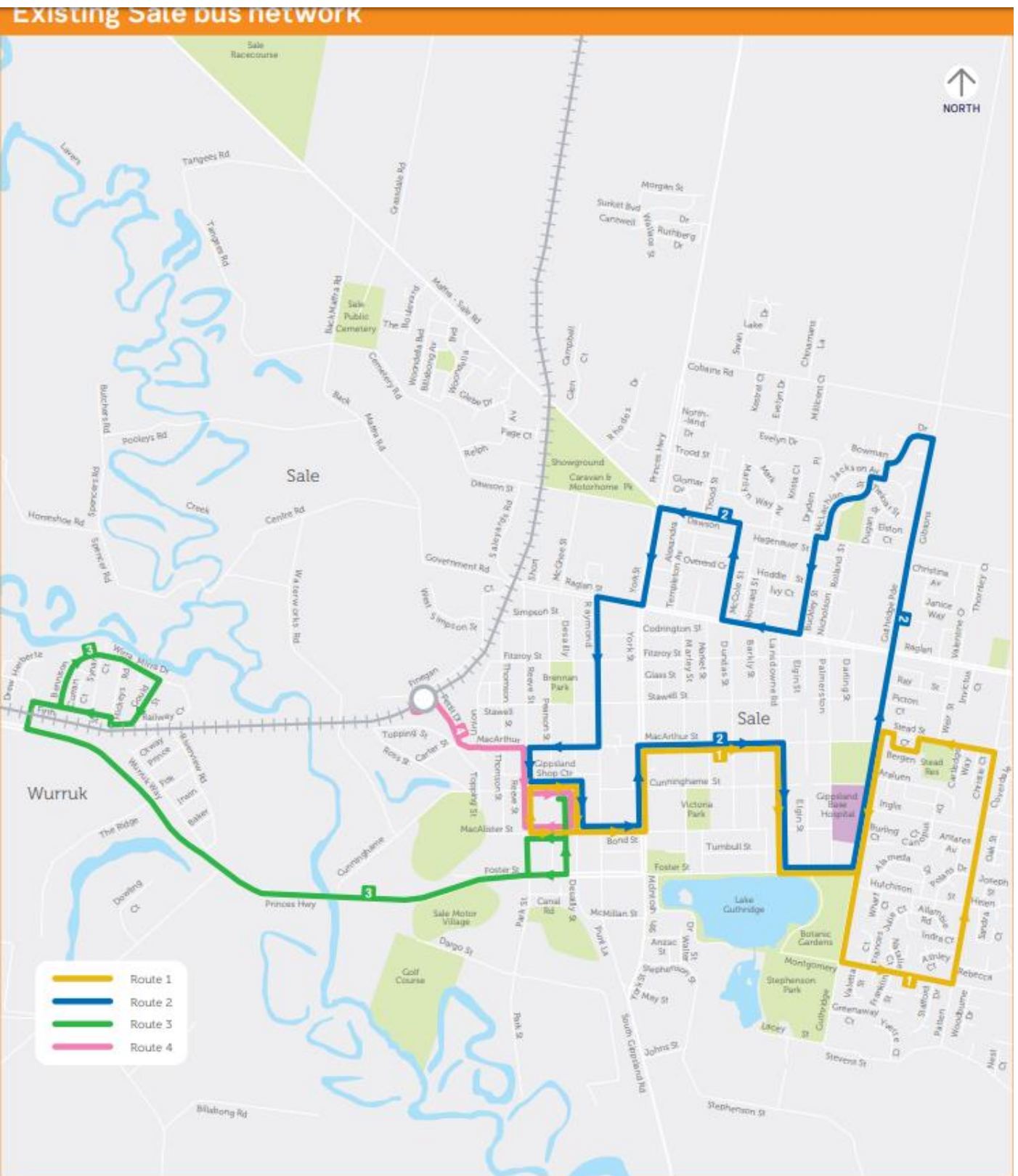
-  Existing Route 475
-  Existing Route 476
-  Existing Route 501
-  Tram route
-  Train line
-  Schools

  
 NORTH  
 MAP NOT TO SCALE

Existing bus network in East Keilor (Source: PTV)

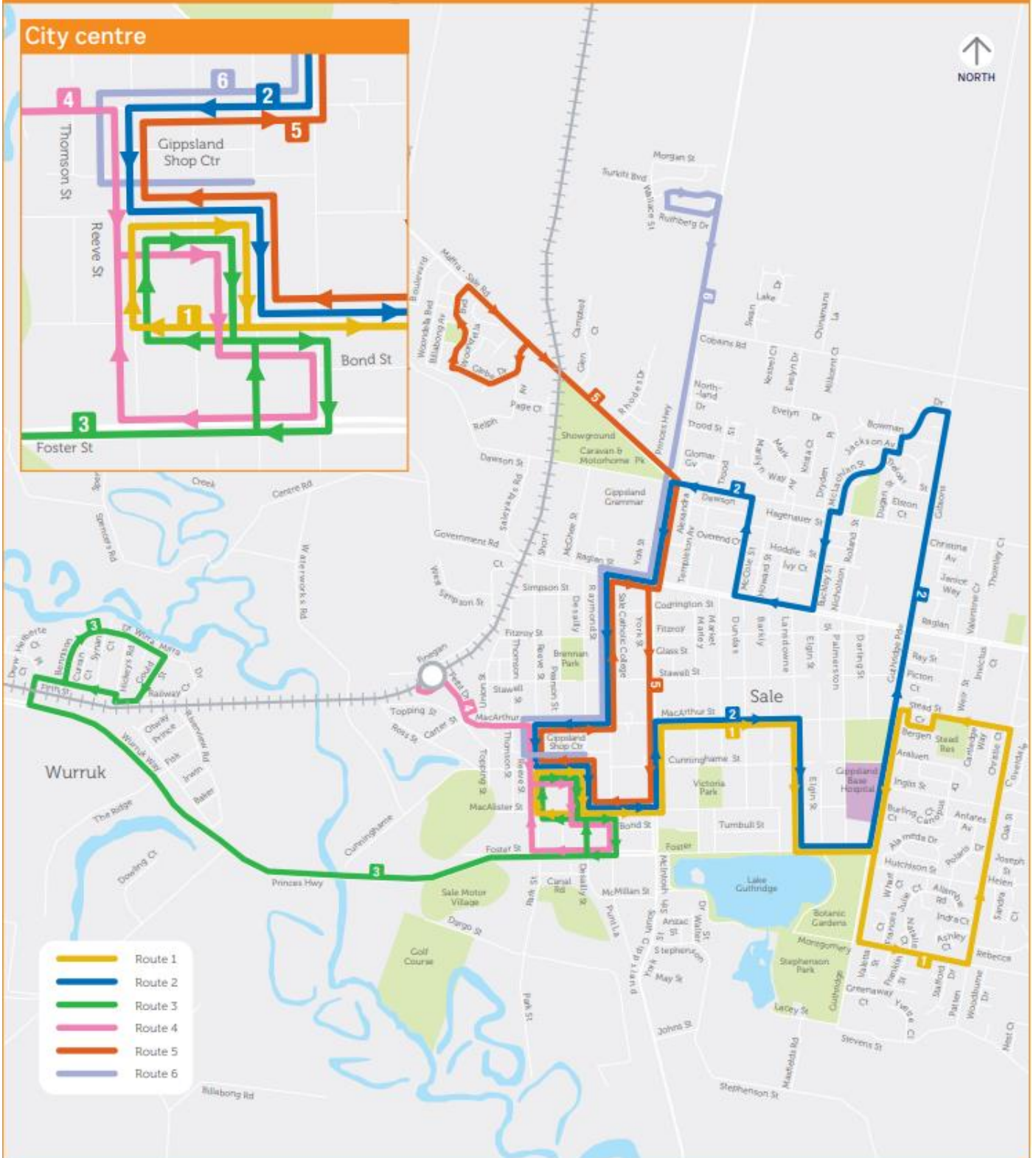






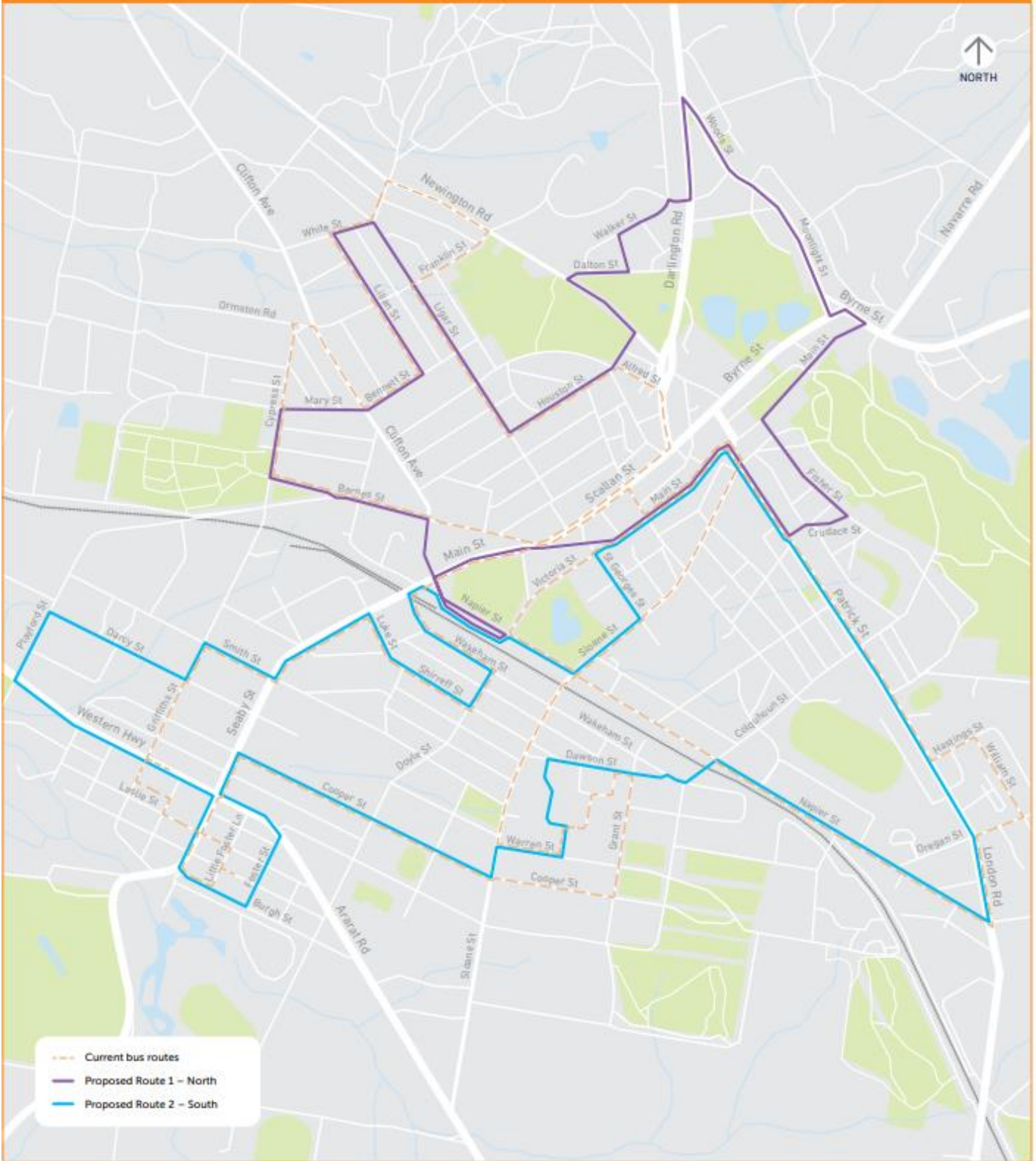
Map of existing Sale bus route network (Source: PTV)

# Proposed Sale bus network



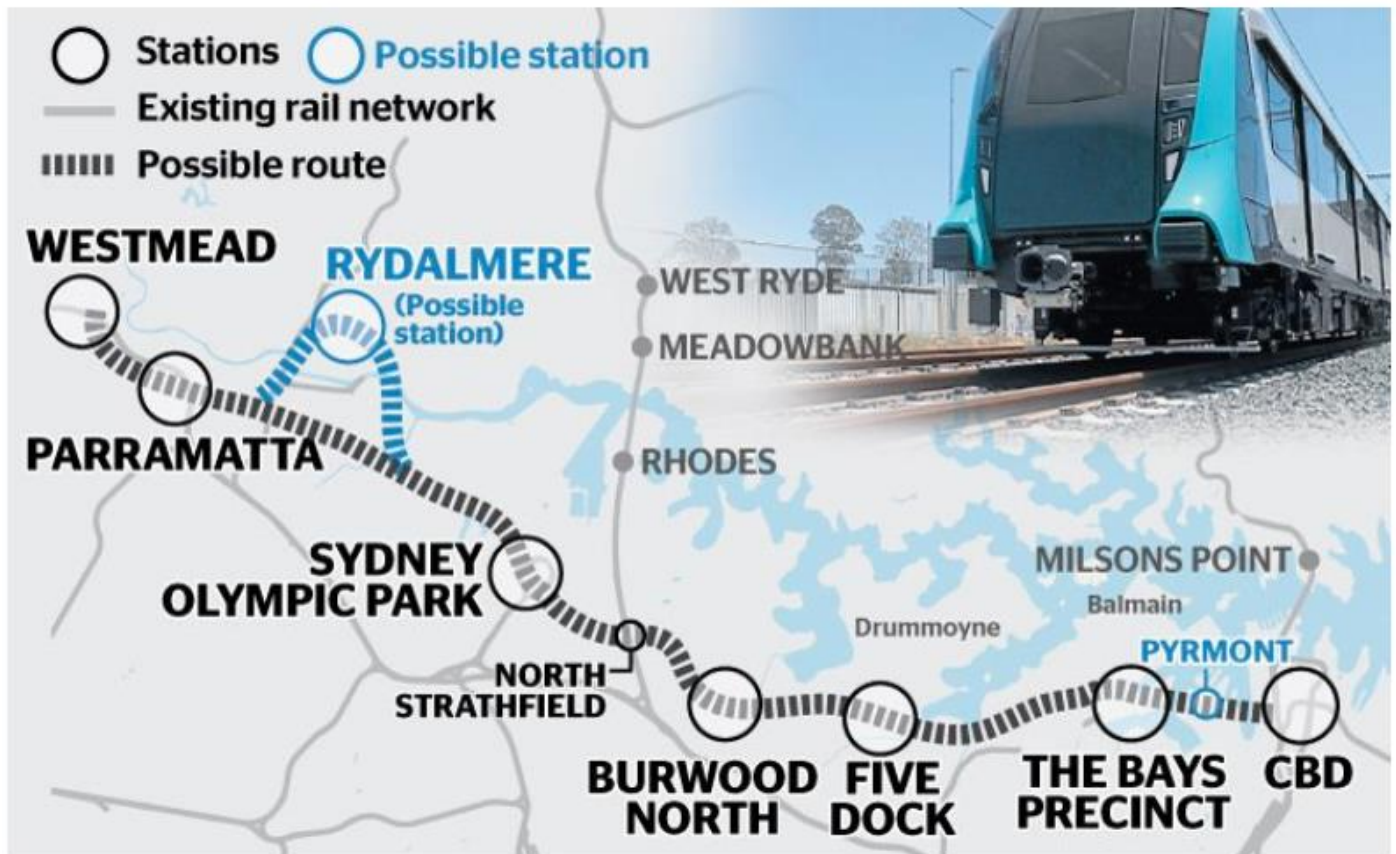
Map showing proposed Sale bus network (Source: PTV)

# Current and proposed Stawell bus network

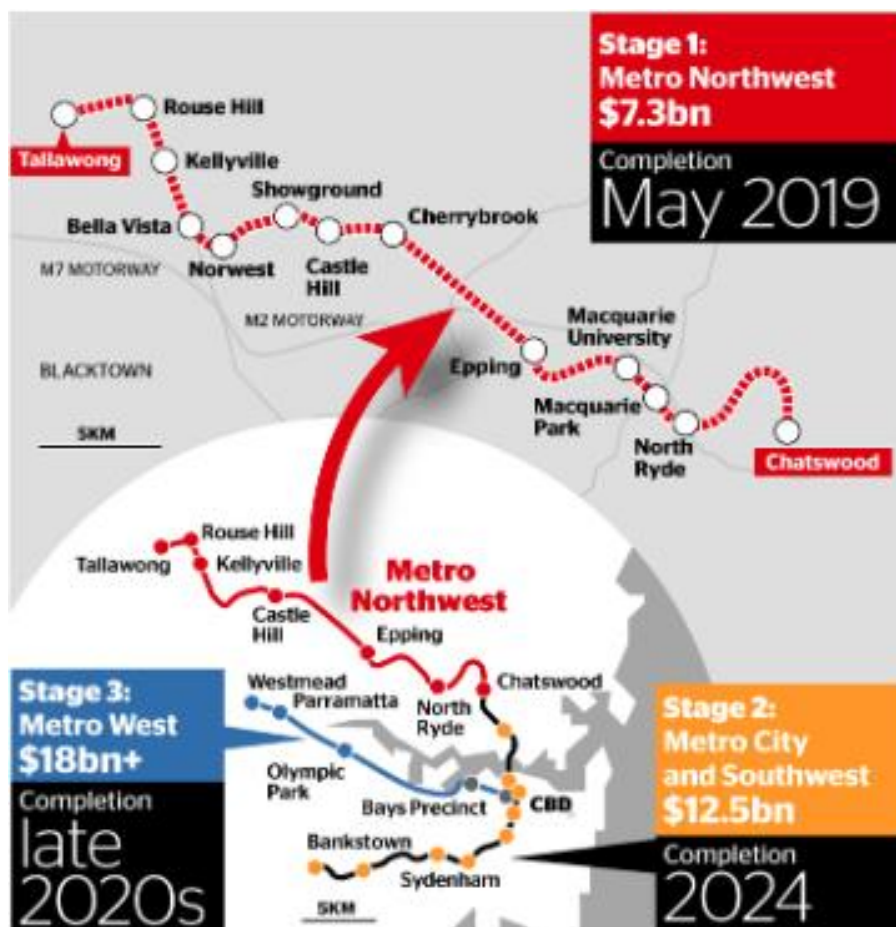


Map showing current and proposed Stawell bus network (source: PTV)

# Sydney Metro West – route update



Source: NSW Govt



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