



# TABLE TALK

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## RAIL & TRAM NEWS

### NEW SOUTH WALES

#### Timetable update

An updated Standard Working Timetable was implemented starting Sunday 24 May for Sydney Trains and NSW TrainLink services. A summary of changes follows:

**T1 North Shore** – Some weekday afternoon Berowra services depart Mount Colah and Mount Kuring-gai one minute earlier.

**T1 Western** – Weekdays: Services arrive at Richmond up to two minutes later. Weekends: Services at Schofields (in both directions) depart from the opposite platform.

**T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra** – The 01:44 Waterfall to Hurstville service terminates short at Sutherland.

**T5 Cumberland** – Weekend services now depart Schofields from platform one, instead of two.

**Intercity Central Coast Newcastle** – Weekdays: The 21:41 Newcastle Interchange to Sydney Terminal service is speeded-up between Newcastle Interchange and Berowra, departing up to five minutes later until Cowan.

Weekends: 02:00 Newcastle Interchange to Fassifern service now departs at 01:46 operating through to Wyong to coincide with the 02:53 Wyong to Central service. Many services operating to Newcastle Interchange are speeded-up between Fassifern and Newcastle Interchange (departing up to three minutes earlier) to enable more connection time at Hamilton with Hunter Line services.

**Intercity South Coast** – The weekday 17:32 Bondi Junction to Port Kembla service departs from the opposite platform at Helensburgh.

**Regional Hunter** – Weekdays: The 17:01 Dungog to Newcastle Interchange service now departs four minutes earlier between Telarah and Waratah to enable more connection time at Hamilton with Central Coast line services..

Weekends: An extra Saturday late night service operates departs Newcastle Interchange at 24:18 to Telarah.

**Regional North** – On weekends, the 08:05 Moree/08:40 Armidale to Sydney Xplorer service now mirrors the weekday timetable, arriving at Sydney Terminal seven minutes earlier following timing improvements between Maitland and Sydney Terminal.

#### Weekday rail timetable reductions

The ongoing patronage slump caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has enabled Sydney Trains to remove a handful of (mostly) peak hour services from operation for maintenance purposes. Curiously, the trains affected have changed dependent on the week or even the day of the week – no doubt leading to customer confusion as their trains disappear without a trace, only to reappear after one week, or one day. This affected T1, T2, T3 and T8 lines.

The services listed in the May edition of *Table Talk* (page 1) also did not operate in the week between Monday 4 and Friday 8 May.

Only on Monday 18, Wednesday 20, and Friday 22 May, the following services did not operate:

- 06:44 Leppington to City Circle
- 07:37 Campbelltown to City Circle
- 07:57 St Marys to Gordon
- 08:40 Circular Quay to Sydenham
- 16:31 Circular Quay to Leppington
- 17:07 Hornsby to Schofields

- 17:52 Hornsby to Blacktown
- 17:54 Circular Quay to Campbelltown
- 19:14 Circular Quay to Liverpool
- 20:32 Liverpool to City Circle
- 23:21 Homebush to City Circle (Friday only)
- 23:29 Ashfield to City Circle (Monday only, trackwork affected)

Only on Tuesday 19 and Thursday 21 May, the following services did not operate:

- 07:09 Macarthur to City Circle
- 07:14 Leppington to City Circle
- 07:27 St Marys to Gordon
- 08:19 Circular Quay to Ashfield
- 17:07 Hornsby to Schofields
- 17:22 Hornsby to Blacktown
- 17:46 Circular Quay to Leppington

In addition, daily from Wednesday 20 to Friday 22 May, several pre-AM peak T2 services were altered:

- 04:43 Circular Quay to Parramatta service re-routed to Leppington (skip-stop after Granville)
- 05:32 Parramatta to Circular Quay service re-routed to start from Liverpool (skip-stop until Granville)
- 05:47 Parramatta to Circular Quay service re-routed to start from Leppington (skip-stop until Granville)

One T1 Western Line train in each direction had additional stops at Harris Park and Granville to fill the extended service gap between Parramatta and Granville. The editor theorises this is a response to early morning crowding on the T2 Leppington city-bound services.

Over the month of May, a select few NSW TrainLink Intercity services operated with fewer carriages to allow the same maintenance opportunity.

## Transport social distancing initiatives

With the gradual reduction on COVID-19-related social restrictions, from Monday 18 May, transport operators implemented several initiatives to encourage social distancing practices by passengers.

Live transport apps and Sydney Trains platform indicators had their colour-coded carriage loading information altered to have lower thresholds for 'standing room only' and crowded carriages:

## Physical distancing guide

To help you maintain physical distance on trains, check the capacity status of your service before boarding.



Across the Transport for NSW network, the real-time occupancy levels are being aligned to physical distancing guidelines from 18 May 2020 until further notice.

 Space available

 Limited space

 Physical distancing cannot be observed



Plan ahead at [transportnsw.info](http://transportnsw.info)

As part of its response to the eased restrictions, Sydney Trains has also added peak-hour shifts for workers at some larger locations for an initial one month period. These staff are electronically uploading visual estimates of train occupancy levels which, for non-Waratah trains, mean that they have load occupancy data for the first time (on NextThere).

In the last two weeks of May, train, bus and light rail operators are also progressively installing 400,000 green dots to train and bus vehicles seats and standing areas to show patrons the safest places to sit and stand. With school children returning to normal school hours from Monday 25 May, the advice from Transport to operators is to ensure that school children and people with disabilities are prioritised. Workers are also reminded to leave home earlier so if their service is at maximum physical distancing capacity, they can board the following service.

All Sydney Trains stations also have already had hand sanitising stations installed – totalling 300 units.

On the increasing patronage on public transport with the gradual easing of social restrictions, NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian, said “We don’t want anymore people at this stage catching public transport in the peak. If you’re not already on the bus or the train in the morning, do not catch public transport in the peak. We know overseas public transport, unfortunately, was the main reason the disease spread”.

In late April, the state government also announced it was spending \$250 million across public transport and schools as part of its first line of defence against COVID-19 transmission. The Premier said the package “supports jobs and businesses, importantly it will give the public the peace of mind”, improve “hygiene across the state” and provides “a much-needed social and economic boost”. The state Treasurer said that over 550 re-deployed and new contract cleaners had been deployed with the state on track to have 3,000 full-time cleaners on board by the end of June. The state Transport Minister, Andrew Constance, said that since March, 83,000 additional cleaning hours had been racked up.



Green “stand here” (left) and “sit here” (right) dots inside a Sydney train.

## Blue Mountains rectification project

Readers would recall Intercity services have been replaced by buses between Mount Victoria and Lithgow since the bushfires of December/January caused significant infrastructure damage. The signalling infrastructure was booked back into use on Friday 8 May with Digital Train Radio System final works and infrastructure testing/commissioning also completed. The line returned to electric Intercity services on Saturday 23 May.

## L1 Light Rail update

Following on from our story in the April edition of *Table Talk*, as of Friday 22 May, L1 trams resumed stopping at The Star station following the re-opening of restaurants at The Star casino. This comes on the back of easing social restrictions.

## Free Central Coast wi-fi

A free wi-fi trial began on Friday 15 May at almost a dozen Central Coast railway stations. Stations include Asquith, Mount Colah, Mount Kuring-gai, Berowra, Cowan, Hawkesbury River, Koolewong, Narara, Lisarow, Ourimbah and Tuggerah. Other nearby stations will be added later in the year as part of the three year program.

The program allows customers to spend up to an hour on the wi-fi system per day with certain types of content blocked – note it is a public-operated service.

The results of the trial will inform Transport for NSW on future wi-fi options.

## More Trains, More Services

The state government announced on 21 May the signing of two \$300 million contracts as part of the 'More Trains, More Services' program with upcoming benefits for the T4 and T8 lines.

John Holland and Jacobs joint-venture will work on the Hurstville Crossover project (allowing local trains to return towards the City from platform four) and New Southern Railway tunnel upgrades involving substation replacement at Wolli Creek, construction of a new substation at Mascot, and upgraded signalling and overhead wiring throughout the tunnel (to allow more trains to run through the tunnel at any one time).

Transport for Tomorrow (a Laing O'Rourke and KBR joint-venture) will work on the upgrade to Mortdale Maintenance Centre including replacement of its substation (so that all Tangara trains can be serviced from this location), and platform/yard/power supply improvements at Waterfall and Wollongong to accommodate the New Intercity Fleet.

Construction activities begin later in the year.

### Regional Fast Rail

The state government has outlined four potential routes for fast rail across New South Wales. The Northern, Western, Southern Inland and Southern Coastal Corridors are shown in the image below.

A panel will prepare a blueprint to the Premier and Deputy Premier on how to deliver the fast rail network. The Government will also look to learn from Britain's implementation of their High Speed 2 (HS2) network.



### Potential travel times from Sydney

The delivery of fast rail has the potential to slash travel times by up to 75 per cent. A selection of approximate travel times could be:

Journey	Current rail time	Faster rail <200km/h	High-speed rail >250km/h
Sydney to Canberra	4:07 hours	3:00 hours	1:00 hours
Sydney to Goulburn	2:31 hours	1:45 hours	0:30 hours
Sydney to Newcastle	2:35 hours	2:00 hours	0:45 hours
Sydney to Gosford	1:19 hours	1:00 hours	0:30 hours
Sydney to Wollongong	1:25 hours	1:00 hours	0:30 hours
Sydney to Nowra	2:39 hours	2:00 hours	0:45 hours

(source: Transport for NSW).

## AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

### No social distancing caps

The territory government has confirmed it would not be installing caps on the number of passengers that can board buses and trams in light of the easing social restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Transport Minister, Chris Steel, said that “it shouldn't be necessary to have caps ... if Canberrans continue to do the right thing and reconsider their need to use public transport during peak times”.

### Post-pandemic patronage climbs

Seven News reported on Tuesday 19 May that public transport patronage had started to rise as restrictions were eased across the state. In one week, patronage rose by 10 per cent. While there are no plans for NSW-style dots, the government has said school students would be sitting in every second row onboard school buses.

## VICTORIA

### Upcoming planned disruptions timetable

PTV has updated their upcoming scheduled disruptions as part of the state government's *Big Build*, including some updates to those provided in the April edition of *Table Talk*:

#### Train disruptions

<b>Line</b>	<b>Disruption</b>	<b>Works start</b>	<b>Works finish</b>
Frankston and Stony Point	Buses replace trains between Moorabbin and Mordialloc and between Frankston and Stony Point Trains still run between Mordialloc and Frankston stations	Saturday 23 May	Monday 27 July
Sunbury	Buses replace trains between Flagstaff and Sunbury stations	Saturday 27 June	Wednesday 8 July
Upfield	Buses replacing trains on sections of the Upfield line: - between Anstey and Upfield for most of the works - on the whole line for the first and last weeks of the works	Tuesday 28 July	Sunday 15 November

#### Tram disruptions

<b>Route</b>	<b>Disruption</b>	<b>Works start</b>	<b>Works finish</b>
58	Buses replace trams in sections on Route 58	10pm Friday 22 May	Monday 1 June
35, 86 and 96	Route 35 trams to operate a shortened service and Route 86 and 96 trams will divert via La Trobe Street	Saturday 13 June	Thursday 18 June
58	Service changes to Route 58 trams due to works from Poplar Road to Flemington Road	Saturday 15 August	Monday 31 August

#### V/Line disruptions

<b>Line</b>	<b>Disruption</b>	<b>Works start</b>	<b>Works finish</b>
Bendigo, Echuca and Swan Hill	Coaches replace trains on the Bendigo, Swan Hill and Echuca lines between Southern Cross and Bendigo, Echuca and Swan Hill <i>Buses also replace metropolitan trains between Flagstaff and Sunbury</i>	Saturday 27 June	Sunday 5 July

## Level crossing removal project

The Kananook train stabling yard in Seaford has now been opened for use by Metro Trains. It replaces the Carrum stabling yard and has room for further expansion to fit more trains to account for future growth.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### Service reductions

Following an incident that occurred on the morning of Wednesday 6 May, Adelaide Metro made immediate reductions to its service offering across much of the suburban rail network. This move was made due to a defective part found in two-thirds of its diesel train carriages. Until the defect could be fixed across those carriages, Adelaide Metro implemented an ongoing weekend timetable to operate across the majority of its lines until further notice. As carriages were progressively repaired, Adelaide Metro added extra carriages to the 'weekend' services.

**Gawler** – Saturday timetable. Some pre-AM peak services operated by a replacement bus. In light of heavy patronage, an express bus service was organised to operate between 15-22 May inclusive (weekdays only) from Mawson Lakes to Adelaide (AM peak) then from Adelaide to Mawson Lakes (PM peak) every 15 minutes.

**Outer Harbor** – Saturday timetable. Some pre-AM peak services operated by a replacement bus.

**Grange** – A replacement bus service in operation to/from Adelaide. On weekdays, every 30 minutes until 8pm then hourly until last service. On weekends, an hourly service between first and last.

**Belair** – Saturday timetable. Some pre-AM peak services operated by a replacement bus.

**Seaford** – No effect on normal services.

In addition, to assist with social distancing measures, Adelaide Metro funded an additional shuttle bus service which operated between Adelaide and Mawson Lakes to alleviate crowding issues.

ABC News reported on 14 May the overcrowding seen on many peak hour train services with one commuter saying "It was really uncomfortable – a strange sensation" in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. By 14 May, almost half of the diesel trains had been repaired and brought back into service.

The regular timetable returned on Thursday 21 May. Some of the extra shuttle buses continued to operate on 21 and 22 May, while Adelaide Metro advised there would be some buses on standby at Mawson Lakes between Monday 25 and Friday 29 May between 07:30 and 08:30 hours.

## Gawler electrification

The state government has extended the nightworks program for the Gawler electrification project by more than two months. The result is late night bustitution on weekdays between Adelaide and Salisbury Interchange being extended from Friday 24 April until Friday 3 July.

The final through rail service departs Gawler Central at 19:55 and departs Adelaide at 20:20. The seven remaining timetabled services are replaced by buses between Adelaide and Salisbury Interchange only, while trains still operate between Salisbury Interchange and Gawler Central.

In addition, consecutive weekend closures were in effect between Adelaide and Salisbury Interchange on 2-3 May, 9-10 May, 16-17 May and 23-24 May.

Furthermore, complete Gawler line shutdowns are scheduled for the weekend of 30-31 May and the long weekend of 6-8 June.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

### Morley-Ellenbrook constructors short-listed

MetroNet has short-listed two consortia in the race for the biggest of four contracts in the design and construction of the Morley to Ellenbrook rail line, part of the MetroNet project.

- Ellenbrook Alliance (CPB Contractors and Downer EDI)
- MELconnx Consortium (led by Laing O'Rourke Australia)

The contract will include the design and build of five new railway stations at Morley, Noranda, Malaga, Whiteman Park and Ellenbrook. Plans will be made for a sixth station – Bennett Springs East. The contract is expected to be awarded before the end of the year.

## NEW ZEALAND

### City Rail Link project

Whilst COVID-19 recently caused some delays on construction, the Link Alliance has said there would be no impact on Auckland's City Rail Link project end timetable after an increase in work hours post-lockdown.

Mount Eden station will now closedown on Saturday 11 July. Whilst the construction is undertaken, trains will run through the area with single-line working, which Auckland Transport says will have little impact on rail timetables. Additionally, a free shuttle bus will operate from the station to both Newmarket and Kingsland (numbered as route 64).

The station is scheduled to reopen in 2024 after redevelopment.

## New Hamilton to Auckland service

Updating this article from the April edition of *Table Talk*, the COVID-19 lockdown has caused a delay to the start of the new Hamilton to Auckland service. It is now expected to begin three months later in November pending no further delays to works.

## Auckland resumes normal timetable

From Thursday 14 May, Auckland Transport's rail services resumed running to the normal timetable following the lifting of social restrictions to Level 2. Fares are now also being charged again after a pandemic-induced fare-free period lasting almost two months. However, cash remains off-limits. AT's free wi-fi service continues to be disabled to discourage congregation of people.

## Wellington update

Trains resumed to the full timetable on Monday 4 May. Metlink also advised that throughout the previous week it had increased capacity on some services to bridge the gap with new level 3 social restrictions as patronage started to climb. General Manager, Scott Gallacher, encouraged passengers to continue snapping on and off to ensure Metlink could effectively monitor and adjust service levels to demand as required. Metlink said that from level 4 (lockdown) to level 3 restrictions, patronage had risen on some services between 100-200 per cent with more than 100 people on board the one train.

With the recent move to level 2 restrictions, the Greater Wellington Regional Council has confirmed that public transport services would remain fare-free until the end of June.

Meanwhile, the Capital Connection service resumed on Wednesday 29 April on a reduced timetable, operating between Wellington and Palmerston North. The on board cafe also remains closed.

## Increased rail infrastructure funding

In its new budget, the government has allocated \$NZ 1.2 billion to rail expenditure.

The government will increase investment through the National Land Transport Fund with \$NZ 148 million to provide long-term certainty for rail with network investment. This is dependent on a bill being passed through the parliament.

\$NZ 421 million is allocated for new freight locomotives and wagons, including 10 mainline locomotives for North Island and 25 for South Island, an initial batch of 20 short-haul locomotives, and 10 electric/battery powered shunting locomotives.

Another \$NZ 246 million has been allocated (over two years) to various levels of infrastructure upgrades including Auckland freight locomotives moving to ETCS Level 1 in line with commuter trains, upgrades

to maintenance centres in Auckland's Westfield, Christchurch's Waltham and at Hutt, Woburn, and to raise the standard of regional lines across the country.

Another \$NZ 400 million will be used to help replace three older KiwiRail Interislander ferries with new longer and wider ferries – and the associated infrastructure.

## Railfan magazine shuttered

The quarterly *New Zealand Railfan* magazine has ceased publication. The publication's editor, Karl Morris, said in a statement “a long-standing, ongoing, slowly-deteriorating economic viability issue has continued its downward course for several years now” and “the insidious impact of the Internet on magazines”, along with the editor's desire to enjoy their twilight years without the regular publication deadlines had contributed to the decision to discontinue. The final issue was published last Summer. No decision had yet been made on the producer's (Triple M Publications') other publications.

## INTERNATIONAL

### England eases restrictions

The easing of COVID-19 lockdown restriction in England on Wednesday 13 May saw increased patronage as many workers returned to working from offices. The other countries within the United Kingdom have resisted this move. Concerns of reports of overcrowding on trains and buses saw the rail union, RMT, threaten to stop rail services.

British Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, a recent survivor of coronavirus, said “When you go back to work, if possible do so by car or, even better, by walking or bicycle” as England faces a stark dive in economic activity. Transport for London continues to advise that services “should only be used for essential journeys”.

The Circle and Waterloo & City lines continue to be closed while the Night Overground service is still not operating until further notice. Meanwhile, certain stations also remain closed including Arsenal, Barbican, Bermondsey, Borough, Caledonian Road, Chalk Farm, Chancery Lane, Charing Cross, Clapham South, Covent Garden, Gloucester Road, Goodge Street, Great Portland Street, Hampstead, Holland Park, Hyde Park Corner, Kilburn Park, Lancaster Gate, Manor House, Mornington Crescent, Queensway, Redbridge, Regent's Park, South Wimbledon, Southwark, St James's Park, Stepney Green, Swiss Cottage, Temple and Tufnell Park.

With limited flights departing only from Heathrow Airport terminals two and five, Heathrow Terminal 4 station is closed until further notice. Certain stations also have limited ticket office hours and limited entry/exit flows to help reduce coronavirus risk. The latest status updates can be found at [tfl.gov.uk](https://tfl.gov.uk).

## Eurostar mask requirement

From Monday 4 May, all passengers were required to wear a face mask whilst on board services and also at train stations, in line with French and Belgian health standards. In line with less demand and increased border controls, Eurostar has been operating a reduced service including four trains daily between London and both Paris and Brussels.

France mandated face masks on board all public transport services from Monday 11 May. This followed Germany's lead in requiring cloth masks to be used on public transport networks from Monday 27 April, and Spain from Monday 4 May. Spain also started distributing 6 million free masks to passengers at transport stops. Germany now reportedly has mask vending machines at some public transport stops.

## Hydrogen trains pass trial service

Germany's Lower Saxony jurisdiction has ordered 14 new Coradia iLint trains from Alstom to replace existing diesel trains. Two such German-built trains, powered by hydrogen while emitting only water vapour and condensation, have now successfully completed trial passenger service after 18 months and over 180,000 kilometres of running. The trains are scheduled to be in service by 2022. Company Linde will build and operate a hydrogen filling station for the trains at Bremervorde.

## Deutsche Bahn rescue plan

Germany's Deutsche Bahn has estimated its total loss from COVID-19 will be €11-13.5 billion between this year and 2024. It says on its long distance services, patronage is at 10-15 per cent of normal levels while it will be cutting up to €5 billion in costs from the business. Under a rescue plan awaiting the green light from the European Commission, a €4.5 billion injection will be made in June by Germany's finance ministry, with up to another €2.5 billion to be injected at a later date.

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## BUS & COACH NEWS

### QUEENSLAND

#### Bus Queensland

The following services remain affected by COVID-19 restrictions, running to a reduced timetable since 30 March until further notice:

- Toowoomba – St George
- St George – Lightning Ridge
- Toowoomba – Rockhampton
- Mt Isa – Townsville
- Brisbane – Charleville
- St George – Cunnamulla

#### Regional support

The state government announced in late April that it would spend \$54.5 million supporting regional transport services. It will enable many bus operators to continue running essential services across the state during the patronage downturn enforced by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### NEW SOUTH WALES

#### Sydney bus region tendering

The state government has confirmed that all of Sydney's 13 bus region contracts (except Region Six) will be re-tendered in the next couple of years as contracts expire. This will include the three regions currently operated by the government operator, State Transit (Regions Seven, Eight and Nine), which will become privately operated.

State Transit's Region Eight will be the first region with tendering to commence by the end of June. The other two State Transit regions will follow in the second half of this year. The state government confirms that control of fares and timetables will remain with Transport for NSW.

#### Bus physical distancing

With progressively eased social restrictions following the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, buses across the state have progressively had green "sit here" stickers applied (see top of next page, *source: Nine Publishing*) to advise passengers where the best places are to sit while on board bus services. With school children resuming normal school hours on Monday 25 May, the advice from Transport for NSW is for operators to prioritise school children and disabled passengers. Drivers have been advised to accept school children, even if it breaches the physical distancing requirements, particularly with children at a much lower risk. Transport for NSW has also advised that physical distancing requirements do not apply on board school bus services.





## Regional school bus safety program

The state government has announced that it will fund 150 new school buses fitted with seat belts to ensure that all dedicated school buses in regional areas have seat belts fitted by the end of 2021. This follows work in the past seven years to replace 861 older school buses, and retrofit another 273 buses. Regular route buses used for school trips will not be included.

## Zero-emission buses

Transport for NSW has put feelers out to industry players to undertake trials of zero-emission buses and “associated technologies” including battery electric and hydrogen-powered buses. The state government says it has a strategy to transition the entire bus fleet to “zero emissions”.

## VICTORIA

### Gull Airport Service

Gull Airport Service has suspended all Geelong to Tullamarine Airport services until further notice due to impacts from COVID-19.

### Latrobe Valley changes

At an unknown date, route 8 Moe to Traralgon via Yallourn North and route 9 Traralgon to Churchill were suspended until future notice. No reasons were given on the PTV website.

### Endeavour Hills and Narre Warren North

From Sunday 31 May, the bus network in the Endeavour Hills and Narre Warren North areas will be upgraded. Buses will have improved frequency and coverage, giving residents better access to Dandenong Hospital, Chisholm TAFE and shops.

The following changes will occur:

- **Route 842** (Fountain Gate to Endeavour Hills) to operate along Memorial Drive and Heatherton Road to travel direct to Endeavour Hills Shopping Centre. Two extra return trips added during the week, and improved frequency and access to Fountain Gate and Endeavour Hills.
- **Route 843** (Dandenong to Endeavour Hills) to operate via Daniel Solander Drive with an upgrade in service frequency to every 30 minutes on weekdays. The new routing will allow more direct access to Endeavour Hills Shopping Centre with an extension to Reema Boulevard.
- **Route 845** (Dandenong to Endeavour Hills) to operate along Kennington Park Drive to give residents who currently catch Route 843 (which will be rerouted) access to bus services. The weekday service frequency will be upgraded to every 30 minutes.
- **Route 861** (Dandenong to Endeavour Hills) to operate via Cleeland Street, providing access to Dandenong Hospital and Chisholm TAFE. The route will also be extended along David Collins Drive with longer operating hours and service frequency increased to every 30 minutes from Monday to Saturday.

Route 849 (Dandenong to Mossgiel Park) is henceforth withdrawn due to redundancy (route duplication with 843 and 845). See the next two pages for extract of route 843 timetable and also 841 and 845 route maps.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### Premier Stateliner

As per advice in earlier editions of *Table Talk*, Premier Stateliner continues to operate a restricted service across the state. However since Friday 21 May, additional services operate on the Adelaide to Whyalla route. The timetable operates as follows:

From Whyalla:

- 06:00 Mondays and Fridays
- 09:00 weekdays
- 11:47 Thursdays and Saturdays
- 14:12 Saturdays

From Adelaide:

- 08:30 Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
- 12:30 Mondays and Fridays
- 16:30 weekdays

**Route 843 Endeavour Hills**



Service operates from 31.05.2020 until further notice

		Monday to Friday																		
Wheelchair Accessible Services		am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
Morning (am) / Afternoon (pm)		am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
Dandenong Station/Foster St (Dandenong)		6:14	6:44	7:14	7:44	8:14	8:44	9:14	9:44	10:14	10:44	11:14	11:44	12:14	12:44	1:14	1:44	2:14	2:14	
Langhorne Pl/Langhorne St (Dandenong)		6:16	6:47	7:17	7:47	8:17	8:47	9:17	9:47	10:17	10:47	11:17	11:47	12:17	12:47	1:17	1:47	2:17	2:17	
Stuart St/Crow St (Dandenong)		6:18	6:49	7:19	7:49	8:19	8:49	9:19	9:49	10:19	10:49	11:19	11:49	12:19	12:49	1:19	1:49	2:20	2:20	
Clement St/Crow St (Dandenong)		6:20	6:51	7:21	7:51	8:21	8:51	9:21	9:51	10:21	10:51	11:21	11:51	12:21	12:51	1:22	1:52	2:22	2:22	
Ross St/Crow St (Dandenong)		6:21	6:53	7:23	7:53	8:23	8:53	9:23	9:53	10:23	10:53	11:23	11:53	12:23	12:53	1:24	1:54	2:24	2:24	
Robert Booth Reserve/Crow St (Dandenong)		6:24	6:56	7:26	7:56	8:26	8:56	9:26	9:56	10:26	10:56	11:26	11:56	12:26	12:56	1:27	1:57	2:28	2:28	
Betula St/Kidds Rd (Doveton)		6:24	6:56	7:26	7:56	8:26	8:56	9:26	9:56	10:26	10:56	11:26	11:56	12:26	12:56	1:27	1:57	2:28	2:28	
Doveton Baptist Church/Kidds Rd (Doveton)		6:25	6:57	7:27	7:57	8:27	8:57	9:27	9:57	10:27	10:57	11:27	11:57	12:27	12:57	1:28	1:58	2:30	2:30	
Linden Place SC/Power Rd (Doveton)		6:26	6:58	7:28	7:58	8:28	8:58	9:28	9:58	10:28	10:58	11:28	11:58	12:28	12:58	1:29	1:59	2:30	2:30	
Plum St/Power Rd (Doveton)		6:27	6:59	7:29	7:59	8:29	8:59	9:29	9:59	10:29	10:59	11:29	11:59	12:29	12:59	1:30	2:00	2:31	2:31	
Power Reserve/Power Rd (Doveton)		6:27	6:59	7:29	7:59	8:30	9:00	9:30	9:59	10:29	10:59	11:29	11:59	12:29	12:59	1:30	2:00	2:32	2:32	
Griffith St/Power Rd (Endeavour Hills)		6:28	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:31	9:01	9:31	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:31	2:01	2:33	2:33	
Delos Ct/Amalfi Dr (Endeavour Hills)		6:28	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:32	9:02	9:32	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:31	2:01	2:33	2:33	
James Cook Dr/Amalfi Dr (Endeavour Hills)		6:29	7:01	7:31	8:01	8:32	9:02	9:32	10:01	10:31	11:01	11:31	12:01	12:31	1:01	1:32	2:02	2:34	2:34	
James Cook PS/James Cook Dr (Endeavour Hills)		6:29	7:01	7:31	8:01	8:33	9:03	9:33	10:01	10:31	11:01	11:31	12:01	12:31	1:01	1:32	2:02	2:34	2:34	
Jones Ct/Daniel Solander Dr (Endeavour Hills)		6:30	7:02	7:32	8:02	8:33	9:03	9:33	10:02	10:32	11:02	11:32	12:02	12:32	1:02	1:33	2:03	2:35	2:35	
Johnson Pl/Daniel Solander Dr (Endeavour Hills)		6:31	7:03	7:33	8:03	8:34	9:04	9:34	10:03	10:33	11:03	11:33	12:03	12:33	1:03	1:34	2:04	2:35	2:35	
Dampier Ct/Daniel Solander Dr (Endeavour Hills)		6:31	7:03	7:33	8:03	8:35	9:05	9:35	10:03	10:33	11:03	11:33	12:03	12:33	1:03	1:34	2:04	2:36	2:36	
Lorraine Kovacs Reserve/Daniel Solander Dr (Endeavour Hills)		6:32	7:04	7:34	8:04	8:36	9:06	9:36	10:04	10:34	11:04	11:34	12:04	12:34	1:04	1:35	2:05	2:37	2:37	
Endeavour Hills SC/Matthew Flinders Ave (Endeavour Hills)		6:33	7:05	7:35	8:05	8:37	9:07	9:37	10:05	10:35	11:05	11:35	12:05	12:35	1:05	1:36	2:06	2:38	2:38	
Cavendish Ct/Mossieglie Park Dr (Endeavour Hills)		6:33	7:05	7:35	8:05	8:37	9:07	9:37	10:05	10:35	11:05	11:35	12:05	12:35	1:05	1:36	2:06	2:38	2:38	
Lachlan Dr/Scotsburn Way (Endeavour Hills)		6:34	7:06	7:36	8:06	8:38	9:08	9:38	10:06	10:36	11:06	11:36	12:06	12:36	1:06	1:37	2:07	2:39	2:39	
Monteith Cres/Scotsburn Way (Endeavour Hills)		6:35	7:07	7:37	8:07	8:40	9:10	9:40	10:07	10:37	11:07	11:37	12:07	12:37	1:07	1:38	2:08	2:40	2:40	
Crossdale Rise/Scotsburn Way (Endeavour Hills)		6:36	7:08	7:38	8:08	8:40	9:10	9:40	10:08	10:38	11:08	11:38	12:08	12:38	1:08	1:39	2:09	2:41	2:41	
Mossieglie Park Primary School/Scotsburn Way (Endeavour Hills)		6:36	7:09	7:39	8:09	8:41	9:11	9:41	10:09	10:39	11:09	11:39	12:09	12:39	1:09	1:40	2:10	2:42	2:42	
Barry Simon Reserve/Gleneagles Dr (Endeavour Hills)		6:37	7:10	7:40	8:10	8:42	9:12	9:42	10:10	10:40	11:10	11:40	12:10	12:40	1:10	1:41	2:11	2:43	2:43	
Dundee Ct/Sheffield St (Endeavour Hills)		6:38	7:10	7:40	8:10	8:43	9:13	9:43	10:10	10:40	11:10	11:40	12:10	12:40	1:10	1:41	2:11	2:43	2:43	
Girvan Ct/Sheffield Dr (Endeavour Hills)		6:39	7:11	7:41	8:11	8:44	9:14	9:44	10:11	10:41	11:11	11:41	12:11	12:41	1:11	1:42	2:12	2:44	2:44	
Milport Ct/Sheffield St (Endeavour Hills)		6:40	7:12	7:42	8:12	8:45	9:15	9:45	10:12	10:42	11:12	11:42	12:12	12:42	1:12	1:43	2:13	2:45	2:45	
John Stover Reserve/Sheffield St (Endeavour Hills)		6:40	7:13	7:43	8:13	8:46	9:16	9:46	10:13	10:43	11:13	11:43	12:13	12:43	1:13	1:44	2:14	2:46	2:46	
Sheffield St/Gleneagles Dr (Endeavour Hills)		6:42	7:14	7:44	8:14	8:47	9:17	9:47	10:14	10:44	11:14	11:44	12:14	12:44	1:14	1:45	2:15	2:47	2:47	
Reema Bvd/Gleneagles Dr (Endeavour Hills)		6:42	7:15	7:45	8:15	8:48	9:18	9:48	10:15	10:45	11:15	11:45	12:15	12:45	1:15	1:46	2:16	2:48	2:48	
Skipton Pl/Gleneagles St (Endeavour Hills)		6:43	7:16	7:46	8:16	8:49	9:19	9:49	10:16	10:46	11:16	11:46	12:16	12:46	1:16	1:47	2:17	2:49	2:49	
Hallam North Rd/Gleneagles Dr (Endeavour Hills)		6:44	7:17	7:47	8:17	8:50	9:20	9:50	10:17	10:47	11:17	11:47	12:17	12:47	1:17	1:48	2:18	2:50	2:50	
Casey Seventh-day Adventist Church/Reema Bvd (Endeavour Hills)		6:45	7:18	7:48	8:18	8:51	9:21	9:51	10:18	10:48	11:18	11:48	12:18	12:48	1:18	1:49	2:19	2:51	2:51	
Brando Ct/Reema Bvd (Endeavour Hills)		6:46	7:19	7:49	8:19	8:52	9:22	9:52	10:19	10:49	11:19	11:49	12:19	12:49	1:19	1:50	2:20	2:52	2:52	
Gleneagles Sec Col/Reema Bvd (Endeavour Hills)		6:47	7:20	7:50	8:20	8:53	9:23	9:53	10:20	10:50	11:20	11:50	12:20	12:50	1:20	1:51	2:21	2:53	2:53	

		Monday to Friday																		
Wheelchair Accessible Services		pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
Morning (am) / Afternoon (pm)		pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
Dandenong Station/Foster St (Dandenong)		2:44	3:18	3:48	4:18	4:49	5:20	5:48	6:18	6:48	7:18	7:48	8:18	8:48	9:18	9:48				
Langhorne Pl/Langhorne St (Dandenong)		2:47	3:22	3:52	4:22	4:53	5:24	5:51	6:21	6:51	7:21	7:51	8:21	8:51	9:21	9:51				
Stuart St/Crow St (Dandenong)		2:50	3:25	3:55	4:25	4:56	5:27	5:54	6:24	6:54	7:24	7:54	8:24	8:54	9:24	9:54				
Clement St/Crow St (Dandenong)		2:52	3:28	3:58	4:28	4:59	5:30	5:56	6:26	6:56	7:26	7:56	8:26	8:56	9:26	9:56				
Ross St/Crow St (Dandenong)		2:54	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:01	5:32	5:58	6:28	6:58	7:28	7:58	8:28	8:57	9:27	9:57				
Robert Booth Reserve/Crow St (Dandenong)		2:58	3:34	4:04	4:34	5:05	5:36	6:02	6:32	7:02	7:32	8:02	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00				
Betula St/Kidds Rd (Doveton)		2:58	3:34	4:04	4:34	5:05	5:36	6:02	6:32	7:02	7:32	8:02	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00				
Doveton Baptist Church/Kidds Rd (Doveton)		3:00	3:36	4:06	4:36	5:07	5:38	6:03	6:33	7:03	7:33	8:03	8:32	9:02	9:32	10:02				
Linden Place SC/Power Rd (Doveton)		3:00	3:36	4:06	4:36	5:07	5:38	6:04	6:34	7:04	7:34	8:04	8:32	9:02	9:32	10:02				
Plum St/Power Rd (Doveton)		3:01	3:37	4:07	4:37	5:08	5:39	6:05	6:35	7:05	7:35	8:05	8:33	9:03	9:33	10:03				
Power Reserve/Power Rd (Doveton)		3:02	3:38	4:08	4:38	5:09	5:40	6:05	6:35	7:05	7:35	8:05	8:34	9:04	9:34	10:04				
Griffith St/Power Rd (Endeavour Hills)		3:03	3:39	4:09	4:39	5:10	5:41	6:06	6:36	7:06	7:36	8:06	8:35	9:05	9:35	10:05				
Delos Ct/Amalfi Dr (Endeavour Hills)		3:03	3:39	4:09	4:39	5:10	5:41	6:06	6:36	7:06	7:36	8:06	8:35	9:05	9:35	10:05				
James Cook Dr/Amalfi Dr (Endeavour Hills)		3:04	3:40	4:10	4:40	5:11	5:42	6:07	6:37	7:07	7:37	8:07	8:36	9:06	9:36	10:06				
James Cook PS/James Cook Dr (Endeavour Hills)		3:04	3:40	4:10	4:40	5:11	5:42	6:07	6:37	7:07	7:37	8:07	8:36	9:06	9:36	10:06				
Jones Ct/Daniel Solander Dr (Endeavour Hills)		3:05	3:41	4:11	4:41	5:12	5:43	6:08	6:38	7:08	7:38	8:08	8:37	9:07	9:37	10:07				
Johnson Pl/Daniel Solander Dr (Endeavour Hills)		3:05	3:41	4:11	4:41	5:12	5:43	6:09	6:39	7:09	7:39	8:09	8:37	9:07	9:37	10:07				
Dampier Ct/Daniel Solander Dr (Endeavour Hills)		3:06	3:42	4:12	4:42	5:13	5:44	6:09	6:39	7:09	7:39	8:09	8:38	9:08	9:38	10:08				
Lorraine Kovacs Reserve/Daniel Solander Dr (Endeavour Hills)		3:07	3:43	4:13	4:43	5:14	5:45	6:10	6:40	7:10	7:40	8:10	8:39	9:09	9:39	10:09				
Endeavour Hills SC/Matthew Flinders Ave (Endeavour Hills)		3:08	3:44	4:14	4:44	5:15	5:46	6:11	6:41	7:11	7:41	8:11	8:40	9:10	9:40	10:10				
Cavendish Ct/Mossieglie Park Dr (Endeavour Hills)		3:08	3:44	4:14	4:44	5:15	5:46	6:11	6:41	7:11	7:41	8:11	8:40	9:10	9:40	10:10				
Lachlan Dr/Scotsburn Way (Endeavour Hills)		3:09	3:45	4:15	4:45	5:16	5:47	6:12	6:42	7:12	7:42	8:12	8:41	9:11	9:41	10:11				
Monteith Cres/Scotsburn Way (Endeavour Hills)		3:10	3:47	4:17	4:47	5:17	5:48	6:13	6:43	7:13	7:43	8:13	8:42	9:12	9:42	10:12				
Crossdale Rise/Scotsburn Way (Endeavour Hills)		3:11	3:47	4:17	4:47	5:18	5:49	6:14	6:44	7:14	7:44	8:14	8:43	9:13	9:43	10:13				

## 861 Endeavour Hills - Dandenong Station via Dandenong Hospital (From 31-05-2020)

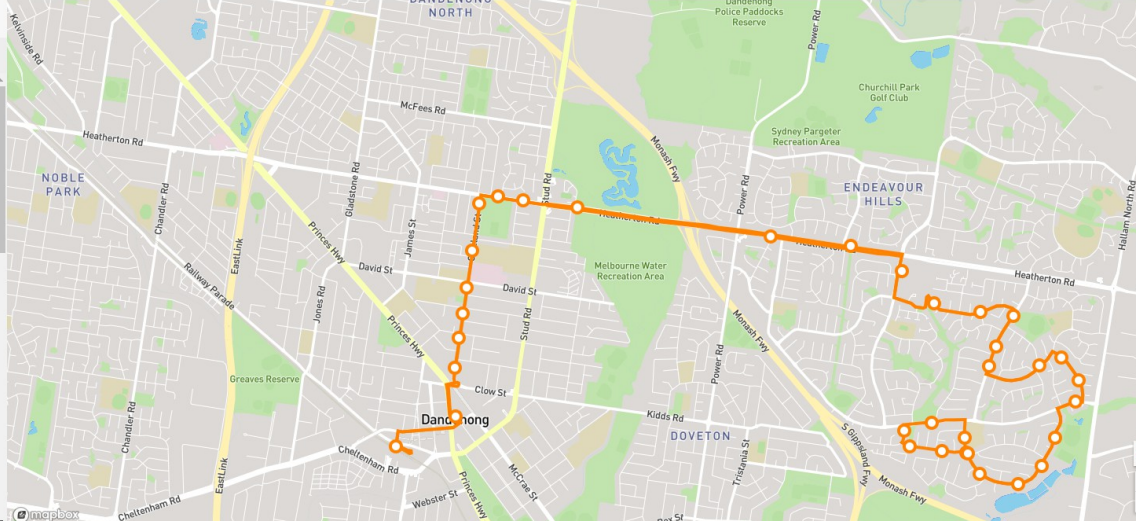
● Good Service

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● View Timetable

- To Endeavour Hills    To Dandenong Station
- Select a station to view departure times
- ▶ Dandenong Station/Foster St
  - ▶ Langhorne Pl/Langhorne St
  - ▶ Dandenong Market/Cleeland St
  - ▶ Cleeland Street Medical Centre/Cleeland St
  - ▶ Ann St/Cleeland St
  - ▶ Dandenong Hospital/Cleeland St
  - ▶ Chisholm Institute/Cleeland St
  - ▶ Oasis Pool/Cleeland St
  - ▶ Simpson Dr/Heatherton Rd
  - ▶ Stud Rd/Heatherton Rd
  - ▶ Khalil Ave/Heatherton Rd
  - ▶ Bittern Dr/Heatherton Rd
  - ▶ Grove End Rd/Heatherton Rd



## 845 Endeavour Hills - Dandenong Station via Kennington Park Dr (From 31-05-2020)

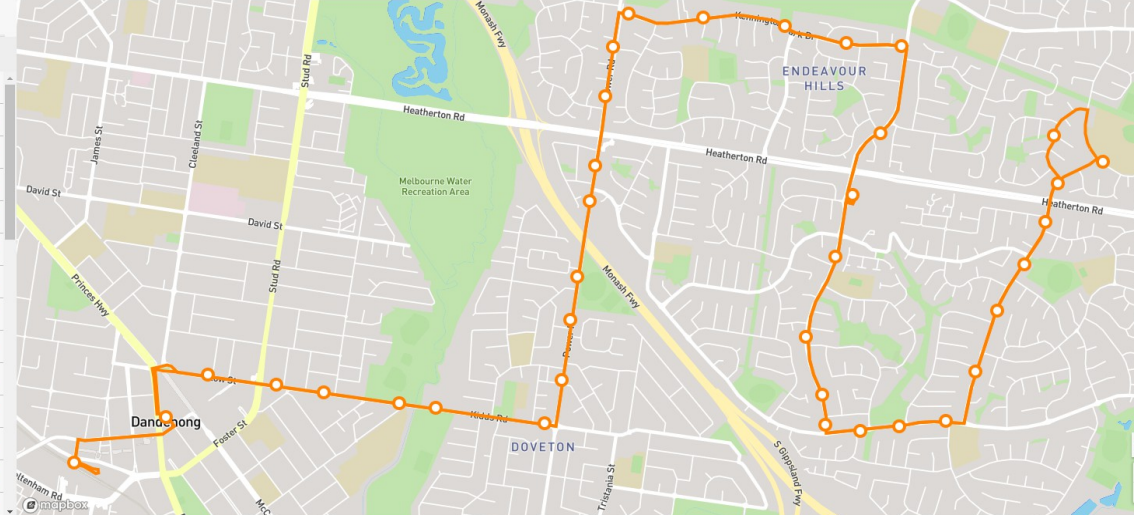
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● View Timetable

- To Endeavour Hills    To Dandenong Station
- Select a station to view departure times
- ▶ Dandenong Station/Foster St
  - ▶ Langhorne Pl/Langhorne St
  - ▶ Stuart St/Clow St
  - ▶ Clement St/Clow St
  - ▶ Ross St/Clow St
  - ▶ Robert Booth Reserve/Clow St
  - ▶ Betula St/Kidds Rd
  - ▶ Doveton Baptist Church/Kidds Rd
  - ▶ Linden Place SC/Power Rd
  - ▶ Plum St/Power Rd
  - ▶ Power Reserve/Power Rd
  - ▶ Griffith St/Power Rd
  - ▶ Aldridge St/Power Rd
  - ▶ Essex Park Dr/Power Rd



## Whyalla - Port Augusta - Port Pirie - Adelaide Timetable

TO ADELAIDE		MON & FRI 909 am	MONDAY TO FRIDAY 905 am	THURS & SAT 925 am	TUES 921 pm
<b>WHYALLA</b>	<b>Statliner Terminal</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>11.47</b>	<b>2.12</b>
Port Augusta - Arrive	24 Seven, 34 Eyre Highway	6.56	9.56	12.43	3.10
<b>PORT AUGUSTA - Depart</b>	<b>24 Seven, 34 Eyre Highway</b>	<b>7.01</b>	<b>10.16</b>	<b>1.30</b>	<b>4.00</b>
Port Germein	General Store P.O.	7.44	10.59	2.13	4.43
Port Pirie - Arrive	Statliner Terminal	8.03	11.18	2.32	5.02
<b>PORT PIRIE - Depart</b>	<b>Statliner Terminal</b>	<b>8.26</b>	<b>11.25</b>	<b>2.39</b>	<b>5.09</b>
Crystal Brook	Mobil Crystal Brook / Perrys	-	11.48	3.02	5.32
Redhill	Post Office	-	12.06	3.20	5.50
Snowtown	100 Mile Roadhouse	-	12.29	3.43	6.13
Lochiel	Jitter Bean Oasis / Cafe	-	12.40	3.54	6.24
Port Broughton	Roadhouse	9.03	-	-	-
Bute	Bute Foodworks	9.25	-	-	-
Port Wakefield (S)	BP Truckstop	9.53	1.04	4.18	6.48
<b>ADELAIDE</b>	<b>Central Bus Station</b>	<b>11.25</b>	<b>2.30</b>	<b>5.50</b>	<b>8.20</b>

Extract of updated Whyalla to Adelaide timetable eff. 21 May.

(see also top of next page)

FROM ADELAIDE		MON, WED, FRI 928 am	MON & FRI 900 pm	MONDAY TO FRIDAY 908 pm
<b>ADELAIDE</b>	<b>Central Bus Station</b>	<b>8.30</b>	<b>12.30</b>	<b>4.30</b>
Port Wakefield - Arrive (P)	BP Truckstop	● 10.00	1.58	5.58
Lochiel	Jitter Bean Oasis / Cafe	● 10.24	● 2.22	● 6.22
Snowtown	100 Mile Roadhouse	● 10.35	● 2.33	● 6.33
Redhill	Post Office	● 10.58	● 2.56	● 6.56
Crystal Brook	Mobil Crystal Brook / Perrys	11.16	3.14	7.14
Port Pirie - Arrive	Stateliner Terminal	11.39	3.37	7.37
<b>PORT PIRIE - Depart</b>	<b>Stateliner Terminal</b>	<b>11.44</b>	<b>3.42</b>	<b>7.42</b>
Port Germein	General Store P.O.	● 12.03	● 4.01	●▼ 8.01
Port Augusta - Arrive	24 Seven, 34 Eyre Highway	▣ 12.46	4.44	8.44
<b>PORT AUGUSTA - Depart</b>	<b>24 Seven, 34 Eyre Highway</b>	<b>1.45</b>	<b>5.04</b>	<b>9.04</b>
<b>WHYALLA</b>	<b>Stateliner Terminal</b>	<b>2.41</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>

● On Request    ☑ Refreshment/Meal Stop  
(P) Pick-up only    (S) Set-down only    ▼ Turn Off only

Long Weekend & Public Holiday periods (including the day before and the day after) - check for special timetables with your local agent or Stateliner, unless booking online which will include all alterations.

All times subject to traffic and road conditions      Refer to General Information for important travel details      21/05/2020

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

### Travel restrictions lifted

From Monday 18 May, travel restrictions were lifted across the state, although capacity is still reduced by 50 per cent compared to the full timetable to help limit any spread of COVID-19.

Certain services still require passengers to complete Travel Exemption Forms – these include East Perth to Kalgoorlie, Esperance and Geraldton services.

Regional school bus services recommenced from 29 April while all route bus services returned to normal frequencies.

## NEW ZEALAND

### Social distancing on buses

Under level 2 social restrictions in **Auckland**, buses are allowed to carry only 15-18 passengers (39 for double-deckers). Auckland Transport has pink signs outside buses showing the maximum capacity allowed (image right top, *source: NZ Herald*), while standing is not allowed, and stickers have been placed on seats. Auckland Transport continues to use back-door boarding for general boarding while the front door is available only for mobility- and visually-impaired passengers. School buses services have also recommenced, however standing is also not permitted by students.

With the move to level 2 restrictions on 14 May, **Wellington** buses have had orange signs placed on board (image right, *source: stuff.co.nz/Getty Images*), while no standing is permitted on any services due to the new one metre distancing requirement (two metres for levels 3 and 4 only). Two metres distance remains the requirement at bus stops. Buses in Wellington have resumed using front door boarding.

Metlink said that patronage had risen 150 per cent from level 4 (proper lockdown) to level 3 restrictions.

## InterCity buses

InterCity confirmed that its bus services would continue to be cancelled until June. It said that with level 2 social restrictions, it would need to run services at less than 50 per cent capacity to allow for social distancing which would be unaffordable for the operator. It said it would look forward to restarting services once the country drops to level 1.



## INTERNATIONAL

### London congestion charge returns

The famed city centre congestion charge in London returned on Monday 18 May. The fee has also been raised by 30 per cent from £11.50 to a flat £15. It has returned as part of a deal for Transport for London to receive emergency government funding. Additionally, bus fares have been re-introduced, children no longer have free travel across London, seniors over 60 have restrictions on travel passes during peak periods and, for the first time since Sadiq Khan became Mayor, a fare increase of one per cent above the inflation rate will be introduced next year.

**Thanks** to Steven Haby, Transport for NSW, Public Transport Victoria, New Zealand Herald, *stuff.co.nz*, Metlink and BBC News for *Bus & Coach News*.

## FERRY & SHIP NEWS

### QUEENSLAND

#### Regional support

The state government announced in late April that it would spend \$54.5 million supporting regional transport services. It will enable ferry operators to continue running a bare bones schedule but an essential service during the patronage downturn enforced by the COVID-19 pandemic. Patrons of ferries operating to North Stradbroke Island, Thursday Island, Magnetic Island, Southern Morton Bay Island and Coochiemudlo Island will benefit.

### NEW SOUTH WALES

#### Industrial dispute

On Wednesday 13 May, all Sydney Ferries services were affected by a four-hour suspension in the middle of the day caused by “an industrial dispute”. Transport for NSW advised that buses had been arranged to operate between Circular Quay and Manly, while customers could also use the competitor Manly Fast Ferry. Patrons on other routes were “advised to catch local bus services or make alternative arrangements”.

The dispute was over a former employee who was recently dismissed due to a positive drug test for alcohol.

#### Palm Beach diversions

Due to inclement weather conditions causing rough swells, on the weekend between Friday 22 and Sunday 24 May, Fantasea Cruising's Palm Beach ferry service was diverted to operate to Patonga, instead of Wagstaffe and Ettalong.

*Table Talk – June 2020*

Fantasea advised that “conditions would be assessed frequently and once deemed safe will return to normal operations”. The temporary timetable provided is below:



#### Timetable for Diversion to Patonga

**Friday 22; Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 May 2020**

#### Monday to Friday Timetable

DEPARTURE TIMES – journey takes approx. 20 mins each way											
Palm Beach		06:30	07:30	09:15	10:30	12:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:15
Patonga	06:00	07:00	08:00	09:45	11:00	12:30	14:30	15:30	16:30	17:30	

#### Saturday Timetable

DEPARTURE TIMES – journey takes approx. 20 mins each way											
Palm Beach			07:30	09:15	10:30	12:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:15**
Patonga			08:00	09:45	11:00	12:30	14:30	15:30	16:30	17:30	18:40**

\*\* operates from 1 Oct to Easter Monday only

#### Sunday & Public Holiday Timetable

DEPARTURE TIMES – journey takes approx. 20 mins each way											
Palm Beach				09:15	10:30	12:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:15**
Patonga				09:45	11:00	12:30	14:30	15:30	16:30	17:30	18:40**

\*\* operates from 1 Oct to Easter Monday only

We apologise for any inconvenience the service diversion may cause you however, your safety and wellbeing are our main priorities

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

#### SeaLink Ferries

Services continue to run but for essential travel only to and from Kangaroo Island. As of May 2020, the following services were operating:

From Cape Jervis:

- 0700, 1000, 1300, 1600 and 1900 daily

From Penneshaw:

- 0530, 0830, 1130, 1430 and 1730 daily

From 16 May, additional services commenced operating on the Southern Moreton Bay route.

## Additional Passenger Ferries

Effective Friday 15 May 2020  
MONDAY TO FRIDAY

### AM SERVICES

Redland Bay	...	5:00	5:45	6:45	7:35	8:45	09:10 T	9:45	10:45 T
Karragarra Island	...	...	6:00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Macleay Island	...	5:20	6:10	7:05	7:55	9:05	...	10:05	...
Lamb Island	...	...	6:15	...	...	...	...	...	...
Russell Island	4:20	...	6:20	...	8:10	9:20	09:30 T	10:20	11:05 T
Redland Bay	4:50	5:40	6:35	7:25	8:30	9:40	...	10:40	...

### PM SERVICES

Redland Bay	...	1:35	2:20	3:18 PS	4:20 PS T	...	5:45 T
Karragarra Island	...	...	...	3:33 PS	4:35 PS T	...	6:00 T
Macleay Island	...	...	2:40	3:36 PS	4:38 PS T	...	6:03 T
Lamb Island	...	...	...	3:41 PS	4:43 PS T	5:08	6:08 T
Russell Island	1:10	1:55	2:50	3:48	4:50 T	5:15	6:15 T
Lamb Island	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Macleay Island	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Karragarra Island	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Redland Bay	1:30	2:15	3:10	4:08	...	5:35	...

*\*additional services subject to change without notice*

*Passengers are responsible for the decisions they make regarding social distancing*

Services marked PS are dedicated school services only  
Normal school services will be running on the propeller vessel  
Services marked T terminate at Russell Island

SeaLink Bay Islands 15-05-20

*Extract of updated SeaLink Moreton Bay timetable.*

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

### SeaLink Rottnest Island

All services have been suspended until at least the end of May.

## NEW ZEALAND

### Wellington ferries

From Monday 18 May, the East by West ferry was re-introduced following the easing of lockdown restrictions from COVID-19 under a reduced timetable. However, Seatoun and Matiu/Somes Island stops are being missed.

From Friday 15 May, the Interislander ferry returned to its full timetable. KiwiRail chief executive Greg Millar said it would review demand from the first week to determine if it would continue with the full timetable under Level 2 social restrictions.

Meanwhile, Bluebridge is restricted in the services it can run on its Cook Strait operation because its' second ferry is currently undergoing repair in Australia.

**Thanks** to Steven Haby, Bus & Coach Australasia, Transport for NSW and *stuff.co.nz* for *Ferry & Ship News*.

## AIR NEWS

### DOMESTIC

#### Rex takes on Qantas, Virgin

Regional operator, Regional Express (Rex), is considering branching out from their regional domestic flights to start operating whole flights between various capital cities. It said it would look to take on the space recently vacated by Virgin and Qantas due to COVID-19 by spending \$200 million on staffing and leasing 10 aircraft which it would get from a capital raising.

Chairperson, John Sharp, said "The proposition is to fly between them and provide a domestic air service in place of the one once provided by Virgin" using either Boeing 737 or Airbus A320s. The airline said that its offering would be somewhere between budget and full-service with a launch date set for early next year.

#### Qantas baulks at social distancing

Qantas medical director, Ian Hosegood, defended the company's stance of not leaving an empty seat between passengers, saying that the risk was very low because cabins run through hospital-grade HEPA filters which remove 99.9 per cent of particles, including viruses, and that air also comes from outside the plane, while high head rests and lack of face-to-face interaction between passengers also assists. Chief executive Alan Joyce said to provide the recommended 1.5 metre distance between people would limit an Airbus A320 to only 22 passengers which would cause airfares to rise 8-9 times their current rate. The airline however is providing a free mask to all passengers on its Qantas and Jetstar services.

American Airlines, Delta and Qatar Airways all make masks mandatory, while Air New Zealand and Delta both assist with social distancing by keeping clear space between passengers.

Pointing to both a "lack of evidence" of mid-air coronavirus transmission and the fact that government-chartered repatriation flights had no mandated social distancing onboard, which it said the government was "very happy with that", Qantas has been working with the Federal government on an exemption to social distancing on its flights. Mr Joyce said the airline's intent was to transfer the practices on its charter flights onto its domestic operation.

#### Regional support

The Queensland government announced in late April that it would spend \$54.5 million supporting regional transport services. It will enable QantasLink, Regional Express, Skytrans and Hinterland Aviation to continue running bare bones but essential flights across the state during the patronage downturn enforced by the COVID-19 pandemic. It will complement Federal government funding also announced.

	April 18, 2019	April 18, 2020	Change
International flights	722	147	- 80 per cent
	Thu b4 Good Fri, 2019	Thu b4 Good Fri, 2020	
Domestic flights	2251	509	- 77 per cent
	Sat March 12, 2020	Thu April 7, 2020	
SYD-MEL route	213	15	- 93 per cent

Courtesy: Craig Butt and Richard Lama, *The Age* newspaper.

## COVID-19 impact

*The Age* newspaper published a comparison showing the starkness caused by the COVID-19 pandemic (see table, above).

The full interactive article can be found at: [www.theage.com.au/interactive/2020/coronavirus/silent-skies/index.html](http://www.theage.com.au/interactive/2020/coronavirus/silent-skies/index.html).

## Singapore Airlines in the Alice

In light of COVID-19's substantial impacts on the airline industry, Singapore Airlines has taken to storing some of their excess planes in Alice Springs. Asia Pacific Aircraft Storage is holding aircraft for the airline include Airbus A380s and Boeing 777s. See right.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Atlantic cuts

On Tuesday 5 May, Virgin Atlantic announced it was ending flights through Gatwick Airport for the time being. It also cut 3,000 (30 per cent) of its workforce.

**Thanks** to Richard May, Bus & Coach Australasia, The Sydney Morning Herald, Business Insider, ABC News, Yahoo! Lifestyle and BBC News for *Air News*.



Steve Strike

about 3 weeks ago



Billions of dollars worth of aircraft mothballed in the desert near Alice Springs. I cant imagine the long term effects of this. I don't think anyone has any idea how travel in the world will be in the future.



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# Timetable Adjustments May 2020 Information for Staff

## Overview

From **Sunday 24 May 2020**, minor adjustments will be introduced to the Standard Working Timetable.

## Timetable Adjustments Summarised

- Timetable system geography speed sign alignment at various network locations
- New 0018 hours Sunday service from Newcastle Interchange to Telarah
- New 0146 hours weekend service will depart from Newcastle Interchange to Wyong replacing the 0200 hours Newcastle Interchange to Fassifern (removal of Awaba no. 56 point rail clean)
- Central Coast / Hunter Line connection improvements at Hamilton
- Platform alteration at Helensburgh 328B (8T) via Platform 1 (Safety improvement)
- Network Maintenance window enabler between Hurstville and Oatley
- Schofields Platform 1 terminations on Weekends to improve train working (previously platform 2)
- NP24 (Weekend) – timing aligned to match NP24 Weekday timetable
- Selected down Weekday trips to Berowra have minor passenger timing changes to improve reliability
- Minor timing alteration to some PM peak north I/C services between Berowra and Gosford
- Crew relief stops added on some suburban and intercity trips
- Altered Stabling Lithgow and Mount Victoria to align to current operation
- T Set Maintenance touch time improvement
- Metropolitan Track Patrol Vehicle adjustments

## Timetable adjustments detailed by Line

### T1 North Shore & Western Line

The following services depart Mt Colah and Mount Kuringgai 1 min earlier and arrive Berowra 1 min earlier

- 130M (Weekday) 1602 hours Central to Berowra
- 166M (Weekday) 1632 hours Central to Berowra
- 167M (Weekday) 1701 hours Central to Berowra
- 145N (Weekday) 1731 hours Central to Berowra
- 168N (Weekday) 1746 hours Central to Berowra

Miscellaneous Adjustments on the T1 North Shore & Western Line

- All weekday down trips from Central or Blacktown to Richmond platform 2 now arrive one to two minutes later
- Up to two minutes of additional time has been added to either start or stable times in Blacktown Car Sidings roads 1 and 2
- 165N (Tues-Fri) 0025 hours Central to Emu Plains and 165N (Sat) 0025 hours Central to Penrith Car Sidings will depart Strathfield platform 6 at 0039 (instead of platform 8)
- 169C Weekday 0439 hours Richmond to Central departs Vineyard one minute later
- W540 (Weekday) 0924 hours Lithgow to Sydney Terminal departs Emu Plains, one minute later
- H568 (Weekend) 1618 hours Flemington CS to Sydney Terminal departs two minutes earlier at 1616 hours
- 282F (Weekend - Empty) 1624 hours Eveleigh Oscar MC to Sydney Terminal departs two minutes earlier at 1622 hours
- 105D (Weekday) 1813 hours Central to Blacktown Car Sidings now terminates Blacktown platform 1. Forms new trips 105E Blacktown to Strathfield and