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COMMENT FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the first edition of *Table Talk* for 2022. In addition to our usual mix of news and updates, our Bus Editor, Steven Haby, has provided an overview of various bus, ferry and airline timetables in operation across many states, including Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia. These are provided in their respective sections.

RAIL & TRAM NEWS

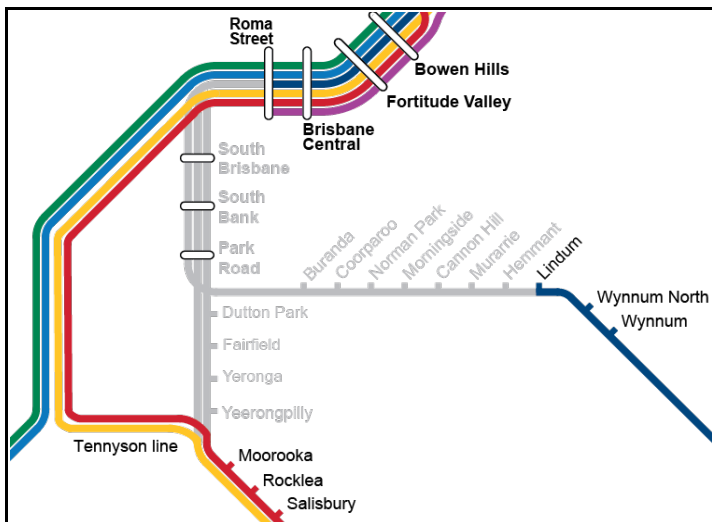
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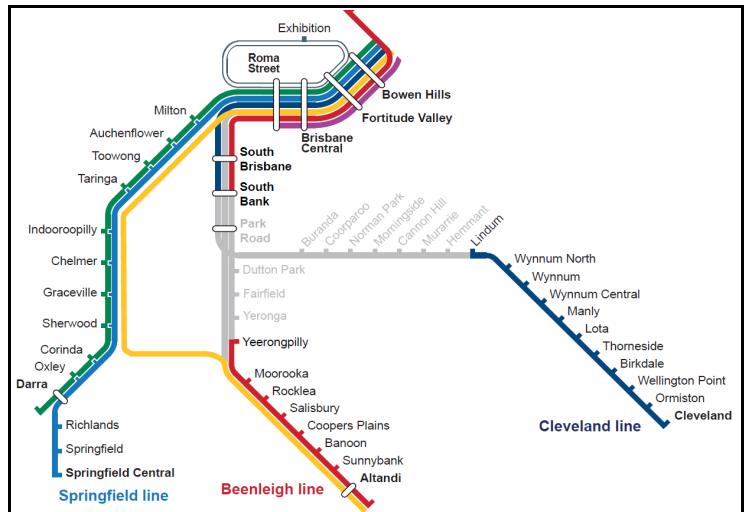
Brisbane: New Year closedown

The Christmas/New Year period saw a staged closedown directly impacting the Beenleigh, Cleveland and Gold Coast lines to allow for assorted track works, including the Cross River Rail project.

From **Saturday 25 to Tuesday 28 December**, buses replaced trains between Roma Street, Lindum and Moorooka. Beenleigh and Gold Coast trains operated from Roma Street express to Moorooka and Altandi respectively via Tennyson Loop. See map 1 below.

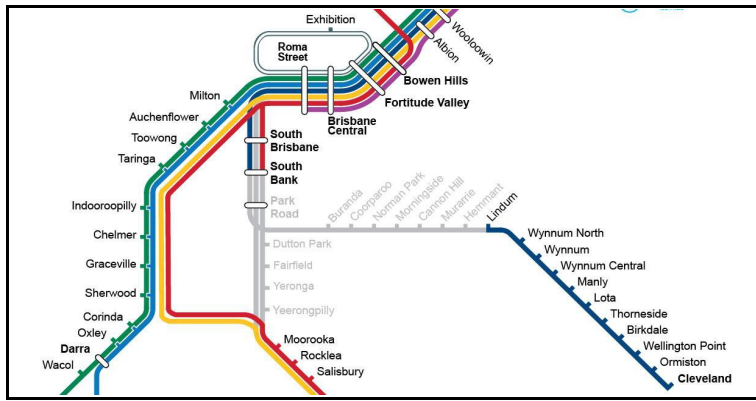


From **Wednesday 29 to 18:00 Friday, 31 Dec**, buses replaced trains between Roma Street/South Bank to Lindum and Yeerongpilly. Gold Coast trains operated from Roma Street express to Altandi via Tennyson Loop. See map 2 top-right.



From **18:00 Friday, 31 Dec to end of service**, buses replaced trains between Roma Street (although it appears some trains continued through to South Bank), Lindum and Moorooka. Beenleigh and Gold Coast trains operated from Roma Street express to Moorooka and Altandi respectively via Tennyson Loop. See map 3, top of page 2.

From 20:00, Moorooka and Lindum replacement buses skipped South Bank and Cultural Centre stations, due to New Years Eve festivities.



Sydney & NSW Trains: COVID impacts

Since **Wednesday 8 December**, a number of NSW TrainLink Intercity services have been temporarily removed from the weekday timetable, due to crewing shortages resulting from Transport for NSW's directive for employees across the Transport cluster to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. According to a notification from Transport for NSW, "buses may replace services on some routes".

A list covering period 8-24 December is provided below (however as the list of cancellations is reissued each week, alterations to this will likely occur in future):

Central Coast Newcastle

- 06:03, 06:33 & 07:03 Wyong to Blacktown
- 09:03 Blacktown to Hornsby
- 15:22 Hornsby to Blacktown
- 15:36 & 17:06 Blacktown to Wyong
- 16:21 Blacktown to Gosford
- 18:23 & 20:05 Wyong to Gosford

Blue Mountains

- 05:44 & 06:45 Mt Victoria to Central
- 16:17 & 17:17 Central to Lithgow

T4 Eastern Suburbs and Illawarra/South Coast

- 06:03 Dapto to Bondi Junction
- 06:40 Wollongong to Bondi Junction
- 08:03 Bondi Junction to Hurstville
- 08:43 Bondi Junction to Hurstville
- 08:50 Hurstville to Bondi Junction
- 09:30 Hurstville to Bondi Junction
- 09:36 Bondi Junction to Sutherland
- 10:20 Bondi Junction to Hurstville
- 16:00 Sutherland to Bondi Junction
- 16:49 Mortdale to Bondi Junction
- 16:52 Bondi Junction to Kiama
- 17:32 Bondi Junction to Port Kembla
- 19:56 Port Kembla to Waterfall
- 21:16 Waterfall to Port Kembla
- 22:56 Port Kembla to Waterfall
- 24:16 Waterfall to Port Kembla

Southern Highlands (10-12 Dec only)

- 09:22 & 14:02 Moss Vale to Campbelltown
- 11:20 & 15:50 Campbelltown to Moss Vale

Selected trains on the T4 Eastern Suburbs, Central Coast Newcastle, and Blue Mountains lines had additional stops provided to cover extended gaps in service.

On **Friday 10 December**, around a dozen Sydney Trains train rosters were also cancelled due to crewing shortages.

For the week of 20-24 December, some T1 North Shore/Western peak and Hunter line services were additionally removed from the weekday timetable.
TRANSPORT FOR NSW, SYDNEY TRAINS

Then from **Saturday 1 to Monday 3 January**, buses replaced trains between Roma Street, Lindum and Moorooka. Beenleigh and Gold Coast trains operated from Roma Street express to Moorooka and Altandi respectively via Tennyson Loop. See map 1 on the previous page.

Beenleigh and Gold Coast trains diverted via Tennyson Loop saw passengers experience longer travel times to/from the CBD, while service congestion also led to some extended travel times for Airport and Ferry Grove services.

Further general track maintenance from 21:30 on the nights of Monday 24 and Wednesday 26 January will see Beenleigh and Gold Coast line services start/finish at Yeerongpilly, and Cleveland services start/finish at Lindum, with replacement buses running to/from Roma Street. **TRANSLINK**

NEW SOUTH WALES



Sydney Trains: timetable update

Effective from Saturday 19 February, a new Sydney Trains Standard Working TimeTable (SWTT), designated version 9.20, will come into effect.

The timetable update will include:

- the release of several 8T sets for the long-running Tangara Technology Upgrade: Stage Two project (with cascade of train types). Some 8K sets re-introduced to cover the difference.
- Asset rationalisation with the future removal of crossover infrastructure at East Hills.
- Introduction of new crossovers at Hurstville and Erskineville as part of the More Trains More Services program.

Further to the above changes, extra K sets will also be placed on some other train rosters as required for various projects.

The next SWTT update will be due to commence on 11 June 2022. **SYDNEY TRAINS**

Sydney Trains: New Year closedown

From Sunday, 26 December to Sunday, 9 January, a closedown impacted services on some lines due to Sydney Metro South West works, which will run between the city and Bankstown via Sydenham once opened. The closedown had two stages:

Stage 1 (26-28 December):

Lidcombe-Sydenham-Central replaced by buses, impacting T3 Bankstown, T4 Eastern Suburbs and South Coast line services.

The base plan provided for Inner West all stations trains to extend from Homebush to Liverpool via Regents Park (except from 23:30 on night of 28 Dec, T2 Homebush services ran as tabled, and a Liverpool-Lidcombe via Regents Park shuttle introduced due to planned trackwork). T4 services operate Central to Bondi Junction shuttle and Sydenham-Cronulla/Waterfall. South Coast services operate to/from Sydenham.

Bus replacement services:

- **24T3:** Central, Belmore, all to Bankstown.
- **35T3:** Central-Bankstown (all stops)

- **78T3:** Central, Canterbury, and Campsie
- **8T3:** Bankstown-Lidcombe (all stops)
- **8AT3:** Bankstown-Lidcombe (express)

Stage 2 (29 Dec-9 January):

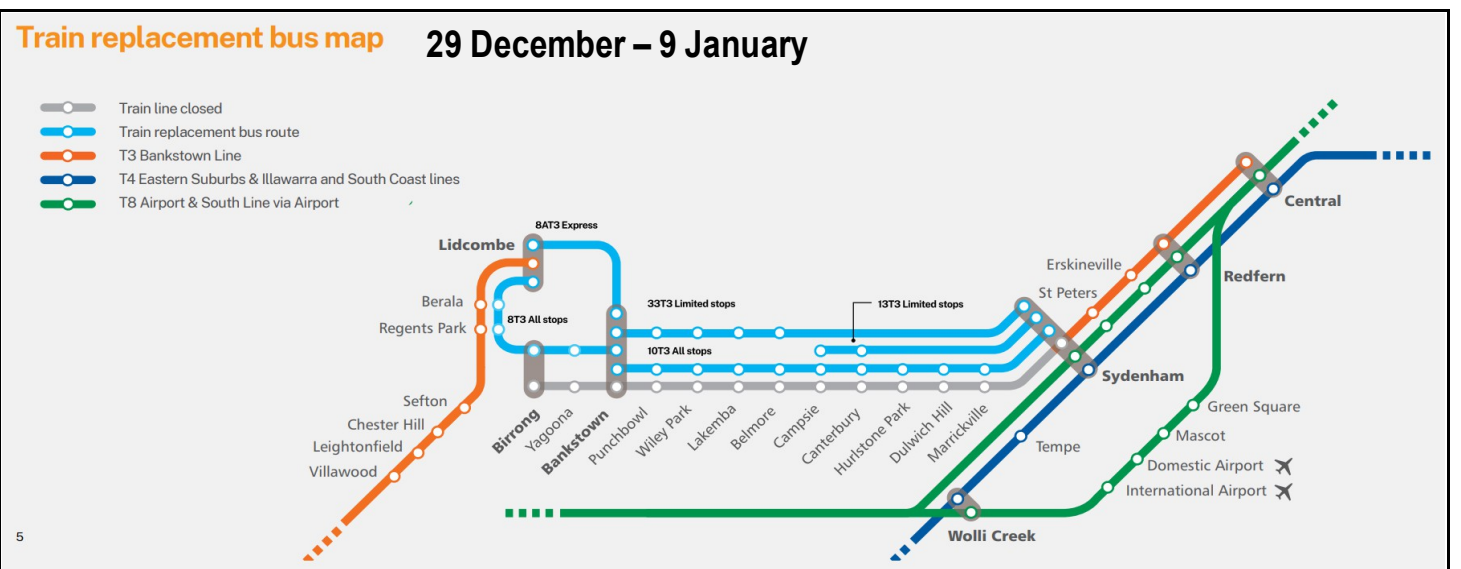
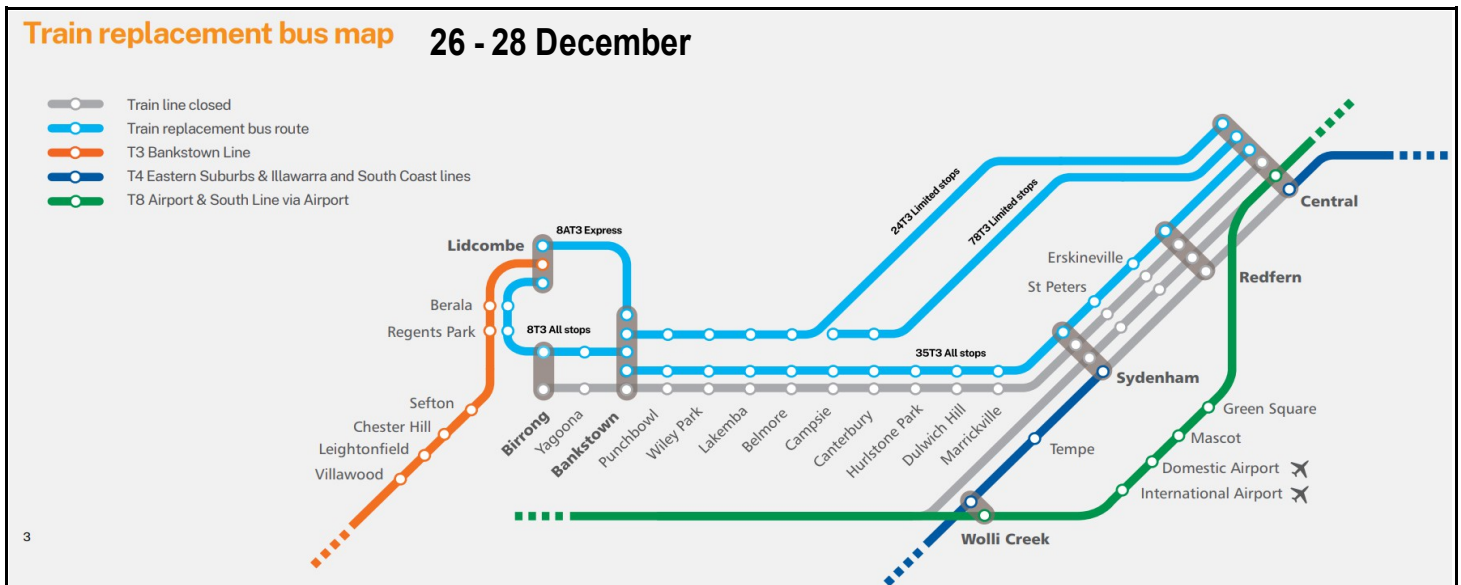
Lidcombe-Sydenham, impacting T3 Bankstown line.

The base train plan provided for many T4 services to stop at Erskineville and St Peters. T2 Homebush services extend to/from Liverpool via Regents Park (except from 23:00 on the night of 29 Dec, same plan as the previous night, as outlined above).

Bus replacement services:

- **10T3:** Sydenham-Bankstown (all stops)
- **33T3:** Sydenham, Belmore, all to Bankstown
- **13T3:** Sydenham, Canterbury, & Campsie
- **8T3:** Bankstown-Lidcombe (all stops)
- **8AT3:** Bankstown-Lidcombe (express)

TRANSPORT FOR NSW, SYDNEY TRAINS



Holiday timetable

Sydney Trains, NSW TrainLink, Metro and Transdev Light Rail operated their usual reduced holiday timetable during the Christmas/New Year period, as follows:

Saturday 25 to Tuesday 28 December:

- Saturday-base timetable.
- Sunday service on Metro and L2/L3 light rail.

Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 Dec:

- Saturday-base timetable, with selected extra peak suburban/intercity services.
- Sunday service on Metro.
- Weekday timetable on L2/L3.

Friday, 31 Dec:

- Saturday-base timetable, with additional frequent services added from 14:00 for New Years Eve festivities. Trains operate all night. From 17:00 to 24:05, City Outer trains u-stop at Circular Quay, while City Inner trains will not stop. From 18:00-24:05, down trains will not stop at Milsons Point, while up trains u-stop.
- Saturday service on Metro with extra services (5-minute frequency 15:50-02:07).
- Weekday timetable on L2/L3. Services truncated to operate Town Hall-Randwick/Juniors Kingsford from 17:00, and to operate until 04:00.

Saturday 1 to Monday 3 January:

- Saturday-base timetable (Sunday-base on 3rd).
- Metro Saturday service on 1 Jan, then Sunday service on 2-3 Jan.
- L2/L3 Sunday timetable. On 1 Jan, services commenced from 05:00.

L1 replacement buses operated to the weekend service frequencies (see December edition, pg. 2) on 25-28 Dec and 1-3 Jan. On 31 Dec, operating hours were extended until 04:00 with buses every 10 minutes, while on the Central side, from 18:00-04:00, buses instead start/finish from Hay Street at Belmore Park. From 19:00, 3L1 and 4L1 buses then skip John Street Square and Fish Market stops until cessation of services at 04:00.

The regular timetable resumes from Tuesday, 4 January for all rail modes. **TRANSPORT FOR NSW**

Sydney Trains: Industrial action

With enterprise agreement negotiations continuing to lag, industrial action returned in December, impacting services across the network.

On **Tuesdays 7 and 14 December**, a ban on operating privately-maintained rollingstock saw around 70 per cent of the train fleet sidelined for the day. As a result, rains on most suburban lines operated every 30























minutes. NSW TrainLink services operated to the weekend timetable.

The timetable was the same as provided for the identical action on Wednesday, 20 October (see *Table Talk's* November 2021 edition, pg. 2, which includes a line-by-line overview). However, exceptions to this on both of these days were a limited bus replacement on the T7 Olympic Park line to complement the reduced train service, and an extension of bus replacement on the South Coast line, with limited buses also operating Wollongong-Kiama instead of trains, and some supplementary buses running Wollongong-Thirroul. Four-carriage Tangara (T) sets only operated between Waterfall and Wollongong.

The limited bus routes were:

- **T3-05:** Bankstown-Lidcombe (all stops)
- **T7-01:** Lidcombe-Olympic Park
- **SCO-02:** Wollongong-Kiama (all stops, though up buses skip Bombo due to "access restrictions")
- **SCO-03:** Wollongong-Kiama (express)
- **SCO-04:** Port Kembla-Wollongong (all stops)
- **SCO-06:** Wollongong-Thirroul (all stops)

From **20:00 Monday, 20th to 04:00 Tuesday, 21st December**, a planned eight-hour stop work action necessitated services to be replaced by limited buses. A list of these routes is provided below, with their designations.

Key - train replacement bus routes		
	Berowra to Hornsby	T1-01
	Epping to Strathfield	T1-07
	Hornsby to Epping	T1-11
	Hornsby to Chatswood	T1-09
	Chatswood to Wynyard	T1-43
	Erru Plains to Blacktown	T1-41
	Richmond to Blacktown	T1-39
	Parramatta to Central via Strathfield	T1-42
	Blacktown to Parramatta	T1-02
	Leppington to Liverpool	T2-12
	Liverpool to Bankstown	T3-15
	Bankstown to Central	T3-01
	Macarthur to Glenfield	T8-12
	Glenfield to Central	T8-11
	Domestic Airport to Central	T8-13
	Cronulla to Sutherland	T4-03
	Waterfall to Sutherland	T4-13
	Sutherland to Central via Hurstville	T4-14
	Waterfall-Thirroul-W'gong	SCO-07
	Camp'tn-Mitt-Bow-Moss Vale	2SH
	Springwood to Penrith	BM-06
	Hornsby-Berowra-Gosford	CCN-01

The suburban bus route were to be serviced every 15 minutes 18:00-22:00, then every 30 mins thereafter until 06:00. The four intercity routes (bottom four in the below list) were to operate every 30-60 mins throughout. A number of the listed bus routes also only serviced limited stops.

A map of these bus routes was provided in the October edition of *Table Talk* (page 15). Once again, the buses are confined to operate in sections of the line, instead of operating from one end to another, necessitating interchanging between buses multiple times to travel from one side of the city to the other. It appears that the Schofields-Tallawong shuttle bus, linking the end of the Metro line to the Sydney Trains Richmond line was omitted this time. **SYDNEY TRAINS, TRANSPORT FOR NSW**

Tangara Technology Upgrade

As of early December, there is at least one eight-carriage Tangara (T) set in passenger service (T77-T18) with the (truncated) stage two Tangara Technology Upgrade (TTU), including wheelchair accessible purple fabric seating, and other operational technology upgrades (this is most noticeable with reduced vestibule space). However, the previously planned Closed Circuit TeleVision (CCTV) and internal passenger indicators have not been implemented.

Whilst stage one of the project, completed in the mid-2010s, was successful, the second stage has dragged on in recent years, believed to be due to difficulties in providing a standardised plan for upgrading the trains.

The purpose of the program is to extend the life of the trains, introduced from the late-1980s to mid-'90s, by another 10-15 years, achieved by updating obsolete technology, and to make the trains more reliable.

Whilst the remaining T sets are progressively upgraded, there will be a temporary reduction in T sets available for passenger service.

Inner West Light Rail

The state government confirmed on 16 December that recent testing of the Citadis tram fleet on the suspended Inner West Light Rail line had proven fruitful. The trams are currently used exclusively on the L2 and L3 lines, due to differences in some standards, including platform gap clearance issues.

The government said it was working towards a February re-opening date for part of the line (Central to Lilyfield), using the Citadis rollingstock. Buses would continue to operate between Lilyfield and Dulwich Hill.

The government said there are plans to repair the cracks in the original CAF Urbos 3 fleet, used exclusively on the L1 line, which will take up to a year to complete. As repairs are completed on each tram, they will be progressively placed back into service, which will, later in the year, allow services to resume along the entire L1.

See the next page for an overview of the existing

replacement/complementary services being provided in December. **TRANSPORT FOR NSW, SYDNEY MORNING HERALD**

Parramatta Light Rail

The Parramatta Connect consortium reported in late November that the project had reached 85 per cent of track laid between Westmead and Carlingford.

In light of the fleet issues affecting the Inner West Light Rail line's 13x Urbos 3 trams, it remains to be seen if any changes will be made to the order by Great River City Light Rail (the consortium consisting of Transdev and CAF) that was awarded the contract to supply, operate and maintain the ordered fleet of trams for the line. The contract to operate and maintain the line runs for eight years from the commencement of passenger operations.

Regular readers will recall a list of proposed names for the stage 1 light rail stops earlier in the year (*Table Talk*, January 2021, page 3). The final names will be due to be announced early in 2022, although it has been advised through private correspondence that some of the altered proposed stop names have been scrapped from the final list. **PARRAMATTA CONNECT, TRANSDEV**

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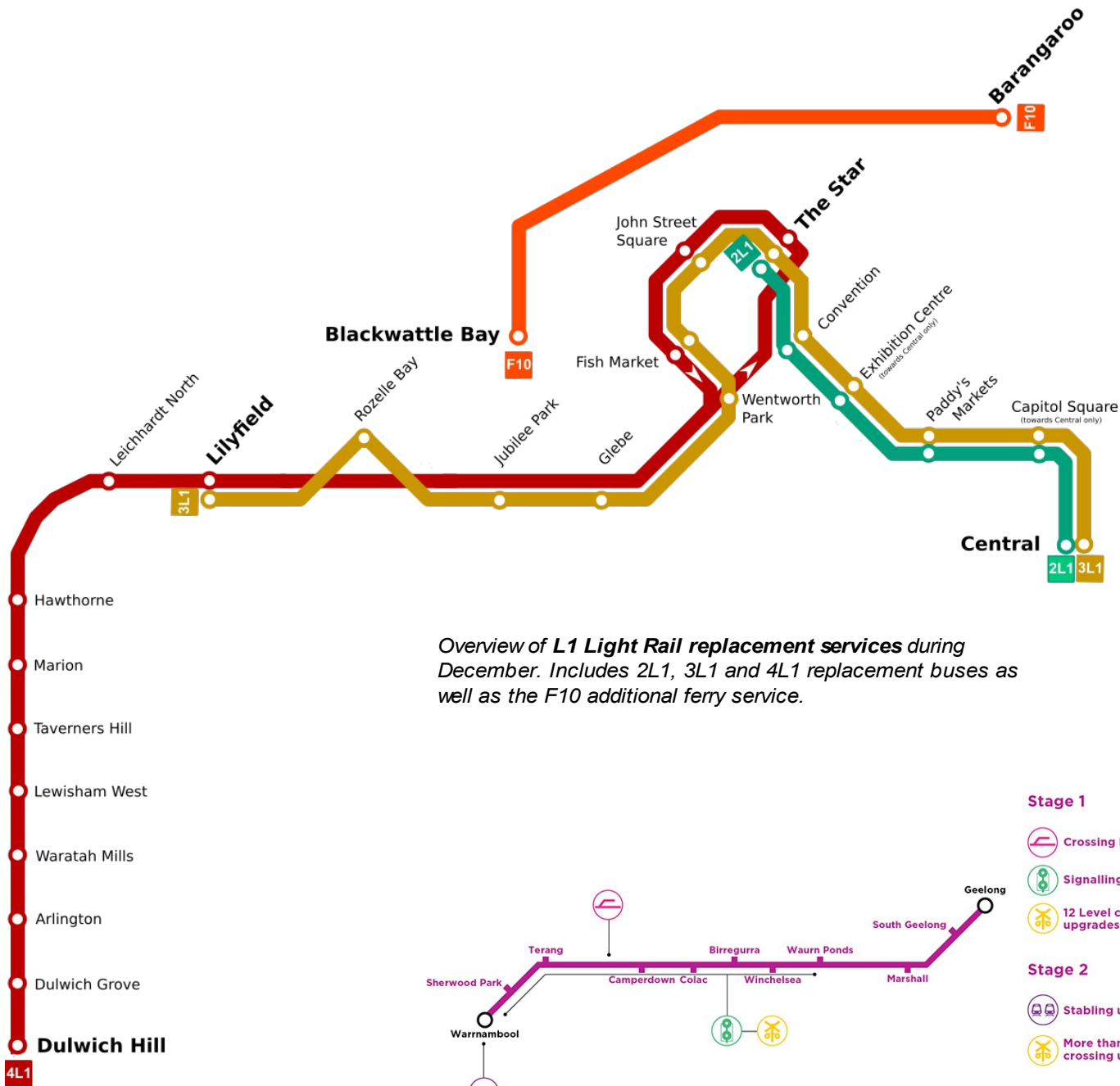
Yarra Trams: Route 58 adjustments

From Sunday 19 December, route 58 (Toorak – West Coburg) services were to be operated predominantly by new E class cars. As a result, new timetables were introduced to coincide with this change although from an initial comparison of the current and new timetables, at the time of writing, there appears to be little change.

On the same date, new timetables were also introduced on routes 11, 12, 19, 48, 57, 59, 75, 78, 82, 96 and 109 that interconnect with route 58 services, consisting of minor timing changes.

Prior to this, E class cars operated on routes 11, 86 and 96 and there are now 100 in the fleet. Work had been underway for some months upgrading track, wiring and stops along the 58 route in preparation for these cars. The E class cars are the longest on the Melbourne network (and can operate in multiple), are fully low floor, air-conditioned and have automatic announcements and other features. They also return to the practice of having a completely separate entrance to the cab similar to the W class series of cars.

Work has now commenced on designing the F class series of trams, which will ultimately replace the Z3, A1 and A2 class cars. **STEVEN HABY, PUBLIC TRANSPORT VICTORIA**



V/Line: Warrnambool line upgrade

The Warrnambool line will undergo its stage two upgrade over the next two years, as part of a joint state/federal government-funded project, see image, right. This will enable the use of V/Locity trains along the line by improving train detection at over 50 level crossings, and adding boom gates to the 17 that have yet to have them installed.

At Warrnambool station, the stabling facility will be upgraded to house the longer V/Locity trains overnight. The project is due to be completed in late 2023.

Upgrades delivered in stage one, such as the completed 2.2 kilometre Boorcan crossing loop and signalling upgrades are expected to be commissioned later in the year. A fifth weekday return V/Line service has been promised to then be added to the timetable by the end of the year. **VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT**

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



New A-City trains being delivered

Alstom is in the process of delivering 12 additional new three-car A-City sets, built in its Dandenong, Victoria factory for the Adelaide suburban network. Upon completion, the network's fleet of A-City electric multiple unit trains will have grown by more than 50 per cent to 34. **RAIL EXPRESS**

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Transwa punctuality worsens

Transwa has released its latest quarterly and annual on-time running statistics. The numbers provide that the agency had a poorer start to the 2021/22 financial year on the rails, with the Prospector, AvonLink and Australind each dropping significant numbers in the September quarter.

The quarter saw the Prospector only run 'on time' once in every five trips (down 13.4 percentage points [p.p.] on the previous quarter), AvonLink dropped out of its blue sky, with just seven in every ten trips running on time (down 24 p.p.), and the Australind continues to fall, with an at least third straight quarter of decline (down to 62.4 per cent), although the rate of decline is slowing.

Service	Quarter 1	Quarter 4	Quarter 3	Quarter 2
	Jul - Sep 2021	Apr - Jun 2021	Jan - Mar 2021	Oct - Dec 2020
Prospector	19.07%	32.48%	60.94%	45.69%
Australind	62.37%	67.31%	75.89%	87.64%
AvonLink	70.00%	94.35%	96.00%	97.65%
MerredinLink	56.58%	67.14%	87.84%	63.51%
Road Coaches	98.08%	94.53%	96.80%	97.70%

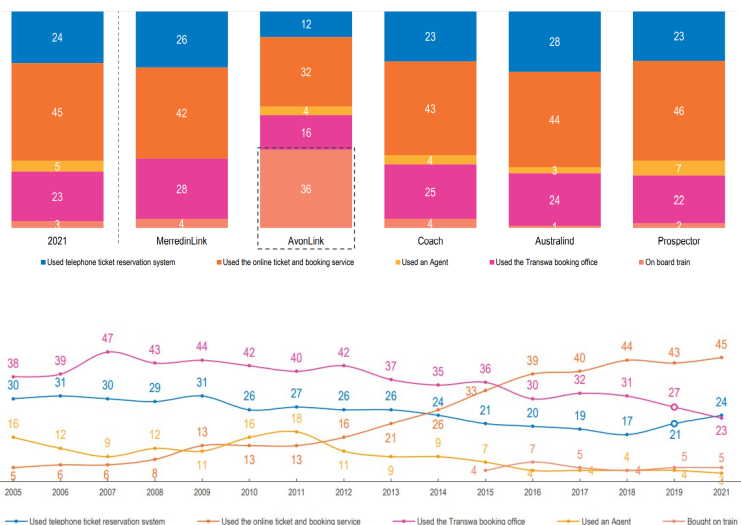
Service	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
Prospector	36%	49%	55%	53%	47%
Australind	88%	79%	72%	86%	80%
AvonLink	70%	97%	97%	89%	96%
MerredinLink	57%	75%	85%	71%	71%
Road Coaches	97%	97%	96%	98%	97%

On an annual basis, the Prospector dropped back under 50 per cent on time, the Australind remains at around 80 per cent, while AvonLink's unusually poor quarter is shown up, down 26 p.p. on the 2020/21 average.

The most recent annual passenger satisfaction numbers (June 2021, note 2020 was skipped) provide for further detail on the passenger experience with Australind's worst aspects of satisfaction including punctuality (70 per cent satisfied), facilities onboard (76 per cent), and both trip time and comfort level (78 per cent). Both of the last two were at their lowest level in well over ten years. Meanwhile, AvonLink was the opposite, with its highest performing aspects of travel including punctuality, trip time (both 100 per cent satisfied), and comfort level (96 per cent). Due to timing, the positive AvonLink satisfaction results do not

account for the most recent quarter where punctuality plunged. For MerredinLink, these aspects were 89-91 per cent net satisfaction. The Prospector has a larger range of data, although the key aspects (as above) ranged between 79 and 74 per cent.

The survey also showed many more AvonLink passengers purchasing their tickets on board, and half the proportion of AvonLink passengers using Transwa's phone reservation system compared to the other Transwa rail services. Overall, online means has increased 3.5-fold from ten years ago (from 13 to 45 per cent), use of a travel agent has nearly disappeared (from 18 to 3 per cent), however with the phone reservation system, although declining steadily 2009-2018 (from 31 to 17 per cent), has since enjoyed a mini-boom (24 per cent), while the Transwa booking office continues its decline (from 2007's peak of 47 per cent to 2021's 23 per cent), dropping four p.p. from 2019.



Transwa ticket purchase and overall reservation system used by survey respondents.

General comments provided by respondents included:

- Australind:** "Very old train, which needs to be replaced. Very slow and so it is much faster to drive", "It doesn't always operate and is often behind schedule arriving at the destination", and "A great easy friendly service with heaps of room for legs and because of that it's better than the bus".
- AvonLink:** "Arrives late into Midland and sometimes on the way back to Northam. The train is cold most of the time and I am told the temperature cannot be adjusted. When we were late leaving midland awhile ago (about 1hr late leaving) we were not allowed to go to the station shop to get food even though it was less than a 1 min walk from the train. When we had a Transwa bus, the driver started to go towards Toodyay then turned off at the bypass, went to Clackline then Toodyay making us really late, then let the Toodyay people on free while we had to pay which was not fair", and "I would recommend it as the

service is great, and we always get to midland on time”.

- **Prospector:** “Every time I have taken the train it’s been late, never on time”, and “I have travelled on the Prospector a few times and never had a problem. It’s a good service and a comfortable journey”.
- **MerredinLink:** “It is easy to secure a travel ticket. Crew members are professional and welcoming, and I always feel comfortable and very safe travelling”, and “Always delayed and no entertainment. It’s also always very cold”.

The survey is conducted online, using a tablet, with a variable number of respondents depending on the service. Whilst the Prospector had 591 respondents, the AvonLink had just 25. **TRANSWA**

NEW ZEALAND



Wellington: Mass rapid transit

Stuff Online reports that Let’s Get Wellington Moving, a \$6.4 billion 20-year program jointly run by New Zealand Transport Agency, Wellington City Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council, has narrowed down the options for the city’s new rapid transit line to either light rail or articulated bus.

According to the presentation, the bus rapid transit option would provide capacity for 1,500-2,000 people an hour, using an electric-powered fleet of 18-metre vehicles with dedicated lanes through Te Aro and city centre. Key benefits include faster construction and completion, plus greater flexibility in route setting.

The light rail option meanwhile would provide capacity for up to 4,500 people an hour, which would enable further high density development as a result. However the more intensive construction phase could see the build take up to five years to complete, with associated temporary impacts on local businesses.

Although earlier talk was on the two ‘more favoured’ routes as being either from Wellington station to the airport (similar to the route 2 bus path), or from Wellington to Island Bay via Newtown (similar to the route 1 bus path), more recent reporting suggests that both routes will be included in the final option.

Local councillors have suggested an opportunity for higher density housing along the corridor towards Island Bay. Earlier in the year, the Wellington City Mayor, Andy Foster said “in a city with the topographical constraints we’ve got, I’ve long held that the key routes in our city broadly are covered by the number 1 and number 2 bus routes which access the major populations of our city. It’s not rocket science to work out the mass rapid transit route will be somehow aligned with either the number 1 or number 2 bus corridors.” **STUFF.CO.NZ (2)**

KiwiRail signs new loco contract

KiwiRail has signed an order for 57 new locomotives for its South Island network. To enter service from 2024, the Stadler locomotives will be used to replace existing ageing locos, which are up to 60 years old. **RADIO NEW ZEALAND**

KiwiRail gets new train control room

KiwiRail has signed a 20-year lease, which will see it move its Wellington train control function from Wellington CBD out to Wallaceville, in the outskirts of the Hutt Valley line.

The move is planned to take place in December 2022. However, KiwiRail’s corporate employees will remain in the existing Wellington station precinct. **STUFF.CO.NZ**

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BUS & COACH NEWS

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Firefly Express

As of Monday 13 December, Firefly was operating the following services:

- **FE31** (Melbourne – Sydney) overnight running Monday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday until further notice.
- **FE31** (Sydney – Melbourne) overnight operating as per FE31.
- **FE70** (Melbourne – Adelaide) day service operating daily as from 29 November 2021 with passengers requiring a valid travel permit.
- **FE71** (Adelaide – Melbourne) as per FE70.
- **FE80** (Melbourne – Adelaide) overnight service operating on a limited timetable but the Firefly website does not indicate which days the service runs.
- **FE81** (Adelaide – Melbourne) overnight service as per FE80.

STEVEN HABY, FIREFLY EXPRESS

Greyhound update

As one would expect during the COVID pandemic, Greyhound has experienced a significant impact on their services across the country. At the time of writing (8 December 2021), the following timetabled services were running with PDF timetables available from the Greyhound website (2021 unless otherwise stated):

- **GX580** (Adelaide – Alice Springs) dated 27 October.
- **GX850** (Alice Springs – Adelaide) date 27 Oct.
- **GX880** (Alice Springs – Darwin) dated 27 Oct.
- **GX443** (Brisbane – Cairns) dated 23 Nov.
- **GX493** (Brisbane – Charleville) dated 10 Dec.
- **GX742** (Brisbane – Miles) dated 22 October.
- **GX493** (Brisbane – Mt Isa) dated 10 Dec.
- **GX422** (Brisbane – Sydney) dated 17 Dec.
- **GX701, 703, 742** and **705** (Brisbane – Toowoomba) dated 22 October, then updated 10 December to incorporate **GX495, 701, 493, 703,** and **705.**
- **GX680** (Broome – Darwin) dated 7 December.
- **GX411** (Cairns – Brisbane) dated 23 Nov.
- **GX458** (Cairns – Townsville) dated 7 Dec.
- **GX233** (Canberra – Melbourne) dated 5 Nov.
- **GX322** (Canberra – Sydney) dated 6 Nov.
- **GX496** (Charleville – Brisbane) dated 10 Dec.
- **GX882** (Darwin - Alice Springs) dated 27 Oct.
- **GX860** (Darwin - Broome) dated 7 December.
- Various Longreach – Brisbane services dated 14 September, then updated 8 December.
- **GX322** (Melbourne – Canberra – Sydney) dated 5 November.
- **GX751** (Miles – Brisbane) dated 22 October.
- **GX489** (Townsville – Tennant Creek) dated 10 December
- Various Townsville – Mount Isa routes dated 10 December.
- Various Townsville – Cairns routes dated 7 December.
- Various Toowoomba – Brisbane routes dated 10 December.
- **GX849** (Tennant Creek – Townsville) dated 10 December.
- **GX233** (Sydney – Canberra – Melbourne) dated 5 November.
- **GX244** (Sydney – Brisbane) dated 17 Dec.
- Rockhampton – Miles dated 10 December.
- Rockhampton – Longreach dated 8 Dec.

- Various Mt Isa – Townsville routes dated 10 December.
- **GX494** (Mt Isa – Brisbane) dated 10 Dec.
- **GX461** (Miles – Rockhampton) dated 10 Dec.

STEVEN HABY, GREYHOUND AUSTRALIA

Murrays

The route **855** (Canberra – Wollongong) timetable was updated effective 16 October 2021. A return service operates daily with departures from Wollongong at 10:20 Mondays to Saturdays and 12:20 on Sundays, arriving Canberra at 13:40 and 15:40 respectively. The return service departs Canberra at 18:00 each day arriving Wollongong at 21:20. **STEVEN HABY, TRANSPORT FOR NSW**

SkyBus update

At the time of publication, the status of SkyBus Airport services were as follows:

- **City – Tullamarine (Melbourne)** operating from 04:30 to midnight every 20 to 30 minutes. No printed or online timetable was available.
- **City – Avalon (Melbourne)** operating as required to meet all scheduled flights, and the timetable on the website was updated as required.
- **Hobart – Airport** operating as required to meet all scheduled flights with the online timetable issued daily.

The **Brisbane** airport and **other Melbourne suburban** services to Tullamarine are not operating at present. Meanwhile, its' Byron Bay Express service, running between Byron and Gold Coast Airport, ceased on 23 July 2021, which followed the withdrawal of its Gold Coast hotel shuttle service in March 2020. **STEVEN HABY, SKYBUS**

QUEENSLAND



250 timetable change

From Monday 13 December, the route **250** (Picnic Bay-Horseshoe Bay) timetable was re-issued with changes to provide better connections with ferry services at Nelly Bay Terminal. **TRANSLINK**

777 returns

Route **777** (Gold Coast Airport-Broadbeach South) returned with an hourly service from Monday, 20 December. This followed a four-month suspension caused by COVID-19 impacts on border crossings with New South Wales. According to Translink, combined with route **760** (Tweed Heads-Robina), this provides a maximum 15-30 min. wait time at Gold Coast Airport.

At the time of publication, Translink planned to return the route to its full timetable beginning on Monday, 17 January. **TRANSLINK**

Mackay timetable changes

From Monday 24 January, in response to patronage levels and safety concerns, some routes in the Mackay area will have route changes, as follows:

- **Route 301** (University-Beaconsfield): Route to now operate using Broomdykes Drive, instead of Sam Bezzina Drive in Beaconsfield.
- **303** (Caneland Central-Mackay Airport): The weekday 14:45 service from Caneland Central to now depart 15 minutes later to service Mackay State High School students in an effort to reduce overcrowding on pre-existing services.
- **304** (Caneland Central-Mackay Harbour): On weekdays, the 20:24 ex Mackay Harbour and 19:49 ex Caneland Central services will now depart 60 minutes earlier. This mirrors the existing Saturday times for the day's final trip.
- **306** (Caneland Central to Mt Pleasant): On school days, two trips (07:45 and 14:45 ex Caneland Central) depart two mins earlier, and will also extend to service Holy Spirit College and Emmanuel Primary School.
- **309** (Caneland Central-Sarina): The 15:00 trip ex Caneland Central now stops at Mackay State High School to reduce overcrowding on pre-existing services.

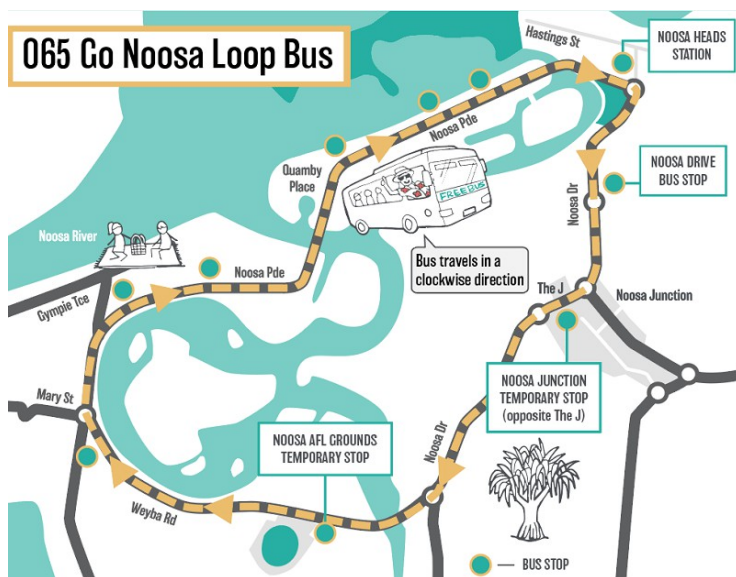
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Noosa summer bus initiative

From Saturday 11 December to Sunday 23 January, Translink and Noosa Shire Council have facilitated a network of free-fare bus routes across the area, consisting of a mix of existing bus routes and some new (temporary) routes.

Routes **626-629** and **632** are part of this initiative, as are temporary routes **064** (Peregian Beach-Noosa Heads) & **065** ('Go Noosa Loop' service, see the map top right).

Routes 620, 630 and 631 continue to attract fares throughout this period. **TRANSLINK, NOOSA SHIRE CCL**



Route 065 Go Noosa Loop map (source: Noosa Shire Ccl).

Trans North Bus & Coach

The following is an update on their current timetabled services:

- **Cairns – Karumba** dated 1 January 2020.
- **Townsville – Charters Towers** undated on their printed PDF timetable but the website indicates a date of 10 December 2021.
- **Route 850** (Atherton Tableland – Cairns) and **851** (Cairns – Kuranda – Cairns) dated 6 November 2020.
- **Cairns – Cooktown via inland** dated 16 November 2020.
- **Cairns – Cooktown via coastal route** dated 16 November 2020.
- **Bowen – Collinsville** dated 20 July 2020.
- **Routes 801-805** (Innisfail local services) dated 18 November 2019.
- **Routes 841-844** (Bowen local services) dated 30 March 2020.

STEVEN HABY, TRANS NORTH

Young's Bus Service acquired

Young's Bus Service, which operates a mix of public route, school and charter services in and around the Rockhampton, Yeppoon and Mount Morgan areas, was acquired by CDC Regional in July, ending over 70 years of family operation.

CDC Regional is a growing subsidiary of ComfortDelGro Corporation's Australian bus operator business, CDC Bus, and already operates services in the Gladstone area. The purchase included 42 buses and two depots.

Source supplied by: STEVEN HABY

Source: AUSTRALIAN BUS & COACH



Holiday timetable

Sydney metropolitan bus operators operated to an adjusted holiday timetable during the Christmas/New Year period, as follows:

Saturday 25 to Tuesday 28 December:

- Most buses run to a Sunday timetable.

Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 Dec:

- Most buses run to the weekday timetable.

Friday, 31 Dec:

- Most buses run to a weekday timetable, with reduced AM services and increased PM services. **Sydney CBD** buses operate from alternative bus stops between 19:00 and 04:00 due to New Years Eve festivities. **North Sydney CBD** buses operate from alternative bus stops from 15:00 for the rest of the day.

Saturday 1 January:

- Most buses run to the Sunday timetable, with selected routes providing extra early morning services.

Sunday 2 and Monday 3 Jan:

- Weekend timetable.

The regular timetable resumes from Tuesday, 4 January. **TRANSPORT FOR NSW**

Transit Systems: Industrial action

Staff at Transit Systems undertook industrial action well into December, impacting services across bus regions three (south-west Sydney bounded by Parramatta and Liverpool) and six (inner-west Sydney bounded by Olympic Park, Sydney CBD and Kogarah).

Between Monday 29 November and Wednesday 1 December, many services had their Opal card readers disabled across region six

Work stoppages impacted services 04:00-06:00 on Thursday, 2 December, and 17:00-19:00 on Friday, 3 December. An indefinite ban on refuelling buses was due to come into force beginning 00:01 Saturday, 4 December.

Further stoppages occurred, with region six services impacted by a 24-hour strike on Monday 6 December, followed by region nine services all day on Tuesday, 7 December. The region nine action coincided with Sydney Trains and NSW TrainLink services operating to a all-day reduced timetable (see *Rail News* above for further detail).

According to Transport for NSW, negotiations are continuing between Transit Systems and local unions,

Regional Bus Overview - NSW

The following is a review of existing regional New South Wales service timetables by the Bus Editor, Steven Haby. Operators are listed in alphabetical order (and colour-coded by area).

Allen's Coaches

Both existing timetables are dated 15 November 2021:

- **Route 930** (Ganmain – Wagga Wagga) operates via Coolamon. The Wagga Wagga run departs Coolamon at 07:10 arriving 08:55. Two runs from Wagga Wagga depart 15:00 and 17:28 (to Coolamon only).
- **931** (Wagga Wagga – Coolamon) has two return services on weekdays only. The first service departs Coolamon at 07:25 arriving Wagga Wagga at 08:50 with a return service departing 09:20. The afternoon service departs Coolamon at 14:00 arriving Wagga Wagga at 14:50. The return service departs at 15:15.

STEVEN HABY, TRANSPORT FOR NSW

Ballina Buslines timetable update

Current timetables are dated 28 April 2021, unless otherwise indicated below.

- **Route 610** (Lismore – Ballina) operates weekdays only with services adjusted depending on whether it is school term or a holiday period. Trips from Lismore are at 07:20 (holidays only), 10:30, 15:30 (on school holiday, the bus continues to Ballina and return; on school days, two buses depart at 15:30 to Brunswick Heads and Byron Bay respectively).
- **635** (Lismore – Mullumbimby, Brunswick Heads and Byron Bay) operates school days only with trips at 07:20 (Lismore – Mullumbimby and Mullumbimby to Lismore); 07:56 (Federal to Byron Bay); 15:00 (Mullumbimby – Lismore); 15:15 (Lismore – Mullumbimby) and 15:20 (Byron Bay to Federal).
- **660** (Evans Head – Ballina), timetable dated 1 January 2021, operates weekdays only with slight school holiday variations. Trips from Ballina depart at 09:40, and 15:30 (school holiday) or 15:40 (school day) arriving at Evans Head 10:30, and 16:25 or 16:45 respectively.
- **661** (Lennox Head – Lismore), timetable dated 1 January 2021, operates weekdays only with two return services each school day, and one during school holidays.

- **668** (Ballina – West Ballina), timetable dated 1 January 2021, operates as a loop service with services on weekdays and Saturdays.

Trips ex Ballina depart at 07:20, 09:40, 11:20, 11:50, 13:30, 14:10, 16:10 and 17:30. A school day-only trip runs from Hibiscus Gardens caravan park departing 09:05 to Ballina Central Shopping Centre. Saturday trips depart at 08:45, 12:40 and 14:30.

- **669** (Ballina – East Ballina), timetable dated 1 January 2021, operates as a loop around Ballina. The weekday timetable contains 12 trips, including a school day-only service, and Saturdays has five trips. The full loop takes 60 minutes to complete.

STEVEN HABY, TRANSPORT FOR NSW

Bhangla Singh's Bus Service

Also known as 'Singh's Bus Service', it appears to operate just the one route - 626. The operator's website provides contact details for the company, with plenty of private advertising, including for Indian "migration solutions" and a Melbourne college. The site appears to be part of a larger "Singhs" online advertising business.

- **Route 626** (Murwillumbah – Tyalgum) only operates on weekdays with one return trip. During school term, only on Tuesdays to Thursdays, the bus departs Tyalgum at 09:15 (runs via Chillingham) and 14:15 (via Eungella).

However, during school holidays, the bus runs as a loop service, departing Sunnyside Mall, Murwillumbah at 08:45 and 14:30 running via Eungella, Tyalgum and Chillingham.

Interestingly, the timetable provides that the 626 services "may also operate under Route No. 30" and are operated by Bhangla Singh's Bus Service.

CHRIS PANDILOVSKI, STEVEN HABY, TRANSPORT FOR NSW, BHANGLA SINGH'S BUS SERVICE

Blanch's Bus Company

Current timetables are dated 28 April 2021, and operate as follows:

- **Route 637N** (Byron Bay – Sunrise Beach) runs via the arts and industry estate and is a loop service, with a rather interesting timetable.

On weekdays, trips depart at 07:28 (commences from Elements of Byron), 08:32, 09:40, 10:50, 12:00, 13:10, 14:10, 15:55, 16:05, 16:15 (commences from Elements of Byron), 17:10, and 18:10. On Fridays only, there are additional trips from the interchange departing 19:05, 19:50, 20:40, 21:50, 22:40, and 23:25. A round trip takes 18-25 minutes (depending on route deviations).

On Saturdays, services only operate at night, with departures at 18:14, 19:05 then consequent trips follow the Friday evening TT.

- **637S** (Byron Bay – Byron Hills) operates via Suffolk Park and Baywood Chase as a loop service.

Weekday trips commence at 09:05 from the interchange then depart 10:10, 11:20, 12:35, 13:40, 14:40, 16:35, 17:40, and 18:35. A full loop takes around 30 minutes.

The Saturday timetable has a similar operating pattern to route 637N with services commencing at 18:35, then 19:25, 20:10, 21:00, 22:10, and 23:00.

- **640** (Ballina – Mullumbimby) operates via Lennox Head, Suffolk Park and Byron Bay weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays (including public holidays).

Weekday trips commence from Ballina airport at 06:50, 07:30 (Byron Bay only), 09:05, 10:25, 12:05 (Byron Bay only), 13:45, 15:15, and 17:15 (Byron Bay only).

Saturday trips commence at 07:50 then 09:00 (Byron Bay only), 11:00, 13:00 (Byron Bay only), 14:45, and 16:40 (Byron Bay only).

Sunday trips are at 07:40, 11:10 (Byron Bay only), and 14:45. A one way trip takes 90 minutes to Mullumbimby and 75 minutes to Byron Bay.

- **641** (Ballina – Byron Bay) operates via Bangalow and only runs on weekdays, with different trip times during school holidays.

School day trips depart Ballina at 07:10 (to Bangalow), 08:15, 09:10 and 10:45 (from Bangalow to Byron Bay), 14:35, and 15:40.

Meanwhile, school holiday trips depart Ballina at 08:30, 12:00 and 13:40 (from Bangalow to Byron Bay), and 16:00. A one-way trip takes between 20 and 50 minutes depending on the length of the service.

- **645** (Byron Bay (BB) – Ocean Shores) operates on weekdays and Saturdays. Excluding the weekday trips departing BB Interchange at 09:05, 15:35 and 17:10, all other trips commence from Mullumbimby - weekdays (08:25, 10:44, 11:57, 13:44, and 15:25) and Saturdays (09:30, 11:35, 12:50, and 16:20).

In the opposite direction, three weekday trips run through to BB on weekdays with a 15-20 minute layover before doing the return trip. All other trips terminate at Mullumbimby.

- **664** (Ballina Heights – Ballina) operates via Northlakes. Trips from Ballina depart weekdays at 07:35, 09:05, 10:15, 11:25, 12:35, 13:45, 15:40, and 17:10, while Saturday has just two trips (07:40 and 12:20). A one-way trip takes 20 minutes.

- **665** (Ballina – Prospect Estate) runs via Angels Beach as a loop service.
Weekday trips from Ballina depart at 07:05, 09:45, 10:55, 12:05, 13:15, 14:25, 16:25, and 17:15, while Saturday has two trips (08:20 and 13:00). A one-way trip is 30 minutes.

STEVEN HABY, TRANSPORT FOR NSW

Casino Bus Service

All routes operate as a weekday-only loop service, with all timetables dated 1 January 2021:

- **Route 671** (Casino – Gays Hill);
- **672** (Casino – Northwest Casino via hospital);
- **673** (Casino – East Casino);
- **674** (Casino – South Casino).

STEVEN HABY, TRANSPORT FOR NSW

CDC Broken Hill

The current timetable is dated 1 May 2020 and, unlike the TransportInfo website PDF, includes a route map.

The services operated are:

- **Route 590** (CBD – North) via Chapple Street operating weekday mornings only with two return trips departing 08:00 and 08:30, with the loop service taking 30 minutes.
- **591** (CBD – South) via Centro Westside with two weekday morning trips at 08:00 and 08:30 taking 30 minutes for the loop.
- **591A** (CBD – South and Hillside) with weekday trips at 09:00, 09:50, 10:40, 12:20, 14:00, 15:30, 16:15, and 17:00 (to Creedon & Wills Streets only), while three trips operate on Saturdays (09:15, 10:50, and 12:25). A full loop takes 50 minutes.
- **592** (CBD – Thomas Street) via Hospital has an identical operating frequency as the 590 and 591 above.
- **592A** (CBD – Thomas Street and North) has weekday trips at 09:00, 09:50, 11:30, 13:10, 14:45, 16:15, and 17:00 (Buck & Lane Streets only).
On Saturdays, there are four trips at 08:45 (from Cummins Street), 10:05, 11:40, and 13:10 (Buck & Lane Streets only).
- **593** (CBD – Hillside) via Centro Westside also operates as per 590, 591 and 592 frequency.
- **Menindee – Broken Hill** operates weekdays only with a single return trip departing at 07:25 for Broken Hill arriving 09:00, then departing 15:00 for Menindee arriving back at 16:25.
- **Wilcannia – Broken Hill** operates weekdays only with a single return trip departing 08:00

arriving Broken Hill at 10:30, then departing 16:15 for Wilcannia arriving back at 17:30.

Interestingly for the two latter timetables, both EST (Eastern Standard Time) and CST (Central Standard Time) are displayed. **STEVEN HABY, CDC BUS**

CDC Blue Mountains Transit

A check on their website indicates that all timetables are now dated 20 December 2021. Routes follow:

Route	Description
685	Katoomba to North Wentworth Falls
685H	Springwood to North Hazelbrook
686	Katoomba to Scenic World
686G	Katoomba to Katoomba Golf Club
688	Penrith to Emu Heights
689	Penrith to Leonay
690C	Springwood to Faulconbridge
690H	Katoomba to Katoomba Hospital
690K	Springwood to Katoomba
690P	Springwood to Penrith
691	Penrith to Mount Riverview
692B	Springwood to Buckland
692H	Springwood to Hawkesbury Heights
692W	Springwood to Winmalee
692Y	Springwood to Yellow Rock
693	Springwood to Burns Road
694	Springwood to Bee Farm Road
695	Katoomba to South Leura
696	Katoomba to South Katoomba
697	Katoomba to North Katoomba
698	Katoomba to Blackheath
698V	Katoomba to Mount Victoria

CDC Hunter Valley Buses

A check on their website indicates that all timetables are now dated 20 December 2021.

The Hunter Valley network comprises the following routes:

- **136** (Raymond Tce – Stockton).
- **137** (Raymond Tce – Lemon Tree Passage).
- **138** (Newcastle – Lemon Tree Passage).
- **140** (Newcastle – Lakeside shops).
- **141** (Raymond Tce town service).
- **145** (Stockland Greens Hills – Newcastle Airport).
- **177** (Rutherford to Aberglasslyn).
- **178** (Rutherford to Anambah).
- **179** (North Rothbury to Stockland Green Hills).
- **180** (Singleton Hts to Stockland Green Hills).
- **180X** (Singleton Hts to Stockland Green Hills).
- **181** (Aberglasslyn to Woodberry).
- **182** (Rutherford to Thornton).
- **183** (Rutherford to Tenambit).
- **184** (Stockland Green Hills to Morpeth).
- **185** (Maitland to Largs).
- **186** (Rutherford to McKeachie's Run).
- **187** (East Maitland to Metford).
- **189** (Stockland Green Hills to Thornton).
- **192** (Maitland to South Maitland).
- **260** (Minmi to Stockland Jesmond).
- **261** (Fletcher to Stockland Jesmond).
- **262** (Cameron Park (north) to Charlestown).
- **263** (Cameron Park (south) to Charlestown).
- **266** (West Wallsend to Newcastle).
- **267** (W. Wallsend to University of Newcastle).
- **268** (Killingworth to Glendale).
- **269** (Toronto to Charlestown).
- **270** (Toronto West to University of Newcastle).
- **271** (Toronto to Glendale).
- **273** (Toronto to Fassifern).
- **274** (Toronto to Coal Point).
- **275** (Toronto to Wangi).
- **278** (Morisset to Silverwater).
- **279** (Morisset to Sunshine).
- **280** (Morisset to Cooranbong).
- **281** (Wangi Wangi to Lake Haven).

- **401** (Singleton town service).
- **402** (Singleton to Darlington & Hunterview).
- **403** and **404** (Singleton to Singleton Heights).

STEVEN HABY, CDC BUS

Cowra Bus Service

In addition to the local town services (timetable effective 4 May 2020, routes 541-543 & 545, see back cover), Cowra Bus Service also operates a 'hail & ride' service to a number of local communities as follows:

- **Woodstock Wanderer** (Cowra - Woodstock) departing at 09:20 and 13:48. The timetable is undated and you have to refer to a separate calendar to see what days it operates which itself is dated 11 March 2021.
- **Cowra - Koorawatha** via Wattamonda and Noonbinna, dated 18 March 2021, operates every second Thursday. Departure is 09:40 from Koorawatha arriving Cowra at 10:12 with the return service departing Cowra at 13:45.

STEVEN HABY, COWRA BUS SERVICE

Dunoon Bus Service

Operates **route 653** (Dunoon – Lismore), with timetable dated 1 January 2021. 653 runs one return trip on weekdays. On school days, it departs Lismore at 07:52, while on school holidays it departs 08:30 to arrival at the Lismore transit centre at 08:56 and 09:07 respectively. *STEVEN HABY, TRANSPORT FOR NSW*

Goode's Coaches

Goode's Coaches operates **route 998** (Wagga Wagga – Tumut), with a timetable effective "1 Jan 2021 – 23 Dec 2021". 998 has one return trip only on Wednesdays (public holidays excluded). It departs Tumut at 08:00 to arrive Wagga Wagga at 09:55, then in return departs Wagga 14:25 to arrive back at Tumut by 16:20. *STEVEN HABY, TRANSPORT FOR NSW*

Gosel's Bus Service

Gosel's operates **route 630** (Murwillumbah – Nimbin) a weekday loop service, with timetable dated 1 Jan 21.

On school days, trips depart Murwillumbah at 07:20 and 14:20 to arrive Nimbin at 09:00 and 15:30 respectively. During school holidays, the morning service leaves 20 minutes later and the afternoon service arriving back at Murwillumbah 20 minutes earlier. *STEVEN HABY, TRANSPORT FOR NSW*

KenBus Pty Ltd

Originally a trial service operated by Premier to fill in the two-hour gap in service on weekdays with the Endeavour train set running between Kiama and

Bomaderry, **route 737** is now permanent, and also stops at Gerringong and Berry stations.

However, advice to the *Table Talk* Editor suggests that the service does not wait for late running trains from Sydney. The timetable dated 1 January 2021 shows trips departing Kiama at 05:35, 07:00, 10:00, 12:00, 14:00, and 19:35 and take 45 minutes.

There are no Opal card readers onboard the bus, so passengers have to tap on and off at the relevant station before boarding and after alighting the bus.

STEVEN HABY, CHRIS PANDILOVSKI, TRANSPORT FOR NSW

Murwillumbah Bus Company

All current timetables are dated 1 January 2021. Based on trip times for 621A and 621B, it appears likely that the one vehicle is used to cover both routes.

- **Route 621A** (Sunnyside Mall to Golden Links) is a loop service. The route runs down Kyogle Road to service Bray Park and Aveo Mountain View retirement village.

On weekdays, trips depart the Mall at 08:25, 09:30, 10:35, 11:40, 13:10, and 16:15. On Saturdays trips depart the Mall at 08:00 and 11:30. The loop takes 30 minutes to complete.

- **621B** (Sunnyside Mall to Barnby Estate) is a loop service. The route services Murwillumbah Golf Club and the area around Byangum Rd.

On weekdays, trips depart the Mall at 09:00, 10:00, 11:05, 13:40, and 16:45, and on Saturdays 08:30 and 12:00. The loop takes 30 minutes to complete.

- **622** (Sunnyside Mall to East Murwillumbah) via the hospital. Departures from Sunnyside weekdays at 07:50, 09:45, 14:10, and 15:40 with arrivals back at Sunnyside at 08:25, 10:00, 14:25, and 16:00 respectively. Saturday trips depart Sunnyside Mall at 09:00 and 11:00 to returning back there at 0915 and 1115.
- **623** (Sunnyside Mall – Greenhills) operates as a loop service. On weekdays, trips depart the Mall at 07:50, 09:15, 10:00, 14:25, 14:40, and 16:00 and take 15-25 minutes to run the loop (depending on route deviations). Two services operate on Saturday, departing the Mall at 09:15 and 11:15.
- **625** (Murwillumbah – Uki), operating weekdays, is an interesting run. During school term, a single afternoon trip operates, departing 14:40 from Murwillumbah. During school holidays, one return trip operates across the day, with departure from Uki at 08:55, then depart at 15:05 back to Uki. The full trip takes 15 minutes.

STEVEN HABY, CHRIS PANDILOVSKI, TRANSPORT FOR NSW, MURWILLUMBAH BUS COMPANY

Northern Rivers Buslines

All timetables are dated 1 January 2021.

- **Route 670** (Kyogle – Lismore) runs via Casino and operates school days only. Trips from Lismore depart 14:00, 16:00, and 17:15 (the latter two terminate at Casino). The full trip has 65 minutes journey time. There is only one trip to Lismore which starts from Casino at 07:30.
- **675** (Lismore – Geneva) operates weekdays only with many services operating from and to intermittent towns rather than the full route. On school days, trips operate from Casino to Kyogle (07:45) and Geneva (09:20 and 15:20). During school holidays, trips operate from Lismore (08:05 and 14:00) to Kyogle and (17:15) to Casino.
- **690** (Lismore – Evans Head) runs only on weekdays with trips from Lismore at 07:15 (school days only), 08:45, 15:45 (school days only) and 17:00. A one-way trip takes 50 mins.
- **695** (Lismore – Grafton) operates weekdays only with a single return service. Times vary depending on school days or holidays. A one-way trip takes around three hours.
- **Local services:**
 - **682** (Lismore – Goonellabah);
 - **683** (Lismore – Lismore Heights);
 - **684** (Lismore – South Lismore);
 - **685** (Lismore – Goonellabah via hospital); and
 - **688** (Lismore 'late night') - runs to Goonellabah on Sundays with trips from Lismore at midnight, 00:30, 01:15, 02:00, 02:45 and 03:30. Trips to Lismore operate on Saturdays at 17:40, 18:15, 19:00, 19:45, 20:30 and 23:50. An unusual timetable. *STEVEN HABY, TRANSPORT FOR NSW*

Ogden's Coaches

Their current timetable is dated September 2021. Produced by Transit Graphics, it is of exceptionally high quality including detailed maps and information.

Ogden's operates Mudgee Interlink routes 560-563 in the Central-western New South Wales town. See the list on the top-left of the next page. Ogden's operates Mitchell Highway Townlink services that connect Dubbo with Geurie, Wellington and Narromine with several services each weekday via the Mitchell Highway. The timetabled routes are:

- Dubbo-Wellington, and
- Dubbo-Narromine.

Ogden's also operates some NSW TrainLink coach services.

Mudgee Interlink Route Numbers

560 **Mudgee To Mudgee East** via Hospital, Spring Rd, Bawden Rd, Redbank Rd, Lions Dr, Sydney Rd, Cedar Ave & Mulgoa Way.
Service operates Monday to Friday day time.

561 **Mudgee To Mudgee West** via Market St, Bell St (Caravan Park), Denison St & Church St.
Service operates Monday to Friday day time.

562 **Mudgee To Mudgee South** via Hospital, Golf Club, Southside Shopping Centre, Bellevue Estate, Lawson Gardens Estate & Church St.
Service operates Monday to Friday day time.

563 **Mudgee To Mudgee North** via Short St, Racecourse, TAFE, Putta Bucca, Bell St (Caravan Park) & Mortimer St.
Service operates Monday to Friday day time.

Ogden's Coaches
ABN 93 126 713 764



STEVEN HABY, OGDEN'S COACHES

Parsons Bus Service

Operates **route 616** (Murwillumbah – Pottsville) via Bogangar and Moobal as a loop on weekdays only. Two trips operate, departing Murwillumbah at 09:00 and 13:25 to arrive at 09:35 and 14:00 respectively, before doing a 'town' run within Pottsville. The services arrive back at Murwillumbah at 1020 and 1445 respectively. The current timetable is dated 1 January 2021.

Interestingly, the timetable notes that these two trips are "also serviced by the 618", however no such timetable exists on the TransportInfo website. **STEVEN HABY, TRANSPORT FOR NSW**

Table Talk Editor's comment: The Parsons Bus Service website has the two timetabled trips co-branded as "616/618", but there is no delineation between the two. Looking further, I have found that 618 is a separate school service (of which Parsons runs several) operating school days only between Murwillumbah and Pottsville via Moobal. It is also a loop service. Two trips operate, departing Murwillumbah at 06:50 and 15:35, stop Pottsville Primary at 07:27 and 16:27, to arrive back in Murwillumbah at 08:30 and 17:10 (all respective trips times).

Premier Motor Service

Premier operates **route 700-1** (Bomaderry – Eden), timetable dated 25 April 2021, consisting of one trip daily per direction.

The bus departs Bomaderry 12:50 daily to arrive Eden 19:00. In return, the bus departs Eden 06:05 daily to arrive Bomaderry 12:20, and Nowra bus terminal at 13:05. **STEVEN HABY, TRANSPORT FOR NSW**

Qcity Transit (CDC)

All Qcity timetables have been recently updated, effective from 15 November. Routes operated include:

- **Route 830** (Canberra – Queanbeyan) via Russell and Kingston.
- **831** (Queanbeyan – Woden I/C).
- **832** (Queanbeyan – Queanbeyan East).
- **833X** (Queanbeyan – Canberra express service).
- **834** (Queanbeyan – Brindabella business park).
- **835** (Queanbeyan – Jerrambeera) via Letchworth.
- **836** (Queanbeyan – Jerrabombeera) via North Tce.
- **837** (Queanbeyan – Googong) via Karabar.
- **838** (Queanbeyan – Oaks Estate) via Queanbeyan railway station.
- **839** (Queanbeyan – Karabar).
- **842** (Yass – Canberra) via Woden I/C.
- **843** (Yass – Canberra) via Belconnen I/C.
- **844** (Queanbeyan – Bungendore).

STEVEN HABY, TRANSPORT FOR NSW

Quinns Coaches

Quinns Coaches operates **route 652** (Turntable Creek – Lismore) on weekdays, timetable dated 1 January 2021, with a return trip.

On school days, the morning trip departs Turntable Creek (The Channon) at 07:50, operating via various Lismore schools and colleges to arrive Lismore Transit Centre (T/C) at 09:10. During school holidays, the trip departs Turntable Creek at 07:15 then via Blakebrook to arrive Lismore T/C at 07:55.

On school days, the afternoon trip departs Our Lady of Help Christian School at 15:15 then operates back to Turntable Creek via the various schools/colleges and Lismore T/C to arrive 405 Rose Road in Turntable Creek at 17:10. During school holidays, a quick service operates, departing Lismore T/C at 15:30 (same departure time as school days), runs via Blakebrook to arrive Turntable Creek (The Channon) at 16:05.

STEVEN HABY, CHRIS PANDILOVSKI, TRANSPORT FOR NSW

Sapphire Coast Buslines

Route 890 (Bega – Eden) operates via Wolumla and Merimbula, with timetable dated 15 November 2021.

Weekday departures towards Eden are at 08:10 (Pambula), 09:10, 13:25, 15:10, 16:00, 17:05 (Pambula Beach) and 17:10, while Saturday trips to Eden are at 08:35 (Pambula), 10:40 and 14:40. A one-way trip takes around 90 minutes. **STEVEN HABY, TRANSPORT FOR NSW**

Surfside Buslines

The following timetables have been updated and are all dated 15 November 2021. These are branded as part of the North Coast Network on the TransportInfo website, but not on the PDF timetables, which frustratingly do not contain a route map.

- **Route 601** (Kingscliff – Tweed Heads West) operates via Tweed City, Coolangatta and the Tweed Hospital. Trips from Tweed Heads West on weekdays commence at 04:45 (Tweed Mall), 05:27, then every 30 minutes to 19:57, then 20:57 and (on Fridays only) at 21:57. Two extensions from the Opal Tweed Heads retirement village are at 10:22 & 16:22.

Saturday trips commence at 05:57 then run hourly until 07:57, then every 30 mins to 17:57, then hourly until 21:57. Sundays and public holidays see a half-hourly service 07:57-17:57, then the last departure at 18:57. A one-way trip takes 47 minutes.

- **602** (Tweed City – Banora Point) operates hourly 08:10-19:10 weekdays, 08:10-1810 Saturdays, and 0810-1710 Sundays/public holidays. A one-way trip is 22 minutes.
- **603** (Tweed City – Pottsville) operates via Hastings Point, Cabarita Beach and Kingscliff TAFE with a basic hourly service. Trips on weekdays and Saturdays commence 05:07 and 06:07 from Tweed Mall, then from Tweed City Shopping Centre (SC) 07:12-20:12.
On Sundays/public holidays, the service runs hourly 07:12-18:12. A one-way trip is 54 mins.
- **604** (Tweed City – Banora Point) operates via Heffron Street and Hillcrest Avenue. Weekday trips commence from Tweed City SC at 07:26, 07:56, then hourly to 17:56. Weekend/public holiday trips operate departing 07:56-17:56. A one-way trip takes 19 minutes.
- **605** (Murwillumbah – Tweed City) has trips ex Tweed City 07:33, 08:33, then every two hours until 20:33. The 20:33 service only operates on Thursdays and Fridays. Weekend/ public holiday trips run every two hours 07:33- 20:33. A one-way trip takes 41 minutes.
- **606** (Fingal Head – Tweed City) is essentially a weekday shoppers service with a 09:00 morning departure from Fingal Head PS arriving at Tweed City SC at 09:20. The return service departs at 14:37 arriving back at Fingal Head PS at 14:57.
- **608** (Tweed City – Bilambi Heights) operates via Kennedy Drive and Tweed Heads West.

Trips from Tweed City SC on weekdays operate hourly from 09:40 to 14:40 then hourly 15:45-18:45. The 14:40 service extends to Terranora Lakes Country Club, while the 17:45 and 18:45 trips extend to Bilambil Road.

Weekend/public holiday trips commence at 09:40 (to Bilambil Road) then 10:40, 12:40, 14:40, and 16:45 (Terranora Lakes Country Club except on Sundays where it terminates at Bilambil Road). A one-way trip is 22-30 mins.

- **609** (Murwillumbah – Kingscliff TAFE) operates weekdays only with an unbalanced timetable. Trips from Murwillumbah depart 07:55 and 12:45, taking 28 minutes one way. Return trips depart the TAFE at 12:15, 14:35, and 17:05, taking 26 minutes one way.

STEVEN HABY, TRANSPORT FOR NSW

Waller's Bus Company

Waller's operates **route 650** (Lismore – Nimbin). The timetable dated 1 January 2021 provides trips from Lismore on school days at 07:00, 08:00, 14:35, 15:20, and 17:30. During school holidays, trips depart at 08:00, 12:00 (Mondays and Thursdays only), 14:35 and 17:30. A one-way trip takes between 30 minutes to an hour, depending on route deviations. **STEVEN HABY, TRANSPORT FOR NSW**

Watson's Bus Service

Route 678 (Kyogle – Urbenville), timetable dated 1 January 2021, operates weekdays only with trips at 07:00 (from Urbenville) and 08:00 (from Woodenbong, school days only). A one-way trip takes 105 minutes. **STEVEN HABY, TRANSPORT FOR NSW**

Western Road Liners

The current timetables are dated 12 November 2021, with the following services:

- **Route 550** (Parkes – Parkes Hospital) via Currajong Street and South Parkes operates as a loop on weekday afternoons with departures at 13:21, 16:00, and 17:05. The full loop takes 17 minutes.
- **Route 551** (Parkes – Danilenko Street) operates weekdays only with trips at 07:07, 09:10 (both start from Danilenko Street), 10:22, 11:38, 13:15 (starts Danilenko Street), 14:23, and 17:45. A full return loop takes 13 mins from the CBD, seven mins to Danilenko Street terminus, and 5 mins from Danilenko Street to the CBD.
- **Route 552** (Parkes – Parkes Hospital) via East Parks operates as a loop service with three weekday trips: 07:37, 09:41, and 11:00. The full loop takes 17 minutes.
- **Route 553** (Parkes – North Parkes) via Thomas Street operates as a loop service to

depart weekdays at 10:00, 11:18, 14:02 and 16:43. The full loop takes 20 minutes.

- **Route 554** (Parkes – West Parkes) via Best Street operates weekdays only as a loop service with trips at 07:14, 09:17, 10:37, 13:40, 16:19 and 17:22. A full loop takes ~20 mins.

STEVEN HABY, TRANSPORT FOR NSW

Regional real-time data rollout

On 7 December, Transport for NSW announced that the northern cities of Armidale and Port Macquarie now have access to real-time data information for their local bus services, including occupancy information. Vehicles have had “state-of-the-art automatic passenger counting and vehicle tracking technology” installed.

The cities of Albury, Nowra, Orange and Tamworth will be set to receive this rollout by mid-2022, joining Bathurst, Coffs Harbour, Grafton, Parkes, Forbes, Tweed Heads, Wagga Wagga, Bega and Queanbeyan which have this technology available already.

TRANSPORT FOR NSW

St Marys bus interchange

A temporary bus interchange is being constructed next to St Marys railway station, for opening by April 2022, which will enable early works to commence on the upcoming Western Sydney Airport Metro line.

Kiss and Ride and Taxi rank areas have been moved to Nariel and Queen Streets respectively, while the three temporary bus stands will reside in the Veness Place carpark. *TRANSPORT FOR NSW*

CDC continues expansion

ComfortDelGro Corporation (CDC) has purchased regional New South Wales school bus operator, KA & VK Stubbs, which operates around Narrabri.

The \$2 million purchase includes five buses and three school routes, adding to the 16 buses that CDC already operates in the area. *AUSTRALIAN BUS AND COACH NEWS*

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY



Buses return

School bus services resumed from Monday 25 October, coinciding with the return of students to school, after a period of COVID-19 lockdown.

A spokesperson for government department Transport Canberra and City Services said that an interim bus timetable was in place on the broader network,

including most rapid services operating every 15 minutes until 20:00 weekdays - “this contingency takes into consideration any potential reduction in staff availability [from COVID-19] Health directions”.

Light rail services are operating to the regular timetable, with additional services added from 1 November (*Table Talk*, December 2021, page 4). *THE CANBERRA TIMES*

VICTORIA



Timetable changes: 813, 815 and 816

Some changes occurred from Sunday, 28 November as follows:

Existing route **813** (Dandenong R/S – Waverley Gardens S/C) was upgraded with a 40-minute service frequency now provided on weekdays, including earlier starts and finishes. Weekend frequencies remain unchanged with an hourly service.

Meanwhile, Route 815 (Dandenong R/S – Noble Park R/S) has been discontinued, with the introduction of new route **816**. New Ventura route **816** now operates from Noble Park R/S to Keysborough South to service growing residential development south of Noble Park. For some of the route it does cover areas served by existing route 709 (Noble Park – Mordialloc) and the former 815 (Dandenong R/S – Noble Park R/S).

From Keysborough South, the route commences at the corner of Perry and Hutton Roads then runs via Hutton, Church and Perry Roads, Kingsclere Avenue to Parkmore SC. Then it continues via Kingsclere, Bundeena, Wairoonga Avenues, then Buckley and Noble Streets, Leonard Avenue to the terminus on Link Avenue at Noble Park station. On school days, one morning and one afternoon trip deviates to Mt Hira College via Perry Road, Pacific Drive and Greens Rd before returning to the normal route on Hutton Road.

Weekday departures ex Noble Park are at 06:00, 06:30, 07:00, 07:32, 08:02, 08:34, 09:04 then hourly from 10:00 to 15:00, then 15:30, 16:04, 16:28, 17:00 then every 30 minutes to 19:00 then hourly to 21:00. Weekends and public holidays (Christmas Day, Boxing Day) sees an hourly service from around 07:30 to 21:30. A one-way trip takes around 20 mins. *STEVEN HABY, PUBLIC TRANSPORT VICTORIA*

Oakleigh 700 shuttle

Since 8 November, Ventura Bus Lines has been operating an Oakleigh R/S - Chadstone shuttle route **700** service. The timetable is due to conclude on 29 January 2022. The '700' designation used to refer to Ventura's former Box Hill - Oakleigh - Mordialloc service, before it was swallowed as part of route 903 (Altona - Mordialloc 'SmartBus', operated by Transdev).

The 700 timetable is rather odd with certain services only operating on particular weekdays rather than Monday to Friday. **STEVEN HABY, PTV**

More potential FlexiRide services

Unconfirmed reports indicate that Tarneit North in Melbourne's outer western suburbs is a potential new site for this operation. **STEVEN HABY, VIC PRIVATE BUS OPERATOR'S PAGE (FACEBOOK)**

New Ballarat bus interchange & timetables

From Sunday 19 December, the Ballarat station interchange that was on the south side of the station was moved to the north-west side of the station, adjacent to the former Ballarat goods shed.

Coinciding with this, new timetables with expanded services came into effect for all routes with a summary set out below:

- **Route 10** (Ballarat R/S – Alfredton) via Wendouree. Minor trip timing changes on weekends.
- **11** (Ballarat R/S – Wendouree) via Howitt Street. Weekdays: one additional evening trip. Saturdays: two additional evening trips. Sundays: minor timing changes.
- **12** (Ballarat R/S – Wendouree) via Forest Street. Minor timing changes across the week.
- **13** (Ballarat R/S – Invermay Park). Weekdays: significant timing changes resulting in a later finish. Saturdays: two additional trips. Sundays: minor timing changes.
- **14** (Ballarat R/S – Black Hill). Weekdays: timing changes and one additional evening trip. Saturdays: timing changes and one extra evening trip. Sundays: timing changes.
- **15** (Ballarat R/S – Brown Hill). Weekdays: timing changes and three additional evening trips. Saturdays: timing changes and one extra evening trip. Sundays: timing changes.
- **20** (Ballarat R/S – Canadian). Weekdays: timing changes and two additional evening trips. Saturdays: timing changes and one extra evening trip. Sundays: timing changes.
- **21** (Ballarat R/S – Buninyong) via Federation University. Weekdays: timing change and one additional evening trip. Saturdays: timing changes and three additional evening trips. Sundays: timing changes.
- **22** (Ballarat R/S – Federation University) via Sebastopol. Weekdays: timing changes and two additional evening trips. Saturdays: timing changes and one additional evening trip. Sundays: timing changes.
- **23** (Ballarat R/S – Mount Pleasant). Weekdays: timing changes and two additional

evening trips. Saturdays: timing changes and one additional evening trip. Sundays: timing changes.

- **24** (Ballarat R/S – Sebastopol). Weekdays: off peak increased to 30 minutes and later evening finish around 2130. Saturdays: there is one additional evening trip and consistent departure times across the day. Sundays: minor timing changes.
- **25** (Ballarat R/S – Delacombe). Weekdays: timing changes and two additional evening trips. Saturdays: timing changes and one extra evening trip. Sundays: timing changes.
- **26** (Ballarat R/S – Alfredton). Weekdays: timing changes and two additional evening trips. Weekends: timing changes.
- **30** (Ballarat R/S – Creswick). Weekdays: timing changes and one additional evening trip. Saturdays: timing changes and two extra evening trips. Sundays: timing changes.
- **31** (Wendouree R/S – Miners Rest). Saturdays: One additional trip and minor timing changes.

STEVEN HABY, PUBLIC TRANSPORT VICTORIA



Location of the new Ballarat bus interchange (source: PTV).

Bendigo: Christians Bus disruption

Multiple services of local Bendigo bus operator, Christians Bus Company, were cancelled on Tuesday 5 October after a COVID-19 isolation requirements of many of its drivers. Routes 5, 51-55, 60-63 and 65 were impacted. However, the company confirmed that it maintained school bus runs.

Despite initial fears of a longer impact, regular service levels resumed the next day. **BENDIGO ADVERTISER (2)**

TASMANIA



Metro Tasmania holiday timetable

Across the New Year period, service alterations for the holiday period impacted Metro Tasmania services in Hobart, Burnie and Launceston.

The weekday vacation timetable operates on non-public holiday weekdays from 17 December until the resumption of school (Term 1, 2022).

On 31 Dec, the regular vacation Friday timetable operated, with extra NightRider services in Hobart and Launceston. **METRO TASMANIA**

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Regional Bus Overview - SA

The following is a review of existing regional South Australia service timetables by the Bus Editor, Steven Haby. Operators are listed in alphabetical order.

Des's Transport

Des's Transport operates Whyalla's town services across eight routes under contract to the state's Department of Industry and Passenger Transport. The current timetable is dated 'effective 1 February 2020'. Routes 1-6 also operate on Saturdays. The routes are:

- **Route 1** (Post Office – Elliot – Lacey – Jenkins – Westlands).
- **2** (Post Office – Bradford – Nicholson – Mills – Westlands).
- **3** (Post Office – Hambidge – Elliot – Jackson – Westlands).
- **4** loop service (Westlands – Eyre Avenue – Harris Scarfe – Westlands).
- **5** loop service (Westlands – Bastyan – Risby – Westlands).
- **6** loop service (Westlands – Cartledge – One Stop – Westlands).
- **7** (Post Office – Bedford).
- **8** (Mullaquana – Westlands).

The route map is provided on the next page. **STEVEN HABY, ADELAIDE METRO**

Kent Group

This operator incorporates the Mid North Passenger Service runs and the Port Augusta & Port Pirie town services. A check on their website (<https://kentgrp.com.au/bus-services/>) revealed that the links were not active (not to mention a few spelling errors).

The Port Augusta routes are:

- **572** – Port August West
- **571** – Augusta Park
- **570** – Stirling North/Willsden
- Port Augusta – Peterborough

The Port Pirie routes are:

- Port Pirie town loop – route A is clockwise, route B is anti-clockwise
- Peterborough – Terowie – Port Pirie
- Peterborough – Orroroo – Port Pirie

STEVEN HABY, ADELAIDE METRO

LinkSA

Recent timetable updates from this operator are as follows:

Routes **805-808** (Murray Bridge – Mt Barker – Adelaide) dated 26 July 2021.

- **1201** (Swan Reach – Berri) dated 9 Aug 2021.
- **1251-1254** (Adelaide – Goowla) dated 30 August 2021.

STEVEN HABY, ADELAIDE METRO

SeaLink

The current Cape Jervis – Adelaide timetable is dated 29 March 2021. This service runs in conjunction with SeaLink's ferry service to Kangaroo Island. **STEVEN HABY, ADELAIDE METRO**

Stateliner

At the time of publication, the current timetables for Stateliner were as follows:

- Adelaide – Ceduna dated 15 May 2021.
- Adelaide – Port Pirie – Port Augusta – Whyalla dated 15 May 2021.
- Adelaide – Port Lincoln dated 18 Oct 2021.
- Adelaide – Riverland dated 18 October 2021.
- Adelaide – Mount Gambier dated 18 Oct 2021.

See page 23 for a mapped overview of the Riverland route. **STEVEN HABY, STATELINER**

Whyalla BUS SERVICE TIMETABLE



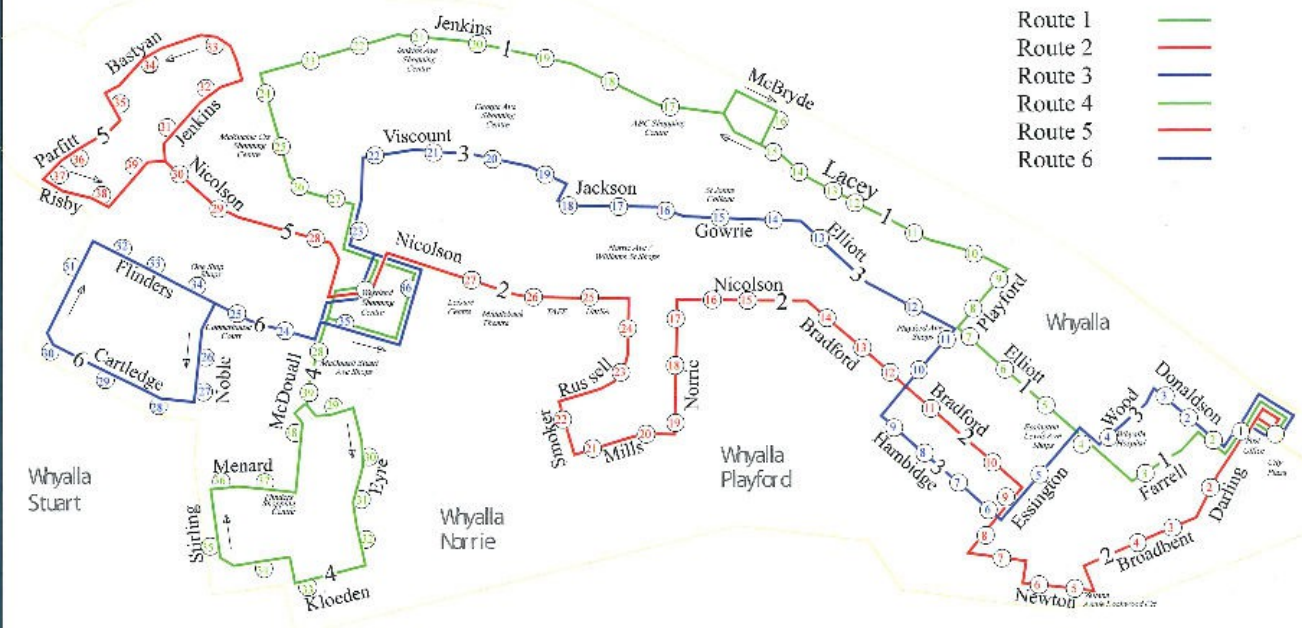
Des's Transport Pty Ltd
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Whyalla Norrie, SA, 5608
Phone: (08) 8644 7744

Type	Single	10 Trips	40 Trips
Adults	\$ 2.80	\$ 25.20	N/A
Student/Child under 15	\$ 1.40	\$ 12.60	N/A
Student/Child 15+ Tertiary	\$ 1.40	\$ 12.60	N/A
Pensioner/Senior/Unemployed	\$ 1.40	\$ 12.60	N/A
School Pass	N/A	N/A	\$ 31.50

Department of Planning
Transport & Infrastructure
GPO Box 1533
Adelaide SA 5001
Ph: 1300 311 108

Route Map

- Route 1 —
- Route 2 —
- Route 3 —
- Route 4 —
- Route 5 —
- Route 6 —



Whyalla Bus Network Map
Prices effective 1st February 2020



Yorke Peninsula Coaches

Yorke Peninsula Coaches (YPC) current timetabled services are as follows:

- Adelaide – Yorketown dated 7 April 2021.
- Adelaide – Moonta Bay dated 7 April 2021.
- Adelaide – Balaklava dated 7 April 2021.
- Adelaide – Peterborough dated 7 April 2021.
- Yorke Peninsula intertown services dated 6 April 2021. These operate once or twice a week and are coordinated by a local community organisation with vehicles provided by YPC.

STEVEN HABY, ADELAIDE METRO

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Perth: Timetable adjustments

Effective from Sunday, 19 December, multiple routes have new timetables issued following Transperth's ongoing review into existing route services.

- **Route 19:** Some trip timing changes, while some trips have also been withdrawn due to poor patronage.
- **20, 41, 42, 55, 360, 361, 362, 406 and 960:** Some trip timing changes to account for changed traffic conditions and reflect more accurate running times.
- **48:** Some trip timing changes to provide better connections with trains at Bayswater. An additional weekday trip departs 07:20 ex Elizabeth Quay Bus Station towards Coode St near Bayswater station. As a result, Guildford Road has a service every 10 mins 07:10-08:40 across routes 41, 42, 48, and 55. **TRANSPERTH**

Integrity Coach Lines

Integrity operates some of the longest express coach service routes in the country, between Perth, Port Hedland and Broome.

The current timetables, which are somewhat confusing as there are several conflicting dates on the website and the printed PDF timetables (which show two dates!).

There are two routes – coastal to Broome via Port Hedland and inland which operates Perth to Port Hedland only.

Northbound services operate as follows:

- **IC15** (Perth – Port Hedland) departing Perth Sundays at 18:00 to arrive Port Hedland on Tuesday mornings at 03:35.
- **IC09** (Perth – Broome) departing Perth Tuesdays and Thursdays at 18:00 to arrive Broome on Thursdays and Saturday mornings respectively at 06:15.
- **IC40** (Perth – Port Hedland via inland) departing Perth Tuesdays (22:30) to arrive Port Hedland Wednesdays (20:30).

The printed timetable shows both 26 October 2021 and 1 March 2020, whereas the website indicates the timetable is effective from 1 June 2021. There is also a **shuttle service** to Shark Bay connecting with IC09 and IC15 running between Monkey Mia and the Overlander Roadhouse.

Southbound services operate as follows:

- **IC16** (Port Hedland – Perth via the coast) departing Tuesdays at 03:35 to arrive Perth at 07:10 Wednesday.
- **IC10** (Broome – Perth via the coast) departing 20:00 Thursdays and Saturdays to arrive Perth at 07:10 on Saturdays and Mondays respectively.
- **IC41** (Port Hedland – Perth via inland) departs 09:00 Thursdays to arrive 06:30 Fridays.
- A **shuttle service** to Shark Park connects with IC10 and IC16 at Overlander Roadhouse.

The printed timetable shows 26 October 2021 and 1 March 2020 whereas the website indicates the timetable is effective from 1 June 2021. **STEVEN HABY, INTEGRITY COACH LINES**

NEW ZEALAND



Auckland: SkyBus

Since August, SkyBus' Auckland City Express service has been suspended due to COVID-19 lockdown impacts following an 80 per cent patronage drop, joining the North Harbour service, which has been in suspension since March 2020.

Despite attempts to alter routes, fares and frequencies to maintain some semblance of a service, Kinetic New Zealand's head, Calum Haslop, said that the service had been operating at a financially "unsustainable level" for some time. **STUFF.CO.NZ**



Wellington: Reliability improves

Metlink confirmed in September that initial positive news about service reliability, following on from recent timetable changes (see *Table Talk*, October 2021, page 12), have continued, with cancellations dropping by more than half from June's peak.

The 1,640 cancellations recorded across September, although much improved, are now similar to the numbers reached in late 2018/early 2019 under the city's "bustastrophe". *THE DOMINION POST*

Nimon and Sons acquisition

Tranzit Group has acquired Hawke's Bay bus and coach company Nimon and Sons, which operates charter and school bus services.

The purchase includes over 130 vehicles, while the existing three depots will continue to be used under lease from the Nimon family. Tranzit Group's branding will be gradually applied into Nimon's services across 2022. *NZ HERALD*

INTERNATIONAL

Malta: Free public transport

Malta is set to become the second country in the European Union, after Luxembourg, to make all public transport free. The recently handed-down budget initiative will see all holders of the Tal-Linja card able to use local services without charge. Public transport trips are already free for those over 75 years of age.

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QUEENSLAND



Thursday Island ferry services

McDonald Charter Boats operates the Thursday Island – Horn Island ferry service. It includes a coach connection from Horn Island (HI) airport and the ferry terminal.

The timetable dated 18 October 2021 had departures from Thursday Island (TI) as follows:

- Weekdays: 06:10, 07:00, 08:00, 09:15, 10:15, 11:15, 12:50, 13:45, 15:10, 16:15, 17:15, and 18:00.
- Saturdays: 06:10, 08:00, 09:15, 10:15, 12:40, 13:45, and 16:00.
- Sundays: 08:00, 09:15, 10:15, 11:30, 13:45, and 16:00.

The updated timetable, dated 13 December, provides an additional Sunday service departing TI at 15:10 as well as some added services and alterations on weekends ex HI. A copy is provided below.

Interestingly, the timetable shows when lunch and fuel/bunkering of the ferry takes place.

Peddells provides a service between Thursday Island and Seisia, on the Cape York Peninsula. The current timetable is effective from December 2021 to March 2022 with a base service departing 06:30 from Thursday Island and 08:00 from Seisia. Additional trips operate on certain days and dates with a departure from Thursday Island at 14:30 and Seisia at 16:00.
STEVEN HABY, McDONALD CHARTER BOATS, PEDDELLS

THURSDAY ISLAND / HORN ISLAND FERRY TIMETABLE

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Monday - Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
Depart T.I.	Depart H.I.	Depart T.I.	Depart H.I.	Depart T.I.	Depart H.I.
6.10 am #	6.30 am	6.10 am #			
7.00 am	7.30 am		7.30 am		7.30 am
8.00 am	8.30 am	8.00 am	8.30 am	8.00 am	8.30 am
9.15 am QF2489	9.50 am	9.15 am QF2489	9.50 am	9.15 am QF2489	9.50 am
10.15 am	10.50 am QF2488	10.15 am	10.55 am QF2488	10.15 am	10.55 am QF2488
11.15 am	11.40 am	Fuel / Bunkering		11.30 am	
LUNCH		Lunch		LUNCH	
12.50 pm	1.15 pm	12.40 pm	1.15 pm		1.15 pm
1.45 pm QF 2497	2.10 pm	1.45 pm QF2497	2.10 pm #	1.45 pm QF2497	2.10pm
3.10 pm QF 2491	3.45 pm QF2496		3.45 pm QF2496	3.10 pm QF 2491	3.45 pm QF2496
4.15 pm	4.40 pm	4.00 pm		4.00 pm	5.40 pm QF 2497
5.15 pm	5.40 pm QF 2497				
6.00 pm	6.20 pm #				
FAST, SAFE & FRIENDLY DOOR TO DOOR SERVICE.	TIMETABLE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME WITHOUT NOTICE.	# Monday to Friday: 6.10am & 6.20pm # Saturday: 6.10am, 2.10pm & 4.10pm # Sunday: 2.10pm & 4.10pm These departures will only operate for passengers pre-booked by 4pm the day prior. BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL !		ALL QF Connections departing from Horn Island and the departures from Thursday Island after them may be delayed up to 20 minutes pending actual Qantaslink aircraft arrival time.	
Effective 13th December 2021					

Sea Swift

Operating since 1987, Sea Swift is Northern Australia's largest shipping company. It provides shipping and distribution services across the top end of Northern Territory and Queensland, including the islands in the Torres Strait.

It provides an interactive shipping schedule which is updated daily and can be found on their website:

<https://www.seaswift.com.au/about/?modal=schedules>.

STEVEN HABY, SEA SWIFT

NEW SOUTH WALES



Holiday timetable

Transdev Sydney Ferries operated to an adjusted holiday timetable during the Christmas/New Year period, as follows:

Saturday 25 December:

- F1, F4, F8 and F9 operated to a reduced holiday timetable.
- F3 and F7 did not operate any services.
- Other routes operated to the normal public holiday timetable.

Sunday 26 Dec:

- F9 operated to the Saturday timetable, while F1 and F7 operated to a public holiday timetable. Due to harbour closures, no services operated on selected periods on the F1 (12:00-14:40), F7 (11:57-13:20) and F9 (11:45-13:20).
- Other routes operated to the usual public holiday timetable.

Monday 27 to Thursday 30 Dec:

- Public holiday (27-28 Dec), weekend (29 Dec) or weekday (30 Dec) timetable, with the exception of F1 Manly operating to a summer holiday timetable providing extra services.

Friday, 31 Dec:

- F1 and F2 ferries operate to a "New Years Eve timetable", while the remainder operate to the weekday timetable.

Saturday 1 January:

- Ferries operate to the public holiday timetable.
- F8 has some extra AM services from Cockatoo Island.

Sunday 2 and Monday 3 Jan:

- Weekend (2 Jan) then public holiday (3 Jan) timetable, with the exception of F1 Manly

operating to a summer holiday timetable providing extra services.

The regular timetable resumes from Tuesday, 4 January. **TRANSPORT FOR NSW**

F1 Manly timetable changes

On 10 December, Transport for NSW released further timetable changes for Sydney Ferries services, this time for the F1 Manly route. The changes, effective from **Monday 13 December**, see an improvement in service frequencies and journey time across the week as a result of the use of the Emerald-class ferries.

Services scheduled to operate with Emerald-class ferries have a ~25 per cent faster journey time between Circular Quay and Manly (22 minutes). However, Freshwater class ferries will continue to operate selected services on weekends, with those services maintaining the traditional 30 minutes of journey time.

On weekdays, F1 services operate with three ferries per hour (up from the previous two per hour), while on weekends, services operate at up to every 15 minutes. **TRANSPORT FOR NSW**

F1 Manly: Various timetable amendments

Further to last month *Table Talk* article on the F1 Manly timetable changes, not mentioned was that the new timetable dated Saturday 9 October was reverted to the previous timetable after a couple days.

From then until Monday 13 December, the service was operated by a mix of the Freshwater and Collaroy and the third service by one of the Emeralds initially either the new Fairlight or one of the older Emerald ferries. The Emerald-operated trips were operated to the slower Freshwater times. By late November the new Balmoral was also used on some days. It was the vessel that was withdrawn mid-service on Sunday 5 December, which resulted in a bus replacement service being run in place of some services.

On **Monday 13 December**, a further new timetable was introduced where all weekday services would be operated by Emeralds by 22 Minute trip times with three vessels operating every 20 minutes instead of 30 minutes. On weekends, a 15 minute service would be provided by three Emeralds and two Freshwater ferries alternating as the fourth vessel.

However, due to heavy swells on 13 December, the new timetable was suspended and the service operated by the two Freshwater ferries operating 4x 40-minute service frequency in both directions. The next day (14 Dec), again such a 40-minute service frequency operated, but in the afternoon some trips were operated by an Emerald ferry.

On **Wednesday 15 December**, the new timetable returned, but only with Emerald ferries, including all the new ones (such as the Clontarf), which was reported in passenger service for the first time, and two of the

older Emeralds operating some trips, including the Victor Chang (which was used on another route earlier in the day).

Anytrip has also today shown every trip that is operating but before that many trips were not shown for some unknown reason – possible because the wrong timetable was being used.

It is also noted that the F1 Manly route, as well as other routes, were impacted by ongoing cancellations caused by staff shortages (see last month's *Table Talk* article on Transdev Sydney Ferries' recent reliability issues).

Throughout most days of December, assorted services across F1, F3, F4, F5, F6, F7 and F9 were cancelled. On some days, the list of services for particular routes reached double digits. **LOURIE SMIT, HILAIRE FRASER, CHRIS PANDILOVSKI, TRANSPORT FOR NSW**

More fleet issues with Sydney ferries

A report in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on Tuesday 7 December, noted that welding defects had been detected in one of the new 'Emerald' class ferries MV BALMORAL. This same vessel was involved in an incident several weeks ago whilst undergoing trials in Sydney Harbour when a window smashed in the passenger saloon during rough weather and there were issues with her rudder.

Further problems occurred on Monday 6 December, according to a report in the *Manly Daily*, where MV CLONTARF had to be rescued by a tug boat that evening, then taken to White Bay and dry docked where her propeller shafts were removed. Excessive vibration, noise and control issues were reasons given for the rescue.

The report also stated that due to low tides at Manly Wharf, a new gangway would need to be constructed to be used in conjunction with the 'Emerald' class ferries. **STEVEN HABY, SYDNEY MORNING HERALD, MANLY DAILY**

Manly Fast Ferry

Transport for NSW has put the Manly Fast Ferry contract back out to tender. The existing contract for the service, currently operated by NRMA as a faster option to the traditional F1 service, is due to expire around April 2022.

Of particular interest will be what private market interest is generated for the new contract, particularly considering that the 20-minute service, which charges more per trip than the F1 Manly as a trade-off for the faster trip, is starting to experience stronger competition with the arrival of the Emerald-class ferries on Transdev Sydney Ferries' F1 service. The Emeralds have shaved up to 25 per cent off the Manly trip time, down to just 22 minutes.

It remains to be seen if the Manly Fast Ferry will be able to be sustained under private operation.
TRANSPORT FOR NSW

New Lake Macquarie ferry trial

A new "hop on/hop off" ferry service has been announced for Lake Macquarie. A six-month trial will initially operate, supported by the local council.

The trial will utilise a 120-capacity vessel previously used around Stradbroke Island in Queensland, and operate on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays between Speers Point, Booragul, Toronto, Wangi Wangi, and Belmont. Although Lake Macquarie City Council assures that it was considered, Warners Bay has not been included because the water is too shallow.

According to Radio 2HD, the ferry will reduce travel times across the Lake by up to 30 minutes when compared to travel by road.

Managing Director of Lake Macquarie Cruises and Nova Cruises, Peter Hanrahan, said "attending tourism meetings, there is constant talk of a lack of connectivity, and with so much to do around the lake, we thought there was the opportunity for a quick link between all the sites". Mr Hanrahan confirmed to ABC News that the service was aimed towards tourists, rather than as a commuter service, with a hope for 40-50 people using the service per day.

A soft launch was scheduled on 12 December for the 'Lake Mac Carols' event, with the trial commencing on 1 January. The timetable consists of four north-bound and four southbound trips. Tickets are priced at \$13 for adults one-way, \$26 return, and there is an all-day hop-on, hop-off pass available for \$30. **GEOFF HASSALL, NEWCASTLE HERALD, RADIO 2HD, ABC NEWS**

NSW private ferry timetable overview

According to the TransportInfo website, the following timetables and operators are running as follows (at the time of publication), with route designations and timetable issuance dates as follows:

Manly Fast Ferry

- **Route MFF** (Circular Quay – Manly) dated 18 October 2021.
- **MWB** (Manly – Watsons Bay) dated 2 October 2021.

Captain Cook Cruises (dated 6 Nov 2021 if not listed)

- **CCLC** (Circular Quay – Lane Cove).
- **CCSH** (Circular Quay – Shark Island).
- **CCTZ** (Circular Quay – Taronga Zoo).
- **CCWB** (Circular Quay – Watsons Bay) dated 15 Nov 2021.
- **CCWM** (Circ. Quay – Manly via Watsons Bay).

Cronulla Ferries

- **BUNC** Cronulla – Bundeena dated 21 Sept '21

Palm Beach Ferry Service

- **PLMB** (Palm Beach – Coasters Retreat) dated 1 Jan 2021.

- **WAGE** (Palm Beach – Wagstaffe – Ettalong) dated 1 January 2021.

Brooklyn Ferry Service

- **BRKL** (Dangar – Brooklyn) dated 7 May 2021.

Church Point Ferry Service

- **CHCP** (Church Point ferry) dated 9 Mar 2021.

Central Coast Ferries

- **EMPB** (Woy Woy – Empire Bay) dated 11 September 2021.

Clarence Point Ferries

- **CRF** (Yamba – Iluka) dated 27 January 2021.

STEVEN HABY, TRANSPORT FOR NSW

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



SeaLink (Kangaroo Island)

The current timetable shows as 'valid from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022'. *STEVEN HABY, ADELAIDE METRO*

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Rottnest Island services

The following operators provide the ferry service to RI:

Rottnest Express

The website for this operator has a dynamic timetable that is updated daily – see

<https://secure.rotnestexpress.com.au/ferry-information/timetable> for further details.

For example, on Saturday 18 December 2021 the timetable from Perth to the island had departures at 0730, 0800, 0845, 0930 then hourly to 1230 then 1400 and 1600. These departures were from either Perth or two berths in Fremantle.

Sealink Rottnest Island

The current timetable is as follows which operates from 25 October 2021 to 24 December. Further details are at www.sealinkrotnest.com.au/ferry/timetables.

Depart B Shed, Fremantle	Depart Rottnest Island
7:00 AM	8:00 AM
8:00 AM*	9:00 AM*
9:00 AM	10:00 AM
9:45 AM*	2:20 PM
11:00 AM	4:00 PM
3:00 PM - Mon to Thur	5:00 PM*
4:00 PM*	7:00 PM*
6:00 PM*	

The timetable then operates as follows:

26th December 2021 - 31st January 2022

Depart B Shed, Fremantle	Depart Rottnest Island
7:00 AM	7:45 AM
7:30 AM	8:15 AM
8:00 AM	8:45 AM
8:30 AM	9:15 AM
9:00 AM	9:45 AM
9:30 AM	10:15 AM
10:00 AM	10:45 AM
10:30 AM	11:30 AM
11:00 AM	12:30 PM
11:30 AM	2:30 PM
2:30 PM	3:30 PM
3:00 PM	4:00 PM
3:30 PM	4:30 PM
4:15 PM	5:00 PM
4:45 PM	5:30 PM
5:15 PM	6:00 PM
5:45 PM	6:45 PM
6:15 PM	7:00 PM
7:30 PM	8:15 PM

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- Virgin VA1334 Hobart departing 20:20
- Virgin VA897 Sydney departing 21:00
- Virgin VA397 Brisbane departing 21:10
- Jetstar JQ572 Brisbane departing 21:50

Christmas eve cancellations

Reports in the media on the afternoon of Friday, 24 December stated that around 80 Jetstar flights were cancelled Australia-wide due to staff shortages caused by COVID-19 isolation requirements. One report on Nine News indicated that Melbourne Airport had been 'shut down' but this could not be verified through other media outlets.

A check on the Melbourne Airport website indicated that the following flights had been cancelled:

- Virgin VA725 Gold Coast departing 06:10
- Virgin VA1291 Cairns departing 06:35
- Virgin VA729 Gold Coast departing 07:10
- Qantas QF414 Sydney (code shared with American Airlines, China Southern and Emirates) departing 07:30
- Jetstar JQ504 Sydney departing 08:20
- Jetstar JQ506 Sydney departing 08:40
- Virgin VA825 Sydney departing 08:45
- Qantas QF675 Adelaide departing 09:05
- Virgin VA733 Gold Coast departing 09:10
- Virgin VA835 Sydney departing 10:30
- Jetstar JQ518 Sydney departing 12:55
- Qantas QF5798 Sunshine Coast (code shared with Jetstar) departing 13:00
- Virgin VA745 Gold Coast departing 14:40
- Qantas QF454 Sydney (code shared with Sri Lankan Airlines and Emirates) departing 15:00
- Virgin VA333 Brisbane departing 15:10
- Virgin VA749 Gold Coast departing 15:10
- Virgin VA1131 Coffs Harbour departing 15:50
- Virgin VA863 Sydney departing 16:30
- Virgin VA339 Brisbane departing 16:40
- Jetstar JQ526 Sydney departing 17:15
- Virgin VA239 Adelaide departing 17:40
- Virgin VA1047 Sunshine Coast departs 18:20
- Jetstar JQ530 Sydney departing 18:55
- Virgin VA883 Sydney departing 19:00
- Virgin VA1467 Darwin departing 19:45

Sydney Airport cancellations were

- Jetstar JQ501 Melbourne departing 06:00
- Jetstar JQ503 Melbourne departing 06:20
- Jetstar JQ786 Sunshine Coast departs 06:25
- Qantas QF502 Brisbane departing 06:35
- Jetstar JQ505 Melbourne departing 07:00
- Qantas QF2009 Orange departing 07:10
- Jetstar JQ402 Gold Coast departing 07:20
- Qantas QF510 Brisbane departing 08:45
- Jetstar JQ762 Adelaide departing 09:30
- Qantas QF433 Melbourne departing 10:00
- Qantas QF1433 Canberra departing 10:05
- Virgin VA479 Sunshine Coast departing 10:30
- Jetstar JQ511 Melbourne departing 10:40
- Jetstar JQ410 Gold Coast departing 10:55
- Jetstar JQ609 Avalon departing 14:00
- Qantas QF1437 Canberra departing 14:05
- Virgin VA848 Melbourne departing 14:30
- Virgin VA1421 Cairns departing 14:50
- Jetstar JQ523 Melbourne departing 15:00
- Qantas QF904 Sunshine Coast departs 15:00
- Jetstar JQ723 Hobart departing 15:05
- Rex ZL352 Brisbane departing 15:15
- Virgin VA1534 Hobart departing 15:45
- Jetstar JQ428 Gold Coast departing 16:15
- Jetstar JQ525 Melbourne departing 16:30
- Jetstar JQ816 Brisbane departing 16:40
- Virgin VA965 Brisbane departing 17:00
- Qantas QF540 Brisbane departing 17:05
- Virgin VA535 Gold Coast departing 17:20
- Jetstar JQ768 Adelaide departing 17:35
- Virgin VA537 Gold Coast departing 17:50
- Jetstar JQ1805 Brisbane departing 18:05
- Virgin VA878 Melbourne departing 18:30
- Jetstar JQ426 Gold Coast departing 18:55
- Virgin VA1357 Darwin departing 20:50
- Virgin VA545 Gold Coast departing 20:50

- Virgin VA894 Melbourne departing 21:00
- Qantas QF1455 Canberra departing 21:00
- Virgin VA999 Brisbane departing 21:30
- Virgin VA896 Melbourne departing 21:30

STEVEN HABY, NINE NEWS, MELBOURNE AIRPORT

Sharp Airlines

Sharp Airlines' current flight schedules are summarised below:

Hobart – Flinders Island (timetable effective 25 October 2021 to 30 May 2022).

- **SH 946** (Wed) departs 11:35 arrives 12:35.
- **SH 946** (Fridays) departs 13:15 arrives 14:15.
- **SH 946** (Sundays) depart 15:05 arrive 16:05.

Flinders Island – Hobart (timetable effective as per above dates).

- **SH 945** (Fridays) departs 11:15 arrives 12:15.
- **SH 945** (Wed, Sun) depart 13:35 arrive 14:35.

Melbourne (Essendon) – Flinders Island (timetable effective as per above).

- **SH 813** (Sundays) depart 10:50 arrive 11:55.
- **SH 815** (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays) departs 11:50 arrives 12:55.

Flinders Island – Essendon (timetable effective as per above).

- **SH 812** (Sundays) depart 12:25 arrive 13:30.
- **SH 816** (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays) departs 13:25 arrives 14:20.

Launceston – Flinders Island (timetable effective as per above)

- **SH 801** (Mon-Sat) depart 08:00 arrive 08:35.
- **SH 803** (Mon, Fri) departs 10:10 arrives 10:45.
- **SH 811** (Sundays) depart 12:30 arrive 13:05.
- **SH 807** (Mon–Fri) departs 15:50 arrives 16:25.

Flinders Island – Launceston (timetable effective as per above).

- **SH 802** (Mon–Sat) depart 09:05 arrive 09:40.
- **SH 806** (Mon, Fri) departs 14:45 arrives 15:20.
- **SH 814** (Sundays) depart 16:35 arrive 17:10.
- **SH 808** (Mon–Fri) departs 16:55 arrives 17:30.

Hobart – King Island (timetable effective as per above).

- **SH 934** (Fridays) departs 11:50 arrives 13:05.
- **SH 934** (Sundays) depart 15:05 arrive 16:20.
- **SH 934** (Wed) departs 15:20 arrives 16:35.

King Island – Hobart (timetable effective as per above).

- **SH 933** (Wed, Fri) depart 09:35 arrive 10:50.
- **SH 933** (Sundays) depart 12:50 arrive 14:05.

Melbourne (Essendon) – King Island (timetable dated 30 August 2021 to 30 May 2022).

- **SH 922** (Mon–Sat) depart 07:00 arrive 07:45.
- **SH 926** (Sundays) depart 15:00 arrive 15:45.
- **SH 926** (Mon–Fri) departs 15:00 arrives 15:45.

King Island – Essendon (timetable dated 30 August 2021 to 30 May 2022).

- **SH 923** (Tue–Sat) depart 08:15 arrive 09:00.
- **SH 923** (Mondays) depart 10:35 arrive 11:20.
- **SH 927** (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Sundays) depart 16:15 arrives 17:00.
- **SH 927** (Wed, Fri) depart 18:20 arrive 19:05.

Launceston – King Island (timetable dated 25 October 2021 to 30 May 2022).

- **SH 892** (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays) departs 07:00 arrives 08:35.
- **SH 892** (Wed, Fri) depart 08:15 arrive 09:05.
- **SH 986** (Saturdays) depart 10:40 arrive 12:15.
- **SH 894** (Sundays) depart 10:45 arrive 12:20.
- **SH 898** (Mondays) depart 11:20 arrive 11:50.
- **SH 894** (Mon, Tue) depart 15:05 arrive 16:40.
- **SH 898** (Fridays) departs 15:10 arrives 16:00.

King Island – Launceston (timetable as per above).

- **SH 893** (Mondays) depart 09:20 arrive 10:10.
- **SH 893** (Tuesdays) depart 09:20 arrive 10:35.
- **SH 897** (Saturdays) depart 13:00 arrive 14:15.
- **SH 899** (Mondays) depart 13:25 arrive 14:15.
- **SH 895** (Fridays) departs 13:35 arrives 14:25.
- **SH 895** (Thursdays) depart 15:25 arrive 16:55.
- **SH 899** (Fridays) departs 16:45 arrives 17:35.
- **SH 895** (Sundays) depart 16:50 arrive 18:05.
- **SH 895** (Wed) departs 17:05 arrives 17:55.
- **SH 895** (Mon, Tue) depart 17:25 arrive 18:40.

Burnie (Wynyard) – King Island (timetable dated 25 October 2021 to 30 May 2022).

- **SH 892** (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays) departs 08:00 arrives 08:35.
- **SH 923** (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays) departs 09:30 arrives 10:05.
- **SH 892** (Thursdays) depart 10:35 arrive 11:10.
- **SH 896** (Saturdays) depart 11:40 arrive 12:15.

- **SH 894** (Sundays) depart 11:45 arrive 12:20.
- **SH 898** (Mondays) depart 12:20 arrive 12:55.
- **SH 894** (Mon, Tue) depart 16:05 arrive 16:40.
- **SH 927** (Wed, Fri) depart 17:15 arrive 17:50.

King Island – Burnie (timetable dated as per above).

- **SH 922** (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays) departs 08:15 arrives 08:45.
- **SH 893** (Tue, Thu) depart 09:20 arrive 09:50.
- **SH 897** (Saturdays) depart 13:00 arrive 13:30.
- **SH 895** (Thursday) depart 15:25 arrive 15:55.
- **SH 926** (Wed, Fri) depart 16:15 arrive 16:45.
- **SH 895** (Sundays) depart 16:50 arrive 17:20.
- **SH 895** (Mon, Tue) depart 17:25 arrive 17:55.

Melbourne (Essendon) – Griffith (timetable dated 30 August 2021 to 30 May 2022).

- **SH 871** (Tue, Thu) depart 11:45 arrive 12:50.

Griffith – Essendon (timetable dated as per above).

- **SH 872** (Tue, Thu) depart 13:10 arrive 14:15.

Launceston – Burnie (timetable dated 30 August 2021 to 30 May 2022).

- **SH 892** (Mon–Fri) departs 07:00 arrives 07:30.
- **SH 896** (Saturdays) depart 09:40 arrive 10:10.
- **SH 894** (Sundays) depart 10:45 arrives 11:15.
- **SH 898** (Mondays) depart 15:05 arrive 15:35.
- **SH 898** (Fridays) departs 15:15 arrives 15:45.

Burnie – Launceston (timetable dated as per above).

- **SH 893** (Tuesdays) depart 10:05 arrive 10:35.
- **SH 897** (Saturdays) depart 12:45 arrive 13:15.
- **SH 895** (Thursday) depart 16:25 arrive 16:55.
- **SH 899** (Friday) departs 16:30 arrives 17:00.
- **SH 895** (Mondays, Tuesdays, Sundays) departs 18:10 arrives 18:40.

STEVEN HABY, SHARP AIRLINES

Airlink Airlines

Based in the Central Western New South Wales town of Dubbo, Airlink Airlines provides services to Bourke, Walgett and Lightning Ridge. An undated, but presumably current, timetable is provided right.

More details can be found on the following website:
<https://airlinkairlines.com.au/flight-schedules/>.

STEVEN HABY, AIRLINK AIRLINES

Christmas Island

Virgin Australia and Toll do flights between Christmas Island and Perth. The current timetable (dated July 2021) is provided on page 31. **STEVEN HABY, CHRISTMAS.NET.AU**

Monday

08.30am – Dubbo > Bourke

08.30am – Dubbo > Walgett

10.00am – Walgett > Lightning Ridge

15.40pm – Lightning Ridge > Walgett

16.10pm – Bourke > Dubbo

16.30pm – Walgett > Dubbo

Wednesday

08.30am – Dubbo > Walgett

15.20pm – Walgett > Dubbo

Thursday

08.30am – Dubbo > Bourke

15.20pm – Bourke > Dubbo

Friday

08.30am – Dubbo > Walgett

08.30am – Dubbo > Bourke

10.00am – Walgett > Lightning Ridge

14.30pm – Lightning Ridge > Walgett

15.00pm – Bourke > Dubbo





15.20pm – Walgett > Dubbo

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Christmas Island Airport

Flight Schedule

Effective JULY 2021

	DAY	ROUTE	FLIGHT	CHECK – IN	DEPARTS	ARRIVE
 australia	MONDAY	PER - XCH	VA 1909	10:30 - 12:30	13:30	16:20
		XCH - PER	VA 1912	14:05 - 16:05	17:05	21:40
DATES: 27SEP, 11OCT, 25OCT, 08NOV, 22NOV, 06DEC, 20DEC, 10JAN, 24JAN						
 australia	TUESDAY	PER - XCH	VA 1909	09:30 - 11:30	12:30	15:20
		XCH - CCK	VA 1918	13:05 - 15:05	16:05	17:10
		CCK - PER	VA 1916	14:55 - 16:55	17:55	23:50
	FRIDAY	PER - XCH	TFR 13	Freight Collection	9:30	13:10
		XCH - CCK	TFR 14	16:00 - 16:30	15:35	16:40
		CCK - PER	TFR 15	Delays will be notified	8:30	14:15
 australia	FRIDAY	PER - LEA	VA 1913	05:15 - 07:15	8:15	10:10
		LEA - CCK	VA 1913	Fuel Stop	10:55	12:35
		CCK - XCH	VA 1917	10:20 - 12:20	13:20	15:25
		XCH - PER	VA 1912	13:10 - 15:10	16:10	20:45
NOTE:	It is the responsibility of the individual to ensure they hold the correct travel permits for the destination of travel. Virgin Australia flights close 60 Minutes prior to scheduled DEPARTURE. Changes will be posted via CI BlackBoard or through Email, SMS or the Travel Agency listed in your reservation.					

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Cowra to East Cowra (Loop Service)



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NOTE: Information is correct on date of download.

Monday to Friday

Railway Lane after Brisbane St, Cowra	10:13	12:13	14:13
Lynch St at Amie St, Cowra	10:16	12:16	14:16
Short St before Lynch St, Cowra	10:18	12:18	14:18
College Dr at Liverpool St, Cowra	10:19	12:19	14:19
Cowra Services Club, Brisbane St, Cowra	10:21	12:21	14:21
Fitzroy St opp Railway St, Cowra	10:22	12:22	14:22
Kendal St after Fitzroy St, Cowra	10:23	12:23	14:23
Railway Lane after Brisbane St, Cowra	10:27	12:27	14:27

Hail & Ride Services

545 Mulyan & North Cowra

Monday to Friday	am	am	am	pm	pm
Woolworths (Terminus)	.....	H9.08	11.08	1.08	H3.00
Macquarie St Bus Stop	.....	H9.12	11.12	1.12	H3.04
Lachlan & Waugoola Sts	H7.55	9.14	11.14	1.14	H3.06
Redfern & Bourke Sts	H7.56	9.15	11.15	1.15	H3.07
Kile & Belmore Sts	H7.58	9.17	11.17	1.17	H3.09
Lee & Logan Sts	H8.00	9.19	11.19	1.19	H3.11
Hood & Bourke Sts	H8.01	9.20	11.20	1.20	H3.12
Morilla & Victor Sts	H8.03	9.22	11.22	1.22	H3.14
Pridham & Redfern Sts	H8.05	9.24	11.24	1.24	H3.16
Evans St & London Dr	H8.08	9.27	11.27	1.27	H3.19
Commerford & Wahronga Sts	H8.10	9.29	11.29	1.29	H3.21
Dowell St & Binni Ck Rd	H8.12	9.31	11.31	1.31	H3.23
Bilyarra Retirement Village	H8.15	9.34	11.34	1.34	H3.26
Pitt & Lachlan Sts	H8.16	9.35	11.35	1.35	H3.27
Myall & Wellington Sts	H8.17	9.36	11.36	1.36	H3.28
Macassar & Binni Creek Rd	H8.19	9.38	11.38	1.38	H3.30
Services Club	H8.21	9.40	11.40	1.40	H3.32
Aldi Store	H8.23	9.42	11.42	1.42	H3.34
Medical Centre	H8.24	9.43	11.43	1.43	H3.35
Woolworths (Terminus)	H8.27	9.47	11.47	1.47	H3.38
Bus continues as route	541	544	544	544	541

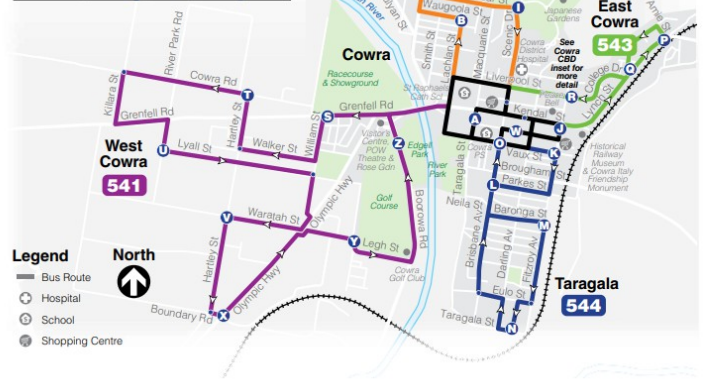
544, 543, 541 Taragala, East Cowra & West Cowra

Monday to Friday	am	am	am	pm	pm
Woolworths (Terminus)	.....	9.47	11.47	1.47	.....
Macquarie St Bus Stop	.....	9.51	11.51	1.51	.....
Vaux & Fitzroy Sts	.....	9.52	11.52	1.52	.....
Parke & Brisbane Sts	.....	9.54	11.54	1.54	.....
Baronga St & Fitzroy Ave	.....	9.55	11.55	1.55	.....
Fitzroy Ave & Eulo St	.....	9.57	11.57	1.57	.....
Thomas & Taragala Sts	.....	9.58	11.58	1.58	.....
Eulo St & Brisbane Ave	.....	10.00	12.00	2.00	.....
Vaux & Lachlan Sts	.....	10.03	12.03	2.03	.....
Services Club	.....	10.06	12.06	2.06	.....
Aldi Store	.....	10.08	12.08	2.08	.....
Medical Centre	.....	10.09	12.09	2.09	.....
Woolworths (Terminus)	.....	10.13	12.13	2.13	.....
Bus continues as route	543	543	543	543	.....
Woolworths (Terminus)	.....	10.13	12.13	2.13	.....
Lynch & Amie Sts	.....	10.16	12.16	2.16	.....
Short & Lynch Sts	.....	10.18	12.18	2.18	.....
College Dr & Liverpool Sts	.....	10.19	12.19	2.19	.....
Services Club	.....	10.21	12.21	2.21	.....
Aldi Store	.....	10.22	12.22	2.22	.....
Medical Centre	.....	10.23	12.23	2.23	.....
Woolworths (Terminus)	.....	10.27	12.27	2.27	.....
Bus continues as route	541	541	541	541	541
Woolworths (Terminus)	H8.27	10.27	12.27	2.27	H3.38
Macquarie St Bus Stop	H8.31	10.31	12.31	2.31	H3.41
Grenfell Rd & William St	H8.34	10.34	12.34	2.34	H3.44
Walker & Hartley Sts	H8.36	10.36	12.36	2.36	H3.46
Hartley St & Cowra Rd	H8.37	10.37	12.37	2.37	H3.47
Cowra & Killara Rds	H8.39	10.39	12.39	2.39	H3.49
Riverpark Rd & Lyall St	H8.41	10.41	12.41	2.41	H3.51
William & Lyall Sts	H8.43	10.43	12.43	2.43	H3.53
Waratah & Hartley Sts	H8.45	10.45	12.45	2.45	H3.55
Hartley St & Boundary Rd	H8.46	10.46	12.46	2.46	H3.56
Boundary Rd & Young Rd	H8.46	10.46	12.46	2.46	H3.56
Waratah & Leigh Sts	H8.48	10.48	12.48	2.48	H3.58
Visitors Centre/Rose Garden	H8.50	10.50	12.50	2.50	H4.00
Services Club	H8.53	10.53	12.53	H2.53	.....
Aldi Store	H8.55	10.55	12.55	H2.55	.....
Medical Centre	H8.56	10.56	12.56	H2.56	.....
Woolworths (Terminus)	H9.08	11.08	1.08	H3.00	.....
Bus continues as route	545	545	545	545	.....

Explanations

- H Service operates on school holidays only.
- K Routes so marked will generally be serviced by a vehicle which can be fully wheelchair accessible by booking on 02 6342 1021. Periodic maintenance may affect availability.
- 1 Services do not operate on Saturday, Sunday or Public Holidays

Routes 541/543/544/545



Hail & Ride

All bus services operate Hail & Ride. Please stand in a safe place for the bus to stop and signal the driver as the bus approaches. To exit the bus please tell the driver when you board where you would like to alight, and the driver will stop as close as possible to your desired location.

Welcome Aboard

This timetable details the various bus services operated by Cowra Bus Service in the Cowra town area. Our reliable bus services will enable you to go shopping, to work, to school or to social events, quickly and comfortably.

How to use this timetable

- Using the route map provided find the two timing points you are located between.
- Locate these two timing points on the timetable.
- Your bus is scheduled to arrive between the times shown for these points. For example, if your bus stop is situated between timing points A and B on the map, then the bus is scheduled to arrive between the time listed for A and the time listed for B.

School Services

Limited school bus services are shown on this timetable. For more information please visit our website www.cowrabus.com.au

Fares and concession travel

Passes must be produced for concession discounts or free travel each time a ticket is purchased. Passengers 16 years and over are required to pay full fare unless travelling to and from school, or upon presenting a valid school pass or other valid ID. Tickets are issued for all fares paid. Please retain tickets until the end of the trip to avoid being asked to pay another fare by an inspector. Where possible tender the correct fare.

If you have any questions regarding timetables, lost property, a complaint or compliment, please contact us at info@cowrabus.com.au



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