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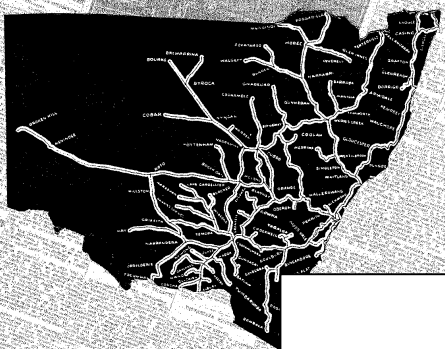
SYDNEY—LITHGOW. TABLE 29.

Height m. c.	Distance	MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS.														
		Mondays only.		Mondays to Fridays.		Mons. and Thurs.		Mondays to Fridays.		Fris. only.		Fris. to Thurs.	Fris. only.			
67	SYDNEY (Cent.) dep.	a m	a m	a m	a m	a m	a m	a m	a m	a m	a m	a m	a m	a m	a m	a m
55	Sydney R. dep.	a m	a m	a m	a m	a m	a m	a m	a m	a m	a m	a m	a m	a m	a m	a m
55	Sydney R. arr.															
55	Strathfield R. R. dep.	3/13	5/30	8/33	9/8	10/23	11/58	12/14	1/13	4/9				6/45	8/50	8/50
55	Granville R. R. dep.	4	6/1	8/18	9/14	10/29	11/14	12/29	1/28	4/24	4/27		7/11	7/5	7/5	
55	Parramatta R. R. dep.	5/0	7/34	10/17	11/22	12/7	1/22	2/7	3/22	4/17	4/20		7/4			
58	Blacktown R. R. dep.	6/34	9/8	12/1	1/6	2/11	2/16	3/11	3/16	4/11	4/14		7/30	7/3		
89	PENRITH R. (arr. dep.)	7/26	10/0	12/13	1/18	2/23	3/8	3/13	4/8	4/11	4/14					
89	Emu Plains (dep.)	8/47	10/21	12/4	1/9	2/14	2/19	3/14	3/19	4/14	4/17					
89	Glenbrook (dep.)	9/27	11/11	12/24	1/29	3/3	3/8	3/13	3/18	4/13	4/16					
89	Blackland (dep.)	10/18	12/2	12/15	1/20	2/25	3/10	3/15	3/20	4/15	4/18					
89	Warrimoo (dep.)	11/9	12/23	12/6	1/11	2/16	2/21	3/16	3/21	4/16	4/19					
105	Valley Heights (dep.)	12/22	1/5	12/18	1/23	2/28	3/13	3/18	3/23	4/18	4/21					
128	Springwood (dep.)	12/22	1/5	12/18	1/23	2/28	3/13	3/18	3/23	4/18	4/21					
146	Faulconbridge (dep.)	12/22	1/5	12/18	1/23	2/28	3/13	3/18	3/23	4/18	4/21					
172	Linda (dep.)	12/22	1/5	12/18	1/23	2/28	3/13	3/18	3/23	4/18	4/21					
199	Woodford (dep.)	12/22	1/5	12/18	1/23	2/28	3/13	3/18	3/23	4/18	4/21					
221	Hazellbrook (dep.)	12/22	1/5	12/18	1/23	2/28	3/13	3/18	3/23	4/18	4/21					
240	Lawson (dep.)	12/22	1/5	12/18	1/23	2/28	3/13	3/18	3/23	4/18	4/21					
252	Bullaburra (dep.)	12/22	1/5	12/18	1/23	2/28	3/13	3/18	3/23	4/18	4/21					
284	Westworth Falls (dep.)	12/22	1/5	12/18	1/23	2/28	3/13	3/18	3/23	4/18	4/21					
343	Leura (dep.)	12/22	1/5	12/18	1/23	2/28	3/13	3/18	3/23	4/18	4/21					
333	KATOOMBA (arr. dep.)	9:00 a.m. from Sydney on Sundays. 1/10	7:22	12/17	1/22	2/27	3/12	3/17	3/22	4/17	4/20					
344	Meadow Lath (dep.)	10:18	7:32	12/17	1/22	2/27	3/12	3/17	3/22	4/17	4/20					
349	Blackheath (arr. dep.)	12/18	7:40	12/18	1/23	2/28	3/13	3/18	3/23	4/18	4/21					
342	ML VICTORIA R (dep. 12:20)	1:45	7:54	12:20	1:25	2:30	3:35	4:40	5:45	6:50	7:55		10:10	10:2		
132	Hartley Vale (dep.)	2:05	8:10	2:05	8:10	2:05	8:10	2:05	8:10	2:05	8:10		10:10	10:17		
350	Bell (dep.)	8:12	4:15	8:12	4:15	8:12	4:15	8:12	4:15	8:12	4:15		10:25	10:28		
350	Newnes Fc. (dep.)	8:15	4:18	8:15	4:21	8:15	4:24	8:15	4:27	8:15	4:30		10:35	10:38		
346	Clarence (dep.)	8:22	4:24	8:22	4:27	8:22	4:30	8:22	4:33	8:22	4:36					
301	LITHGOW (arr.)	12:27	9:5	12:27	9:5	12:27	9:5	12:27	9:5	12:27	9:5		10:40	10:41		



TABLE 6. GOULBURN—COOMA—BOY

Height ft.	Distance m. c.	Mondays to Fridays, and Sundays.		Mondays to Saturdays.	Mons. and Weds. to Sat.
		Dep.	Arr.		
67	SYDNEY (Central) (See Table 3.)	7:00	8:45	8:10	1:50
	SYDNEY R. (arr.)			8:17	
137	GOULBURN R. (dep.)	1:56	3:30	1:56	3:30
142	Tiranna	2:27	4:01	2:27	4:01
146	Konnappa	2:58	4:32	2:58	4:32
178	Berrima	3:28	5:02	3:28	5:02
150	Lake Bathurst	3:57	5:31	3:57	5:31
166	Tarago	4:27	6:01	4:27	6:01
186	Mount Sney	5:05	6:39	5:05	6:39
175	Bullaburra	5:34	7:08	5:34	7:08
180	Bungabero	6:02	7:36	6:02	7:36
191	Buronga	6:32	8:06	6:32	8:06
197	QUEANBEYAN R. (dep.)	7:17	8:51	7:17	8:51
200	Merong	7:47	9:21	7:47	9:21
202	CAMBERRA (arr.)	8:0	9:34	8:0	9:34
209	Letchworth (dep.)	8:31	10:05	8:31	10:05
209	Tugrawong	9:01	10:35	9:01	10:35
211	Berrima	9:31	11:05	9:31	11:05
217	Williamdale	10:01	11:35	10:01	11:35
227	Michalogo (arr.)	10:31	12:05	10:31	12:05
239	Colliston (dep.)	11:01	12:35	11:01	12:35
246	Breda	11:31	1:05	11:31	1:05
254	Hillbongra	12:01	1:35	12:01	1:35
257	Clarksburg	12:31	2:05	12:31	2:05
162	Bunyya	1:01	2:35	1:01	2:35
167	COOMA R. (arr.)	1:55	3:29	1:55	3:29
177	Rock Flat (dep.)	2:15	3:49	2:15	3:49
184	Coorang	2:45	4:19	2:45	4:19
201	Nimmitabel (dep.)	3:15	4:49	3:15	4:49
204	Hill's Flat	3:45	5:19	3:45	5:19
214	Jirumbilly	4:15	5:49	4:15	5:49
180	Edwards	4:45	6:19	4:45	6:19
125	BOMBALA (arr.)	5:30	7:04	5:30	7:04



North, 1967



South, 1967

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1 Mixed train to Canberra leaves Queanbeyan at 4:40 a.m.

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NSWGR newspaper trains

For many decades, the four mainlines out of Sydney were graced by newspaper trains. These were mixed trains that departed in the early hours of the morning conveying the day's news to the country. This article by VICTOR ISAACS looks at their history.

This article concentrates on the Southern newspaper train because it lasted the longest, being the first to be introduced, and because, unlike the newspaper trains on the other main lines, it was always advertised in the public timetables. It will, however, also mention the newspaper trains on the other mainlines, and also other mixed trains on mainlines.

South

The first newspaper train was introduced on the Southern line, for political reasons. Trains on other lines followed. The Southern newspaper train commenced on 12 May 1887. The reason was that the proprietors of the two Sydney morning papers, then as now, the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Daily Telegraph*, wanted assistance with transport to country districts. They approached the NSW government, which was very sympathetic—at least as regards the Riverina, and therefore readily agreed to subsidise a train to convey newspapers there.

The NSW government was very conscious that the Riverina was twice as close to Melbourne as it is to Sydney. The NSW government was therefore afraid of losing it economically and socially to Victoria. The two Melbourne morning newspapers, the *Age* and the *Argus*, reached Wagga Wagga by about 6 pm each day, whereas the Sydney morning papers did not arrive there until the next day. The result was that almost no-one bought the Sydney papers with their stale news. This meant, horror of horrors, that the people of Riverina read Victorian news, but worse, they received Victorian views, and even worse, they responded to the advertisements in the Melbourne papers, resulting in almost all trade of the region being with Melbourne not Sydney.

Sydney to Goulburn—continued.

DOWN.	WEEK-DAYS.								
	159	187a	105	107	9	165	107a	109	41
	Goods.	Goods.	Pick-up.	Goods.	Express Mixed.	Goods.	Goods.	Goods.	Pick-up.
Darling Harbour ... dep.	C	C	ME	ME	a m	a m	a m	a m	a m
SYDNEY .....	...	...	...	...	1 50	...	...	...	...
Enfield Yards ... dep.	...	...	12 45	1 40	...	...	...	1 53	2 5
PICTON .....	...	...	3 38	4 30	4 16	...	...	4 47	6 0
Tahmoor* ... dep.	...	...	3 48	4 32	4 16	...	...	4 57	6 25
Bargo ... dep.	...	...	4 41	5 25	4 54	...	...	5 50	7 23
Yanderra* ... dep.	...	...	5 12	5 35	4 55	...	...	6 15	7 48
Yerrinbool ... dep.	...	...	6 0	6 23	5 19	...	...	7 3	8 36
Aylmerton* ... dep.	...	...	6 50	7 11	6 45	...	...	7 52	9 17
Mittagong Junct. ... dep.	...	...	7 27	7 43	7 11	...	...	8 7	10 0
Mittagong ... dep.	...	...	8 5	9 26	8 15	...	...	8 23	10 52
Bowral ... dep.	...	...	9 0	9 56	8 15	...	...	8 38	12 35
Shell and Baker's ... dep.	...	...	...	...	6 4	...	...	...	...
Burradoo* ... dep.	...	...	...	...	6 13	...	...	...	...
Berrina Junction ... dep.	...	...	...	...	6 15	...	...	...	...
Moss Vale ... dep.	6 25	6 40	9 0	9 56	8 15	8 18	8 25	8 38	11 40
Werri* ... dep.	...	...	...	...	6 24	...	...	...	...
Exeter ... dep.	6 53	6 56	9 29	...	6 35	8 46	8 41	9 6	1 9
Bundanoon ... dep.	7 2	7 5	9 55	8 33	6 44	8 55	8 50	9 15	1 34
Penrose ... dep.	7 15	7 16	10 8	8 46	6 56	9 8	9 1	9 28	2 46
Wingello ... dep.	7 26	7 24	10 19	8 57	7 6	9 19	9 10	9 39	3 0
Tallong ... dep.	7 37	7 35	10 30	9 8	7 17	9 30	9 21	9 56	3 11
Medway ... dep.	...	...	10 45	...	...	...	...	...	3 11
Marrulan ... dep.	7 52	7 46	10 55	9 23	7 28	9 45	9 32	10 11	3 46
Carriek* ... dep.	...	...	...	...	7 46	...	...	...	4 17
Towrang ... dep.	8 17	8 6	11 20	9 48	7 52	10 10	9 52	10 36	4 30
Murray's Flats* ... dep.	...	...	...	...	8 5	...	...	...	5 7
North Goulburn ... dep.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 17
GOULBURN ... dep.	8 42	8 27	11 45	10 13	8 17	10 35	10 13	11 1	5 55

† No. 9 Express Mixed stops at Tahmoor on Mondays, if required, to set down passengers; also calls at Mileage 132 m. 41 c. (mile post mileage), when required, to pick up school children
 ‡ No. 107 when No. 109 runs will depart Enfield Yards 1:25 a.m., Picton arrive 3:58 a.m., depart 4:32 a.m. as tabled.
 § No. 107a, when No. 107 runs, departs Tallong 9:25 a.m., Marrulan pass. 9:37 a.m., Towrang arrive 9:58 a.m., depart 10:1 a.m., Goulburn arrive 10:23 a.m.
 ¶ No. 41 lick-up stops at Fargo, Yerrinbool and Aylmerton on Mondays to Fridays to pick up school children travelling to Bowral and Mittagong respectively, also conveys school children from Mittagong to Bowral; stops at Aylmerton if required to pick up passengers.
 § No. 41 is allowed 10 minutes Tahmoor, 2 minutes Yanderra, 2 minutes Aylmerton, 20 minutes Berrina Junction, 6 minutes Burradoo, 8 minutes Werri, 11 minutes Medway, 10 minutes Carriek, 4 minutes Murray's Flats, and 6 minutes North Goulburn, for work.
 ¶ No. 41 Pick-up, on Saturdays, will leave Bowral at 10:52 a.m., Moss Vale arrive 11:35 a.m., depart 12:35 p.m., thence as tabled.
 † No. 41, when No. 323a runs, will depart Wingello at 3:42 p.m. and run 21 minutes later to Goulburn, arrive 6:16 p.m.
 ‡ When No. 105 is required to shunt Medway, 20 minutes will be allowed, a.m. Goulburn arrive 12.12 p.m.

The NSW government was therefore eager to facilitate the sale of Sydney papers in this region by running a daily train for their speedier delivery. Accordingly a Fast Mixed was introduced from Sydney to Albury in 1887.

The result of this newspaper train was that areas north of Wagga Wagga received Sydney papers before the Melbourne papers arrived and at Wagga Wagga they now arrived at about the same time. Wagga Wagga and north thereof were saved for New South Wales, although south of Wagga was still in jeopardy.

Hitherto, newspapers to the country had been despatched through the postal system, but it did not suit the Post Office to despatch mails in the early morning by the new train. Therefore the two Sydney newspapers were taken directly to Sydney station to be loaded onto the train. The government subsidised the operation of the train by £2500 per annum and this was paid to the Railways by the Post Office.

When introduced on 12 May 1887 the Southern newspaper train left Sydney at 4.50 am and was due into Albury at 8.50 pm. By 1889 it had been slowed to now arrive at Albury at 11.25 pm. Its schedule varied over the years. In particular, its departure times from Sydney were made earlier. But, there was one constant: it was always timetabled so as to arrive Mittagong or (after 1891) Moss Vale, shortly before the north-bound Melbourne Express stopped for its passengers to partake of breakfast (and its engine partake of water). Presumably, this was so the passengers on this prestigious train could then obtain their Sydney papers.

In the timetable of 1 January 1890 it left Sydney at 4.40 am and was still due at Albury at 11.25 pm. By the timetable of 7 May 1905 its departure from Sydney was 3.0 am and it now was not due to arrive Albury until 12.45 am (12.25 am on Saturday nights when the up Melbourne Express ran to an earlier schedule). In late 1909 (probably October - the crucial timetable being unavailable to me) its schedule was significantly brought forward. It now left Sydney at 1.50 am and was due into Albury at 10.30 pm. This change coincided with the division of the Melbourne Express into two - the more

important conveying Sleeping Car and First Class passengers only being titled the Melbourne Limited Express. The Melbourne Express had arrived at Moss Vale at 8.19 for breakfast. The Limited Express now arrived there at 7.35 am, thus the newspaper train had to be brought forward to suit. The train

remained basically unchanged except for a speeding up to arrive Albury at 10.05 pm sometime between 1920 and 1928.

The balancing arrangements for the up mixed on the main South line were unusual. In 1890 a very slow mixed train left Albury at 9 am arriving Junee

Illawarra Suburban—continued.

DOWN. 27

STATIONS.	MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS INCLUSIVE.								
	9	9a	17	591	29a	15	P1	10	47a
	Mixed.	Shunting Trip.	Pick-up.	Subn. Goods	Empty Cars.	Goods.	Parcel Van.	Empty Cars.	Empty Cars.
WYNYARD (Low) dep.	a m								
Town Hall									
St. James									
Museum									
CENTRAL									
Flying Jct. pass									
SYDNEY (Steam Station) dep.	2 15								
Darling Harbour ...	H								
Wells-street pass									
Redfern									
Illawarra Junction pass	X1								
Alexandria Sidings dep.		2 22							
Erskineville		2 20							
St. Peters		2 23							
SYDENHAM JUNCTION ... dep.	2 26								
Enfield Yards									
Darling Harbour									
Meek's Road Jct. ... dep.									
Marrickville									
Dutwich Hill									
Hurlstone Park									
Canterbury									
Campele									
Belmore									
Belmore Timber Sg. ...									
Lakemba									
Wiley Park									
Punchbowl									
Punchbowl Car Sidings ... dep.									
BANKSTOWN									
Tempe	2 29								
Wooli Creek Junction ...									
Turrella									
Bardwell Park									
Bexley North									
KINGSGROVE ... dep.									
Dumbleton									
Narwee									
Herne Bay ... dep.									
Padstow									
Revesby									
Panania									
EAST HILLS ... dep.									
Arncliffe									
Banksia									
Rockdale									
Kogarah									
Carlton									
Allawah									
HURSTVILLE ... dep.									
Penshurst									
Mortdale									
Oatley									
Como									
Como Goods Siding* ...									
Jannali									
Sutherland									
Woronora Cemetery ...									
Loftus Junction* ...									
The National Park* ...									
Engadine* ...									
Heathcote									
WATERFALL ... dep.									
Returns on Up Journey as		8	18		3 18		4 15	4 37	4 55

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Sydney to Lithgow—continued.

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DOWN	WEEK-DAYS.							
	177	9	17	217	89	19a	13	17
	Goods.	Mixed.	Pick-up.	Goods.	Pick-up.	Pick-up.	Light Engine.	Pick-up.
Darling Harbour...dep.	a m	a m	ME SE	SE ME	S	a m	a m	SE
SYDNEY.....	...	2 55	...	...	...	...	...	...
Flemington.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enfield Yards ..	1 18	...	...	2 28	...	...	...	...
...	3 35	4 26	...	4 12	...	...	...	...
PENRITH.....	4 15	4 47	5 0	5 5	5 0	...	...	5 40
Emu Plains.....	4 11	4 53	5 5	5 11	5 6	...	...	5 53
Lapstone Hil ...	4 19	4 59	5 21	5 19	5 21	...	...	5 46
Glenbrook.....	4 42	5a 18	5 58	5 42	5 56	...	...	6 24
Blaxland Jct....	4 55	5 24	6 11	5 55	6 9	...	...	6 39
Blaxland*.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 52
Warrimoo*.....	5 18	5 40	6 44	6 18	6 40	...	...	7 25
Valley Heights	6 5	5 45	7 12	6 33	6 55	7 36	...	8 9
Springwood ...	6 12	5 52	7 19	6 40	7 2	8 22	...	8 16
Faulconbridge*	...	...	...	...	...	8 47	...	...
Linden.....	6 34	6 8	7 41	7 2	7 24	8 50	...	8 38
Woodford.....	6 46	6 17	7 53	7 14	7 36	9 10	...	8 50
Hazelbrook.....	7 3	6 24	8 10	7 31	7 53	9 36	...	9 7
Lawson.....	7 10	6 40	8 14	7 38	8 0	9 58	...	9 15
Bullaburra*... Wentworth Falls	...	...	9 9	...	8 21	10 24	...	9 36
Leura.....	7 31	6 58	9 14	7 59	8 26	11 25	...	9 41
Katoomba.....	7 47	7 12	9 30	8 15	8 42	11 41	...	9 57
...	7 53	7 17	9 36	8 21	8 48	12 1	...	10 3
Shell Siding*... Medlow Bath... Blackheath.....	7 56	7 22	9 59	8 24	9 25	...	...	10 33
...	...	...	10 11	...	9 37	...	...	10 45
...	8 8	7 32	10 23	8 36	9 52	...	...	10 57
...	...	7 39	10 32	...	10 1	...	...	11 6
...	8 17	7 40	10 47	8 45	10 16	...	...	11 21
MOUNT VICTORIA	...	7 49	10 56	...	10 25	...	...	11 30
Hartley Vale*... Bell.....	8 26	7 52	11 16	8 54	10 45	...	...	12 0
...	...	...	11 40	...	11 9	...	...	12 24
...	8 47	8 12	11 50	9 15	11 24	...	...	12 34
...	...	8 20	11 59	...	11 33	...	...	12 43
...	8 56	8 21	12 19	9 24	11 48	...	...	12 58
...	9 20	8 36	12 33	9 38	12 2	...	...	1 12
...	9 19	8 43	12 42	9 47	12 11	...	...	1 21
...	9 21	8 58	12 42	9 49	12 13	...	...	1 23
LITHGOW.....	...	9 5	12 44	...	...	...	...	2 42
...	...	9 10	...	...	...	...	...	...

† On Mondays, No. 177 leaves Enfield Yards 1.30 a.m., Penrith arrive 3.20, depart 3.58 a.m., and runs 7 minutes earlier than tabled to Valley Heights, arrive 5.11 a.m., depart 6.5 a.m., thence as tabled.

† No. 9 Through Mixed calls at Zig Zag on Mondays to Fridays, when required, to pick up School Children and on alternate Fridays when required to set down Signal Sectionman; also calls on Saturdays to pick up the wives of Signalmen and Ganger to convey them to Lithgow for marketing purposes.

†† On Thursdays No. 17 will depart Mt. Victoria at 11.35 a.m. after crossing No. 47; Bell arrive 11.59 a.m., depart 12.9 p.m.; Newnes Junction arrive 12.18 p.m., depart 12.38; Zig Zag pass 12.52 p.m.; Lithgow Yard arrive 1.3 p.m.

No. 17 is allowed 10 minutes Blaxland or Warrimoo and 3 minutes at Hartley Vale.

No. 89 Pick-up is allowed 8 minutes for work at Blaxland or Warrimoo and 3 minutes at Hartley Vale.

For Instructions, see pages 14 to 46. For List of Runaway Catch-poles

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complication was introduced by the running of a local Junee-Wagga Wagga mixed at 6.15 pm, due Wagga at 7.25 pm.

In either 1936, 1937 (WTT illustrated, p3) or 1938 the Southern Mixed train was cut back to Wagga and apparently conveyed newspapers only to Junee. It still left Sydney at 1.50 am and arrived Junee at 4.32 pm. It now connected there with a Rail Motor for Albury, speeding up the arrival of the Sydney papers in Albury from 10.05 pm to 8.25 pm. The Rail Motor was balanced by a 9.17 am departure from Albury for Junee. After a two hour rest, the Mixed continued from Junee at 6.33 pm to Albury, as a Goods train with "Composite carriage to be provided", but it appeared in the Public timetable only as far as Wagga Wagga.

An extract of the 1934 public timetable for the newspaper train connection from Goulburn to Canberra appears on our cover (bottom left).

Illawarra

On 1 January 1889 a South Coast newspaper train was instituted. This left Sydney at 4.15 am and arrived Kiama at 10.15 am. This was not advertised in the public timetable. On the opening of the line to Nowra on 2 June 1893 it was extended there. The portion of the journey between Kiama and Nowra was included in public timetables.

There is a gap in my public timetable collection between 1920 and 1928. It was sometime in this period that the South Coast line newspaper train was shown as a mixed train in the Public timetables all the way from Sydney. The 2 December 1928 Public timetable records its times as Sydney 2.10 am. Wollongong 5.10-5.27 am, Kiama 7.30-7.55 am and Nowra arrive 9.38 am.

The public timetable for the Illawarra paper train is on our page 7 and the working timetable of 1935 on page 4.

West

On 7 July 1891 a Western service was introduced. It left Sydney at 3.55 am and ran through to Nyngan to arrive there at 10.35 am next day. This was not advertised in the public timetable.

at 3.30 pm. Another slow mixed train left Wagga Wagga at 7 am arriving Harden at 1.45 pm. This 7 am from Wagga connected at Junee into the down Narrandera line train - compensation for Waggaites for the southwest line not junctioning from Wagga. The down newspaper train leaving Junee at 6.10 pm provided the connection in the other direction. From Harden there was a mixed train departing at 3.50 am which connected with the up day train

from Goulburn at 11.40 am. Thus it appeared that it took three days to work the carriages back to Sydney.

By 1905 the situation was slightly more complicated because the mixed from Harden to Goulburn now ran only on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. In late 1908, the earlier running of the down newspaper train (referred to above) led to missing the connection from the up southwest line train at Junee. Consequently, an additional

Up to the issue of 9 May 1909 the Public timetable only showed the down Western line Mixed train from Bathurst (1.50 pm) to Orange (due to arrive at 5.01 pm). This was balanced by an up Mixed from Orange (1.45 pm) to Bathurst (due 5.20 pm).

This situation changed with the Public timetable of 8 May 1910. This advertised the Mixed train all the way from Sydney. It was due to depart Sydney at 2.55 am, Bathurst from 12.55 pm to 1.40 pm and arrive Orange at 4.51 pm. The up Mixed now left Orange at 5.15 pm and was shown as terminating at Bathurst at 8.25 pm.

These new times only remained valid for a few months, because on 16 October 1910 the ten-tunnel deviation near Lithgow was opened replacing the Zig Zag and consequently all Western line trains were speeded up by about twenty minutes. The Mixed now left Sydney five minutes earlier at 2.50 am but arrived Bathurst 25 minutes earlier at 12.30 pm and Orange at 4.41 pm. The Orange-Bathurst up Mixed also now ran about thirty minutes earlier presumably to maintain crosses and rosters.

A mid-1930s working timetable showing the west paper train is on our page 5 and an extract of the public timetable for 1934 is on our cover (top left).

A Parliamentary inquiry

In 1901 the various Post Offices were transferred from the Colonies/States to the new Commonwealth government. The Commonwealth Post Office discovered the annual subsidy of £2500 per annum. This was to the benefit of only one State - more accurately, it was for the benefit of the two Sydney morning papers only. There was no comparable payment in any other State. So, the Commonwealth discontinued the subsidy. The two Sydney morning papers, not surprisingly, complained. And, the papers being influential, the matter was raised in both Commonwealth and State Parliaments. The NSW Legislative Assembly established a Select Committee to look into their grievance. The report gives interesting information about the running of these trains.

The Chief Traffic Manager, John Harper, said the trains provided a very

suitable day passenger service between Moss Vale and Wagga Wagga, and Eskbank (Lithgow) and Dubbo. This is strange because the Western train did not appear in the public timetable in this period except between Bathurst and Dubbo. In November 1901 the Southern train was averaging 49 passengers a day, the Western train 47 a day and the South Coast train only 10 a day. But the South Coast train was important for the return of empty milk cans.

In 1902 the Western train did not start from Sydney, but from Clyde. Mr Harper explained that the goods vehicles composing it were taken there by trip trains, and the brake van in which the newspapers was placed taken out of Sydney by the Southern newspaper train.

Mr Harper also gave evidence about how the loads of the mixed trains were severely curtailed to ensure relatively speedy runs.

The obvious omission in 1902 was any newspaper train to the North. The Secretary to Railways in his evidence said that a Northern train could not be justified because the railways had so little goods traffic - almost all freight from Sydney to Newcastle being conveyed by ship.

This inquiry is great for timetable students 97 years later, but it resulted in no changes at the time.

North

The Northern line Mixed train first appeared in Public timetables some time between 1916 and 1920 when its times were Sydney depart 1.15 am, Newcastle arrive 6.10 am.

1928 situation

A summary at the peak time for newspaper trains, 1928, may be interesting:

South: 1.50 am Mixed Sydney to Albury due 10.05 pm. This was still the most important newspaper train and had lots of connections. At Goulburn it connected with a 8.45 am mixed train to Canberra, also at Goulburn there was a connection with a 9 am Rail Motor to Crookwell, at Yass Junction a connection with a 11.40 am "Tram" to Yass Town and yet another connection at Harden - with a 1.50 pm Rail Motor to Young.

West: 2.55 am Mixed Sydney to Orange due 4.12 pm.

North: 1.15 am Mixed Sydney to Newcastle due 6.18 am. At Newcastle this connected with Passenger trains at 6.40 am to Cessnock and 7.40 am to Singleton.

South Coast: 2.10 am Mixed Sydney to Nowra due 9.38 am.

The 1951 NSWGR Composition Book records the rolling stock that then ran on the trains.

1.45 am South: LHG van, CX 1st/2nd compartment carriage, LFX 2nd class compartment carriage, goods vehicles as required.

2.45 am West: CHO van (attached at Granville), VHO van (to Dubbo), CX, LFX, goods vehicles.

1.30 am North varied according to the day, but on Tue, Wed, Sat: MLV van, VHO van, BX 1st compartment carriage, LFX, LFX (and LFX and LFX Saturday)

2.10 am Nowra: EHO van, BX, LFX, goods vehicles.

End of newspaper trains

South: Some time between 1949 and 1952 the Southern newspaper train was cut back from Wagga Wagga to Junee in the Public timetables. As from the timetable of 21 June 1964 it was severely pruned to run only to Goulburn. Then from 1 November 1970 it became a purely suburban train running only as far as Campbelltown (but still appeared in the country Public timetable for the 1970 edition!).

West: From the timetable of 24 January 1960, the Orange mixed train was replaced by an electric interurban train at 3.55 am to Bowenfels.

Illawarra: From the timetable of 22 June 1969 the Nowra newspaper train was cut back to only run to Wollongong (except on Monday mornings when it still ran through to Nowra). It was removed entirely from 2 June 1974.

North: The last of the early morning mixed to commence, the Newcastle train, was the last to continue running. By the 1970s it is very doubtful if it still conveyed newspapers, so perhaps it should just be called the very early

morning train. In the timetable of 27 November 1983 it was cut back to be just a local to Gosford.

Sydney Trams

The Sydney Tramway system also had an important role in the distribution of Sydney's morning newspapers. The Working Orders of the NSW Tramways contained detailed instructions for the conveyance of papers, for example: "Morning papers not called for by agents must be put on footpath, in front of shop; but otherwise employees must not leave their trams to deliver papers".

The 1912 Working Orders set out delivery of newspapers by the following trams:

- 4.31 am Circular Quay to Balmain
• 5.07 am Rozelle Junction to Drummoyne (connecting from the 4.31 to Balmain)
• 4.37 am Circular Quay to Annandale, Leichhardt and Abbotsford
• 4.20 am Railway Gates to Dulwich Hill

- 5.11 am Railway Gates to Glebe Point
• 4.31 am Circular Quay to Waverley
• 4.56 am Waverley Depot to Bondi (connecting from the 4.31 to Waverley)
• 5.03 am Waverley Depot to Little Bay (also connecting from the 4.31 to Waverley)
• 4.31 am Circular Quay to Coogee
• 3.55 am Milson's Point to North Sydney.

The 1937 Working Orders contained similar provisions. They had disappeared by the time of the 1952 Working Orders, although this still contained instructions for ad hoc delivery of newspapers by tram. (I recall as a child also seeing this in Melbourne for the afternoon paper the Herald. Regular deliveries were by motor truck, but if a newsagent needed additional copies, rather than send a truck specially, they were delivered by tram.)

Sydney double-deck buses were designed with a cupboard under the stairs

which was used for newspapers and parcels being delivered.

No doubt newspaper deliveries were also made by early morning suburban trains but I do not have any information.

Sources

The main sources of this article are NSWGR public timetables, Working Orders of the NSW Tramways, the Report of the 1902 NSW Legislative Assembly Committee of Inquiry, and Commonwealth Parliamentary Papers of August 1901 and January 1902 concerning carriage of newspapers by rail. The assistance of Ross Willson is gratefully recorded.

Illustrations came from the Author's Ted Downs and Editor's collections of NSWGR Public and Working Timetables. Readers will note that the newspaper trains seem to have been 'No 9', wherever they ran. Photographic illustrations on the cover by the Editor.

SYDNEY-WOLLONGONG-NOWRA, and PORT KEMBLA Line

Table with columns for Dist., Train No., and various time slots (a.m., p.m.) for different days of the week. Includes stations like SYDNEY A/V, WOLLONGONG R, and PORT KEMBLA.

For notes a, b, c, d, f and R, see page 30.
g One class accommodation only.
k Arrive Kiama 6.53 a.m.
x Change trains.
A/V Avis Rent-A-Car available see page 4.

Starts from Central (Electric) Platforms.
For complete service, see Sydney Suburban Services Time-table.
Reserved seats only fee 2s. 0d.—see page 14.
Light refreshments (individual tray service) also liquor service available on the train.

Public timetable, 21 June 1964, showing the Illawarra newspaper train

Route 95: Chatswood to Gladesville bus timetables.

JIM O'NEIL

The one-time route 95, from Chatswood to Gladesville, is one of the oldest bus routes on Sydney's North Shore. Originally operated by George Newman's Longueville Bus Company, it was sold to Hunter's Hill Bus Co. in 1955. The oldest timetable I have is the April 30 1956 (shown on pp 9 & 10), still running on roughly Newman's schedule. It required two buses operating at half-hourly intervals, with a third bus added at peak hours. Almost all services ran through between the two terminals, although a couple of services ran to or from Penrose St, in West Lane Cove. This allowed more rapid travel to the Depot in Monash Road, Gladesville, northwest of the Gladesville terminal. However, I wonder how many passengers caught the 6.13 from Penrose St to Lane Cove, which ran only five minutes behind the first bus of the day. This was really a positioning run to allow the first bus TO Gladesville to leave Lane Cove at 6.18 a.m.

There were two other short runs: the 8.47 Special to Penrose St, which took up a run to Lane Cove West Public School. Only for the first two stops did this run along Route 95. This service did not appear in future timetables, though I have seen it still operating in the 1990's. The afternoon run was never shown. The School Term only (S is not explained) 3.40 to Fig Tree, which ran from the 53 stand, as it was so close behind the 3.38, leaving from the 95 stand in front of it, returned to Lane Cove (shown on the wrong side of the timetable!) to leave again at 4.10, for Gladesville. Both runs would pick up school children arriving by tram from High Schools in the North Sydney area.

Saturday service was also half hourly until the 9.40p.m. from Gladesville - only the third, peak-hour bus was missing. The buses marked * probably waited for the pictures to finish, though again there is no explanation of

the sign in the timetable. Sundays had fewer services than any other day - only hourly in the morning: the old idea that one shouldn't run in church hours had not been completely given up. The Holiday timetable had more services than Sunday - half hourly in the mornings and we may note the rather different times of departure on the two days. I have no idea why that happened.

The next timetable shown (on pp 10 & 11) is 2nd December 1985, run by Hunter's Hill's successor, North & Western. The basic service still has the same pattern, with a fourth through bus in the early afternoon peak. However evening services didn't run after 8.30, except on Late Shopping Nights (normally Thursdays). Extra services were also run, one each way from Gladesville to Mars Road (just north of Penrose St and just below the Easter Saturday timetable on the map), and numerous School services, many to Hunter's Hill High. The blank rows below the 8.05a.m. from Chatswood had been extra morning services to Hunter's Hill High in earlier timetables, but presumably now carried school pupils only.

The holiday service was reduced to hourly only, as was Sunday, with an hour's break for the driver's lunch. There were no buses on Christmas and Good Friday, but additional services were run on Easter Saturday - it seems odd to print a timetable for only one day in the year. Saturday afternoons show an odd pattern. While it would seem that this timetable could be run by a single bus, in fact each bus left Chatswood at 3 minutes before the hour travelling on the 43 to West Ryde, and returned at 1 minute past. In this way two buses provided hourly service on both the 43 and 95 routes, although the 43 could not return to Chatswood in under an hour.

The next timetable was the general reorganisation of 23rd July 1990 - the

service from Chatswood is shown on p 11, bottom. The great majority of the buses from Chatswood were diverted over the old route 234, Gladesville - Valentia St. Wharf via Boronia Park at the Gladesville end. The 234 was renumbered 538, and ran only at peak hours. The Chatswood-Gladesville was renumbered 536, and ran mostly via Boronia Park. A new run, with additional hourly service from Chatswood, the 537 ran to Valentia St. and the 536 and 537 were timed so that passengers could change from one to the other at Hunter's Hill (with a walk across the freeway overpass). Some service was provided on the old route 95 into Gladesville, with a few buses diverted that way (marked P) and two extended from the Gladesville terminus to Prince Edward St - marked G. (We wouldn't want to leave Victoria Road to the government bus, would we, even though the route 500 provided a much more frequent service?).

The new route 530, Wynyard - West Ryde via Lane Cove is also shown between Lane Cove and Gladesville. Marked R, its services show no intermediate timing point between Hunter's Hill and Gladesville. While it mostly ran along the main, northern route of the 536, it did not divert north from Ryde Road to Boronia Park.

The 537 was not a success and passengers from Woolwich did not care for the poorer service, with a change of buses required. The 538 resumed full time service and the 537 ceased. Services on the 536 now alternated between Boronia Park and the old route 95 via Prince Edward St and Victoria Road.

This pattern is shown in the last timetable shown (on p 12), that starting 16th March 1998. By this time another change had occurred. The 536 was through routed with the 535, Gladesville to Meadowbank (once the 152) and then both services took the number 536. The two halves of the service

retained their distinct characters, with the Chatswood end having a half-hourly basic service, and running on a fairly direct route, while the Meadowbank end is basically hourly, and runs a winding route with quite a number of variations.

We may notice that there is no bus eastbound through Top Ryde before 8.15a.m. Passengers to or from Top Ryde usually travelled to the Putney area, rather than the short distance to

Meadowbank station, and passengers for Top Ryde, who were changing from the train, would find West Ryde station more convenient. But there is no corresponding gap westbound in the evening. Who travelled to Top Ryde, arriving at 9.12 p.m., with no return bus until the next morning? If we look at the westbound timetable, we see a bus leaving Meadowbank at 9.04, marked B. On page 8 it tells us that B means "Travel between Meadowbank and Ryde is provided by a Route 534

bus. Onward passengers transfer to route 536 bus at Ryde Shops." And this 536 is the bus which has just arrived from Chatswood at 9.12 and leaves at the same time for the day's last run to Gladesville.

This is the timetable that was in force when Sydney Buses took over route 536 from North & Western in December 1999.

TIME TABLE

Dep. Glades.	Arr. and Dep. Penrose St.	Arr. Lane Cove Term.	Arr. Chats.	Dep. Chats.	Arr. Lane Cove Term.	Arr. and Dep. Penrose St.	Arr. Glades.
HOLIDAYS							
A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.
7.10	7.22	7.27	7.35	7.38	7.46	7.52	8.5
8.8	8.21	8.27	8.35	8.38	8.46	8.52	9.2
8.38	8.51	8.57	9.5	9.8	9.16	9.22	9.35
9.8	9.21	9.27	9.35	9.48	9.56	10.2	10.15
9.48	10.1	10.7	10.15	10.18	10.26	10.32	10.45
10.18	10.31	10.37	10.45	10.48	10.56	11.2	11.15
10.48	11.1	11.7	11.15	11.18	11.26	11.32	11.45
11.18	11.31	11.37	11.45	11.48	11.56	12.2p.m.	12.15p.m.
P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
11.48a.m.	12.1	12.7	12.15	12.35	12.43	12.49	1.2
12.35	12.48	12.54	1.2	1.5	1.13	1.19	1.32
1.5	1.18	1.24	1.32	1.35	1.43	1.49	2.2
1.35	1.48	1.54	2.2	2.5	2.13	2.19	2.32
2.5	2.18	2.24	2.32	2.35	2.43	2.49	3.2
2.35	2.48	2.54	3.2	3.3	3.11	3.17	3.30
3.5	3.18	3.24	3.32	3.33	3.41	3.47	4.0
3.30	3.43	3.49	3.57	4.0	4.8	4.14	4.27
4.0	4.13	4.19	4.27	4.30	4.38	4.44	4.57
4.30	4.43	4.49	4.57	5.0	5.8	5.14	5.27
5.0	5.13	5.19	5.27	5.30	5.38	5.44	5.57
5.30	5.43	5.49	5.57	6.0	6.8	6.14	6.27
6.0	6.13	6.19	6.27	6.30	6.38	6.44	6.57
6.30	6.43	6.49	6.57	7.0	7.8	7.14	P7.28
7.0	7.13	7.19	7.27	7.30	7.38	7.44	P7.57
7.30	7.43	7.49	7.57	8.0	8.8	8.14	8.27
8.0	8.13	8.19	8.27	8.30	8.38	8.44	8.57
8.30	8.43	8.49	8.57	9.0	9.8	9.14	9.27
9.0	9.13	9.19	9.27	9.30	9.38	9.44	9.57
9.30	9.43	9.49	9.57	10.5	10.13	10.20	—
10.0	10.13	10.19	10.27	10.30	10.38	10.44	10.57
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**11.10	11.21	11.29	11.37	11.40	11.48	11.54	12.7a.m.

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GLADESVILLE to CHATSWOOD STATION

HUNTER'S HILL BUS CO.
1-3 Monash Road,
GLADESVILLE

PHONE: WX1601

C. PAULL, Manager.

Route 95

TIME TABLE COMMENCING

MONDAY, APRIL 30, 1956.

SUNDAYS, GOOD FRIDAY, and CHRISTMAS DAY

A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.
7.30	7.43	7.49	—	—	8.5	8.11	8.24
8.26	8.39	8.45	8.53	8.57	9.5	9.11	9.24
9.26	9.39	9.45	9.53	9.57	10.5	10.11	10.24
10.26	10.39	10.45	10.53	10.57	11.5	11.11	11.24
P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
11.26a.m.	11.39a.m.	11.45a.m.	11.53a.m.	11.57a.m.	12.5	12.11	12.24
12.26	12.39	12.45	12.53	12.57	1.5	1.11	1.24
12.58	1.11	1.17	1.25	1.27	1.35	1.41	1.54
1.26	1.39	1.45	1.53	1.57	2.5	2.11	2.24
1.56	2.9	2.15	2.23	2.27	2.35	2.41	2.54
2.26	2.39	2.45	2.53	2.57	3.5	3.11	3.24
2.56	3.9	3.15	3.23	3.27	3.35	3.41	3.54
3.26	3.39	3.45	3.53	3.57	4.5	4.11	4.24
3.56	4.9	4.15	4.23	4.27	4.35	4.41	4.54
4.26	4.39	4.45	4.53	4.57	5.5	5.11	5.24
4.56	5.9	5.15	5.23	5.27	5.35	5.41	5.54
5.26	5.39	5.45	5.53	5.57	6.5	6.11	6.24
5.56	6.9	6.15	6.23	6.27	7.5	7.11	7.24
6.56	7.9	7.15	7.23	7.27	7.35	7.41	7.54
7.26	7.39	7.45	7.53	7.57	8.5	8.11	8.24
8.26	8.39	8.45	8.53	8.57	9.5	9.11	9.24
9.26	9.39	9.45	9.53	9.57	10.5	10.11	10.24
10.30	10.43	10.49	10.57	11.0	11.8	11.14	11.27

1. Route 95 Timetable Monday April 30 1956.

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Table with columns for Dep. Glades, Arr. and Dep. Penrose St., Arr. Lane Cove Term., Arr. Chats., Dep. Chats., Arr. Lane Cove Term., Arr. and Dep. Penrose St., Arr. Glades. Includes sections for MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS and SATURDAYS.

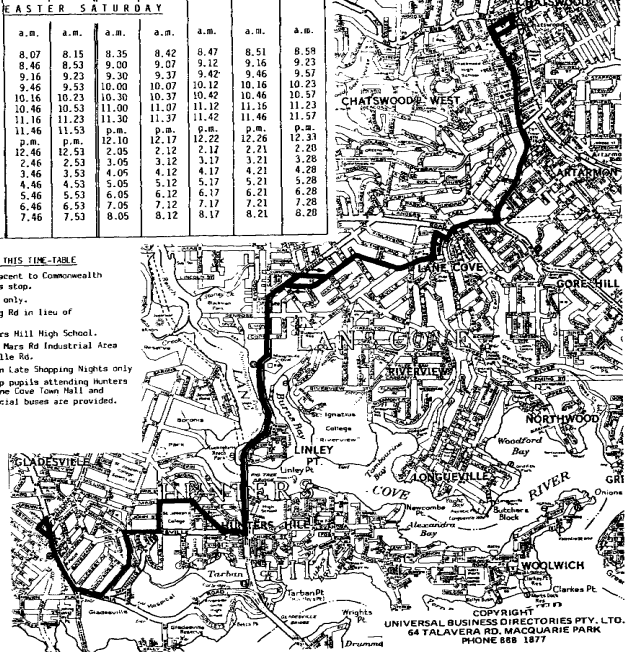
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2. Reverse of Monday April 1956 Timetable.

Table with columns for Run No., DEPART GLADESVILLE, DEPART CHATSWOOD, DEPART HUNTERS HILL, DEPART PENROSE, DEPART LANE COVE, DEPART CHATSWOOD STN, DEPART HUNTERS HILL, DEPART CHATSWOOD, DEPART HUNTERS HILL, DEPART CHATSWOOD STN, DEPART HUNTERS HILL, DEPART CHATSWOOD, DEPART HUNTERS HILL, DEPART CHATSWOOD STN, DEPART HUNTERS HILL. Includes times for TO CHATSWOOD and TO GLADESVILLE.

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS TIME-TABLE
CS... Denotes bus leaves from adjacent to Commonwealth Bank and omits Jordan St bus stop.
B... Denotes runs on School Days only.
W... Denotes bus runs via Manning Rd in lieu of Prince Edward St.
K... Denotes bus runs from Hunters Hill High School.
U... Denotes bus runs to or from Wers Rd Industrial Area via Manning Rd and Gladesville Rd.
LN... Denotes this journey runs on Late Shopping Nights only.
AD... Denotes bus does not pick up pupils attending Hunters Hill High School between Lane Cove Cove Hill and Hunters Hill Overpass. Special buses are provided.

MAP OF ROUTE 95



BUS TIMETABLE



ROUTE 95

CHATSWOOD STATION - GLADESVILLE via Lane Cove, Lane Cove West and Hunters Hill

THIS TIME-TABLE EFFECTIVE FROM 12.01am, MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER, 1985

NORTH & WESTERN BUS LINES PTY. LIMITED. 1 MONASH ROAD, GLADESVILLE, N.S.W. 2111. PHONE 816-2822

UNIVERSAL BUSINESS DIRECTORIES PTY. LTD. 64 TALAVERA RD, MACQUARIE PARK. PHONE 888 1877

3. Route 95 timetable Monday 2nd December 1985.

Route 536: CHATSWOOD to GLADESVILLE via Lane Cove and Boronia Park
Route 537: CHATSWOOD to WOOLWICH via Lane Cove
For details of complete service between Hunters Hill and Woolwich see route 538 on pages 22 & 23.

Table with columns for Route Number, Stop Name, and Time. Includes sections for Saturdays - Mornings, Saturdays - Afternoons, and Sundays and Public Holidays - Mornings.

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Table with columns for Route Number, Stop Name, and Time. Includes sections for Weekdays - Mornings, Weekdays - Afternoons, and Sundays and Public Holidays - Mornings.

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Table with columns for Route Number, Stop Name, and Time. Includes sections for Weekdays - Afternoons (Cont), Weekdays - Mornings, and Weekdays - Afternoons (Cont).

EXPLANATIONS: C - Bus continues to Woolwich turning left into Church Street at Hunters Hill junction... R - Bus runs via Ryde Road and Pinwheel Road to Gladesville.

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4. Reverse of Monday 2nd December 1985 timetable.

Large timetable table with columns for Run No., Depart, and various stop names. Includes sections for Mornings to Fridays and Saturdays.

Large timetable table with columns for Run No., Depart, and various stop names. Includes sections for Saturdays, Sundays & Public Holidays, and Christmas Day.

5. Routes 536/537 timetable 23 July 1990: from Chatswood.

TRAIN	→												
	MEADOWBANK	RYDE	PUTNEY			TENNYSON	GLADESVILLE	HUNTERS HILL		LANE COVE	CHATSWOOD		
Train arrives from City	Meadowbank Station (Constitution Road)	Ryde Shopping Arcade (Blaxland Road)	Waterview St & Douglas Street	Putney Point (Putney Pde)	Charles St & Morrison Rd	Tennyson Point (Tennyson & Champion Rds)	Gladesville Terminus (Jordan Street)	Prince Edward Street & Victoria Road	Berona Park Shops (Pittwater Rd)	Hunters Hill Overpass	Porose St & Burns Bay Road	Lane Cove Post Office	Chatswood Station (Railway Street)
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.35	5.38	..	5.43	5.47	5.52	6.00
6.19	6.22	..	..	M	5.59	..	6.05	..	6.08	6.13	6.17	6.22	6.30
6.40	6.42	..	..	..	6.29	..	6.35	6.38	..	6.43	6.47	6.52	7.00
..	..	..	..	..	6.49	..	6.55	..	7.00	7.05	7.11	7.17	7.30
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7.15	..	7.20	7.26	7.31	7.37	7.55
7.02	7.16	..	..	..	7.24	7.29	\$7.25	..	\$7.30	\$7.36	\$7.41	\$7.47	\$8.05
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7.35	7.39	..	7.46	7.51	7.57	8.15
7.33	7.40	..	..	7.50	7.54	..	7.45	..	7.50	7.56	8.01	8.07	8.25
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8.00	8.04	..	8.11	8.16	8.22	8.40
7.56	8.04	8.15	..	..	8.24	8.29	8.15	..	8.20	8.26	8.31	8.37	8.55
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8.35	8.39	..	8.46	8.51	8.57	9.10
8.29	8.34	8.45	..	8.55	8.59	..	8.50	..	8.55	9.01	9.06	9.12	9.25
8.50	9.04	9.13	..	9.22	9.26	..	9.05	..	9.10	9.16	9.21	9.27	9.40
9.25	9.30	9.39	..	9.49	9.53	..	9.30	9.33	..	9.38	9.43	9.48	9.58
9.50	10.00	10.09	10.15	10.19	10.23	..	10.00	..	10.03	10.08	10.13	10.18	10.28
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.30	10.33	..	10.38	10.43	10.48	10.58
10.50	11.00	11.09	..	..	11.18	11.23	11.00	..	11.03	11.08	11.13	11.18	11.28
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11.30	11.33	..	11.38	11.43	11.48	11.58
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12.00	..	12.03	12.08	12.13	12.18	12.28
11.50	12.00	12.09	12.15	12.19	12.23	..	12.30	12.33	..	12.38	12.43	12.48	12.58
12.50	1.00	1.09	..	..	1.18	1.23	1.00	..	1.03	1.08	1.13	1.18	1.28
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.30	1.33	..	1.38	1.43	1.48	1.58
1.50	2.00	2.09	2.15	2.19	2.23	..	2.00	..	2.03	2.08	2.13	2.18	2.28
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.30	2.33	..	2.38	2.43	2.48	2.58
2.50	3.00	3.09	..	..	3.18	3.23	3.00	..	3.03	3.08	3.13	3.18	3.28
3.24	3.30	3.40	..	3.50	3.54	..	3.30	V	V	V3.38	3.43	3.48	3.58
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4.00	..	4.04	4.10	4.15	4.20	4.35
3.56	4.00	4.10	..	..	4.18	4.23	4.16	4.20	..	4.25	4.30	4.35	4.50
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4.30	..	4.34	4.40	4.45	4.50	5.05
4.24	4.30	4.40	..	4.50	4.54	..	4.46	4.50	..	4.55	5.00	5.05	5.20
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.00	..	5.04	5.10	5.15	5.20	5.35
4.54	5.00	5.10	..	..	5.18	5.23	5.16	5.20	..	5.25	5.30	5.35	5.50
5.24	5.30	5.40	..	5.50	5.54	..	5.30	..	5.34	5.40	5.45	5.50	6.05
5.54	6.00	6.10	..	6.18	6.23	..	6.00	..	6.04	6.10	6.15	6.20	6.30
6.24	6.32	6.40	..	6.50	6.54	..	6.31	6.33	..	6.38	6.43	6.48	6.58
6.50	B7.04	7.15A	..	..	7.21	7.25	7.00	..	7.03	7.08	7.13	7.18	7.28
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7.31	7.33	..	7.38	7.43	7.48	7.58
7.50	B8.04	8.15A	..	8.22	8.25	..	8.05	..	8.08	8.13	8.18	8.23	8.33
8.50	B9.04	9.12A	9.18	..	8.31	8.33	..	8.38	8.43	8.48	8.58
..	9.23

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6. Route 536 timetable 16 March 1998: Page 2: Weekdays to Chatswood.

TRAIN	→												
	CHATSWOOD	LANE COVE	HUNTERS HILL		GLADESVILLE	TENNYSON	PUTNEY			RYDE	MEADOWBANK		
Train departs for City	Chatswood Station (Railway Street)	Opposite Lane Cove Post Office	Porose St & Burns Bay Road	Hunters Hill Overpass	Berona Park Shops (Pittwater Rd)	Prince Edward Street & Victoria Road	Gladesville Shops (Linsley & Victoria Rds)	Tennyson Point (Tennyson & Champion Rds)	Charles St & Morrison Rd	Putney Point (Putney Pde)	Waterview St & Douglas Street	Blaxland Rd & Church Street	Meadowbank Station (Constitution Road)
..	6.01	6.11	6.15	6.19	6.25	..	5.59	..	6.04	..	..	..	6.11
..	6.31	6.41	6.45	6.49	..	..	6.29P	..	6.34	..	..	7.03	6.41
..	7.01	7.11	7.15	7.19	7.25	6.55	7.00	7.05	7.10	7.15	..	7.25	7.10
..	7.31	7.41	7.45	7.49	7.55	..	7.30P	7.35	7.40	..	..	7.49	7.35
7.56	8.08	8.13	8.19V	V	7.55	..	8.00	8.05	8.09	..	..	8.19	8.09
8.20	8.32	8.37	8.43	8.49	..	..	8.30	8.35	8.40	..	..	8.49	8.39
8.40	8.50	8.55	9.00	9.05	..	..	8.53	9.00	9.05	9.09	..	9.19	9.07
9.00	9.10	9.15	9.20	..	9.25	9.30	9.09	..	9.35	9.39	9.43	9.49	9.37
9.30	9.40	9.45	9.50	9.55	..	9.58	..	..	..	..	..	10.04	..
10.00	10.10	10.15	10.20	..	10.25	10.28	10.33	10.38	..	..	10.47	10.55	11.04
10.30	10.40	10.45	10.50	10.55	..	10.58	..	..	11.33	11.37	11.41	11.47	11.55
11.00	11.10	11.15	11.20	..	11.25	11.28	..	..	..	..	..	..	12.04
11.30	11.40	11.45	11.50	11.55	..	11.58	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
12.00	12.10	12.15	12.20	..	12.25	12.28	12.33	12.38	..	..	12.47	12.55	1.04
12.30	12.40	12.45	12.50	12.55	..	12.58	..	..	1.33	1.37	1.41	1.47	1.55
1.00	1.10	1.15	1.20	..	1.25	1.28	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.04
1.30	1.40	1.45	1.50	1.55	..	1.58	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2.00	2.10	2.15	2.20	2.25	..	2.28	2.33	2.38	..	..	2.47	2.55	3.04
2.30	2.40	2.45	2.50	2.55	..	2.58	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3.00	3.10	3.15	3.20	..	3.25	3.28	3.33	3.38	3.41	..	3.50	3.58	4.03
3.25	3.35	3.42	3.47	3.53	..	3.57P	4.03	4.08	..	..	4.17	4.27	4.36
3.40	3.50	3.57	4.02	4.09	..	4.14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3.55	4.05	4.12	4.17	4.23	..	4.27	..	..	4.33	4.37	..	..	..
4.10	4.20	4.27	4.32	4.39	..	4.44	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4.25	4.35	4.42	4.47	4.52	..	4.57	5.03	5.08	..	..	5.17	5.27	5.33
4.40	4.50	4.57	5.02	5.09	..	5.14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4.55	5.05	5.12	5.17	5.22	5.27	5.32	..	5.33	5.37	..	5.47	5.57	6.15
5.10	5.20	5.27	5.32	5.39	..	5.44	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5.25	5.35	5.42	5.47	..	5.52	5.57	6.03	6.08	..	..	6.17	6.27	6.39
5.40	5.50	5.57	6.02	6.09	..	6.14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5.55	6.05	6.12	6.17	..	6.22	6.27	..	6.33	6.37	..	6.47	R	7.04
6.10	6.20	6.27	6.32	6.39	..	6.44	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6.35	6.45	6.49	6.53	..	6.58	7.01	7.05	7.08	..	..	7.15	..	..
7.05	7.15	7.19	7.23	7.29	..	7.32	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7.35	7.45	7.49	7.53	7.58	..	8.01P	..	8.05	8.08	..	8.15	..	..
8.05	8.15	8.19	8.23	..	8.29	8.33	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8.35	8.43	8.47	8.51	8.56	..	8.59	9.03	9.06	9.12
9.05	9.13	9.17	9.21	9.26	..	9.30
9.35	9.43	9.47	9.51	9.56	..	9.59

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7. Page 3, 16 March 1998 timetable: Weekdays to Meadowbank.

Trans Tasman Qantas flights.



A letter from **TONY BAILEY**, commenting on *Graphic Insight* for January 2000

Counting services to New Zealand on the basis of the number of flights per week can be a little misleading, for a variety of reasons.

First, I suspect that you have to look at total services rather than those offered by QF. Figures quoted below are mainly from SYD and for convenience are based on Galileo displays as at 01 MAY 00. – these has been done for simplification after daylight savings ends and, also, all code share flights have been removed, as these should be credited to the actual operator of the aircraft.

Sydney to Auckland services

01MAY00 - 28MAY00	MTWTFSS						
28-May	. . 345..	SYD	AKL	0705	1200	QF 119	744*C
	. . . . . 6.	SYD	AKL	0705	1200	QF 119	744*C
28-May	12.	SYD	AKL	0705	1200	QF 119	743*C
	. . . . . 7	SYD	AKL	0705	1210	QF 119	733*C
	123456.	SYD	AKL	0725	1225	NZ 100	767 C
	. 23.567	SYD	AKL	0735	1230	TG 991	744 B
	1. . 4. . . .	SYD	AKL	0845	1615	QF 25	744*C
	. . . . 5. 7	SYD	AKL	1000	1455	QF 115	744*C
	1234567	SYD	AKL	1000	1500	NZ 102	767 C
	1. . 4. 6. .	SYD	AKL	1030	1545	AR1180	340 C
	. . . 4. . . .	SYD	AKL	1045	1540	QF 43	742*C
	. . 3.	SYD	AKL	1045	1540	QF 43	744*C
	1.	SYD	AKL	1045	1540	QF 43	742*C
	. . . . . 6.	SYD	AKL	1045	1540	QF 43	742*C
	. . . . . 5. .	SYD	AKL	1045	1540	QF 43	743*C
	. 2.	SYD	AKL	1045	1540	QF 43	744*C
	. . . . . 7	SYD	AKL	1045	1540	QF 43	742*C
	1. 3. . . 6.	SYD	AKL	1130	1630	CI 51	M11 C
	1.	SYD	AKL	1200	1700	NZ 104	763 C
	. 234567	SYD	AKL	1200	1700	NZ 104	767 C
	2.	SYD	AKL	1630	2225	PH 836	733 B
	. . . . 5. . .	SYD	AKL	1645	2040	PH 856	733 B
	. 2. 4. 67	SYD	AKL	1800	2300	NZ 106	763 C
	1. 3. 5. . .	SYD	AKL	1800	2300	NZ 106	767 C
	12345. 7	SYD	AKL	1830	2325	QF 49	763*C

There is a real surprise in here in the form of CI (China Airlines) with their 3 MD 11 flights! These seem to start from 27 MAR 00. Interestingly, the only foreign airline to fly from AUS to NZ NOT via SYD appears to be GA (Garuda Indonesia) with 3 flights a week BNE to AKL.

Now compare this to Christchurch –

01MAY00 - 28MAY00	MTWTFSS						
	. . . . . 7	SYD	CHC	0805	1300	QF 45	744*C
	12. 45. . .	SYD	CHC	0805	1300	QF 45	763*C
	. . . . . 6.	SYD	CHC	0805	1300	QF 45	744*C
	. . 3.	SYD	CHC	0820	1315	QF 45	763*C
	. . 3. 5. . . .	SYD	CHC	0945	1445	NZ 182	767 C
	. 2. 4. 67	SYD	CHC	0945	1500	NZ 182	733 C
	1.	SYD	CHC	1035	1535	NZ 182	767 C
6-May	12345. 7	SYD	CHC	1900	2355	QF 65	763*C
7-May	. 2345. 7	SYD	CHC	1900	2355	QF 65	763*C
21-May	. . . 45. 7	SYD	CHC	1900	2355	QF 65	763*C
	. 2. 4. 67	SYD	CHC	1915	0015	NZ 184	767 C
	1. 3. 5. . .	SYD	CHC	1915	0030	NZ 184	733 C

It is now fairly obvious which city gets the best service ex-SYD!

Second, if you use this same timetable display to look at the aircraft types, especially with Qantas, you will notice that there are a lot more 747s – giving far more seats to AKL than CHC.

Third, regarding Sydney as a hub – for passengers travelling from inland NSW, SA and WA, it is very likely that, to get to NZ, they will hub through SYD. SYD is also the most important International hub in AU, so many PAX from Asia will also hub through SYD and a major hub also will give greater frequencies in flights, thus providing more frequent and convenient connections. Have you ever tried flying directly from minor city X to minor city Y in the US without hubbing? (Indeed you can sometimes have too much of a good thing!)

I appreciate what Chris is doing with *Graphic Insight*, but sometimes a graph will not give enough of the story to enable a full appreciation of what is going on.

How to get timetables, No 7

JACK MCLEAN *continues his tales of how to obtain insular timetables. Last month it was The Isle of Wight, this month, Prince Edward Island.*

SOME readers may have noticed that, for maybe the last three years, I have been collecting time tables from the Prince Edward Island Railway in Canada. There were several reasons for the choice of PEI but I won't give details here except to mention that the rules, the "railroad" English and the format of the Employees Time Tables were the same in PEI as they were in Alberta, where I spent 6 months in 1944. The similarities were not surprising as all the railway mileage in PEI and about half of the railway mileage in Alberta belonged to the same company- Canadian National.

I have never been to PEI but I soon found out that between 1875 and 1989, the railway had about 270 miles of track, originally of 3'6" gauge, which was changed to standard gauge between 1918 and 1928 and that there were about 100 stations.

The CNR public time tables which I scrounged from the CNR office in Melbourne in the 1950s were added to those I had brought home from Canada after WW2 and all of them included pages of PEI services. Because there were rarely more than 2 pages of PEI times they were relatively easy to photocopy.

The Island had few pure passenger trains but mixed trains seemed to run on all lines at least for some months of the year. This suggested that pure freight trains were scarce. The various time tables had a central list of stations with on the left hand side, times reading down and on the right hand side, times reading up. Most trains in the public timetables had times shown at all stations and it was easy to note the meeting points. However without a selection of employees time tables, my knowledge of the operating arrange-

ments would remain rather sketchy. How should I go about getting some employees' time tables?

Countries and States and Provinces almost everywhere seem to me to maintain services like State Libraries and State Archives. The population of Charlottetown, the capital of PEI was about half that of Ballarat in Victoria. However, I reckoned that the Provincial Archives would have some information about the Island's railway which was, strictly speaking, not a State railway. The Prince Edward Island Railway in 1875 was regarded as a Division of the Government owned Inter Colonial Railway and from 1917 the two railways were referred to as part of the Canadian Government Railways and all Federal Government Railways in Canada were grouped under the title Canadian National Railways in 1919.

In August 1996, I wrote to the Archives in Charlottetown and asked for information about the railway. As a result a large parcel arrived here in November and contained a wonderful collection of items including photocopies of two employee time tables. One was PEIR Time Table No 43 dated 27 December 1894 and the other was Canadian Government Time Table No 1 dated 21 May 1917. On the back of the photocopies the Archivist had stamped the Accession numbers and the Item numbers which indicated that she might have more time tables in the official collection I was charged 25 cents a sheet for each page of photocopying in the parcel.

When I wrote again in November 1997, I asked her what other employees time tables she had and she sent me copies of three Accession Lists which showed that in 1973, a Mr G R MacI-

saac had donated time tables to the Archives and on these lists were details of another six employees' time tables, one of which was Time Table No 3 for 1875 the year the railway opened. I asked for photocopies of the six time tables and they duly arrived again at a cost of 25 cents a photocopy, which I thought was truly miraculous value.

The Archivist, Mrs Marilyn Bell, did not know the whereabouts of Mr MacIsaac but I felt I should try to thank him (if I could). I eventually found his name in the Charlottetown telephone book in the International Telephone Directory Library in Queen Street Melbourne and wrote him a provisional thank you letter. Yes he was the donor of all these treasures.

I can't say who was the more pleased, George for knowing that someone (and an Australian at that) who had appreciated the time tables or myself for finding him and thanking him for guessing their historic value. George and I are still exchanging letters. Perhaps the expected sequence when additions are made to time table collections is: 1. finding out that someone has something you want, 2. arranging to buy it or borrow it or have it copied for you and 3. thanking the original owner. On this occasion it seems that finding the owner of something I wanted was the last act in the sequence.

If any reader has a CNR public or an American Official Guide to the Railways or any other time tables (before say 1967) in which there are PEI time tables, they might like to photocopy the pages and send them to Jack McLean.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND RAILWAY.

TIME TABLE NO. 3.

To come into force MONDAY, 6th DECEMBER, 1875.

TRAINS GOING WEST.				TRAINS GOING EAST.			
MILEAGE	STATIONS.	NO. 1 Exprest.	NO. 3, Mixed.	MILEAGE	STATIONS.	NO. 2, Exprest.	NO. 4, Mixed.
0.0	GEORGETOWN	Dep 8.45 a.m.		0.0	TIGONISH	Dep 7.00 a.m.	
2.8	Brudenell	8.47		2.8	Hampers	7.11	
6.9	Cardigan	9.10		4.9	Dundas	7.31	
10.4	Perth	9.28		8.1	Montrose	7.42	
12.9	Baldwins	9.34		10.3	ALBERTON	8.02	
14.9	Beaconsfield	9.44		16.9	Dock Road	8.18	
21.5	Pleasant	10.12		21.5	Bloomfield	8.30	
24.1	MT. STEWART Junc.	10.45		25.9	St. Nicholas	8.40	
29.4	Tremule	10.45		31.3	Beaumont	9.10	
32.4	Bedford	10.57		36.9	Portage	9.25	
34.7	Sudok	11.17		40.3	Conway	9.31	
38.8	Loft	11.25		44.9	Ellerslie	10.07	
40.3	Brackley Point	11.35		48.8	North Hill	10.37	
40.9	Royalty Junction	11.40		51.7	Richmond	11.00	
42.9	Cometary	11.40		56.3	Wellington	11.22	
	St. Dunstons	11.40		59.3	St. Nicholas	11.35	
	St. Dunstons	11.40		62.9	Micouche	11.52	
46.1	CHARLOTTETOWN	Ar 11.55		68.9	STUMMERSIDE	Ar 12.15 p.m.	
	St. Dunstons	8.21		70.9	Travellers Rest	1.08	Dep 7.15 a.m.
49.3	Cometary	8.34		72.9	New Annan	1.28	7.30
49.3	Royalty Junction	8.41		74.9	Barbara West	1.47	7.45
49.3	Windsor	8.48		75.9	Kensington	2.07	7.50
45.7	Milton	8.58		78.9	Blue Shank	2.28	8.02
49.3	Coaticook	9.10		81.7	County Line	2.53	8.17
52.8	North Wiltshire	9.23		85.3	County Line	3.10	8.39
56.8	Hunter River	9.40		87.8	Brudenell	3.22	8.44
61.9	Clyde	10.07		89.8	Elliotts	3.39	8.52
61.9	Fredericton	10.34		91.8	Fredericton	3.58	9.02
61.9	Fredericton	10.34		94.8	Chloe	4.17	9.10
67.3	Brudenell	10.36		98.3	North Wiltshire	4.35	9.24
67.3	County Line	10.45		100.9	Cooville	4.50	9.40
71.1	Frestown	11.00		103.3	Loyalist	4.46	9.58
74.9	Blue Shank	11.15		106.1	Milton	5.04	10.12
76.9	Kensington	11.15		110.9	Windsor	5.20	10.35
80.3	Barbara West	11.32		113.8	Royalty Junction	5.10	10.42
81.9	Travellers Rest	11.48		117.1	St. Dunstons	5.15	11.00
84.9	STUMMERSIDE	Ar 12.00			CHARLOTTETOWN	Ar 5.20	Dep 8.45 a.m.
	St. Dunstons	Dep 1.45 p.m.			St. Dunstons	Dep 2.50	9.02
89.9	Micouche	2.04			St. Dunstons	3.05	9.08
89.9	Windsor	2.24			Cometary	3.12	9.12
100.1	Wellington	2.30			Beckley Point	3.29	9.20
104.4	Richmond	3.00			Union	3.29	9.27
106.4	Northam	3.14			York	3.48	9.38
108.8	Port Hill	3.25			Sudok	3.48	9.48
112.9	Ellerslie	3.37			Beaumont	3.58	9.58
112.9	Conway	4.09			MT. STEWART Junc.	4.02	10.02
121.5	Brackley Point	4.34			Pleasant	4.35	10.35
124.4	O'Leary	4.50			Alberton	4.54	
126.8	Mill River	5.00			Penkes	4.54	
130.4	Bloomfield	5.16			Baldwins	5.02	
135.3	Dock Road	5.38			Perth	5.10	
139.4	Alberton	5.58			Cardigan	5.40	
142.7	Montrose	6.18			TIGONISH	5.54	
145.8	Kildare	6.29				6.05	
148.8	DeBolla	6.39					
150.3	Travers	6.48					
152.9	TIGONISH	7.00					

MEMO. OF TRAIN CROSSINGS.

- No. 1 will cross No. 6 at Mount Stewart.
- No. 1 will cross No. 4 at North Wiltshire.
- No. 1 will cross No. 2 at Summerside.
- No. 2 will cross No. 1 at Summerside.
- No. 2 will cross No. 3 at Hunter River.
- No. 2 will cross No. 5 at Royalty Junction.
- No. 3 will cross No. 1 at Hunter River.
- No. 4 will cross No. 1 at North Wiltshire.
- No. 5 will cross No. 6 at St. Peters.
- No. 5 will cross No. 2 at Royalty Junction.
- No. 6 will cross No. 1 at Mount Stewart.
- No. 6 will cross No. 5 at St. Peters.

NOTE 1.—Trains will not run east of St. Peters Wharf until further notice.

NOTE 2.—All Trains approaching Charlottetown are held for orders at Royalty Junction. Conductors and Engine Drivers please note.

NOTE 3.—All Trains on Time Card will do Way Freight business.

W. McKECHNIE,
Superintendent P. E. I. Ry.
C. J. BRYDGES,
General Supt. Gov't. Railways.



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Graphic Insight

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Graphic Insight this month asks 'How efficiently do Australia's Metropolitan railway operators utilise their trains'? We do this by looking at what timetables tell us about the times that trains are NOT running, in particular, how long do Australian suburban trains spend sitting at termini?

The graph below shows for each of a number of selected suburban train routes radiating from each of Australia's State capital cities 1) the number of minutes spent sitting at the outer terminus, 2) the number of minutes spent sitting at the central or city terminus and 3) the proportion of the total round trip time that these two waiting times comprise. The round trip time is calculated as the time elapsed between the departure of a train from the city terminus and its subsequent departure from that terminus (on the same or a different route).

The data has been taken from Public timetables of Australian metropolitan rail operators effective March 2000. The figures are based in all cases upon the Monday to Friday inter-peak schedules (where in all cases a regular interval memory timetable is in force). There is some uncertainty in the figures for waiting time at Adelaide station as the through-routing details are not explicitly stated in the public timetables. There is also uncertainty about the turnaround time at Currambine - it could be 1 minute or 16 minutes.

Note that the longer routes tend to have a better usage ratio - which is to be expected, however note that not only does the relative size of the waiting time increase as the routes shorten, it appears also the absolute waiting time is greater on shorter routes too. Adelaide is different to other cities in that it appears to schedule short turnarounds at outer termini and longer turnarounds at the city end - this is probably because Adelaide is the only stub-end terminal station thereby necessitating a change of direction.

It is also quite noticeable that Adelaide and Brisbane tend to have much lower train efficiency rates than the other cities - in fact every one of the ten worst performing routes are from those two cities. This technique of comparing networks of course neglects another major component of efficiency - that of train speed, and that is probably where Brisbane would show up comparatively well. In addition, not all routes from Sydney and Melbourne are included in this analysis, however, those that are generally measure up well.

