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MOONEE PONDS—FOOTSCRAY

SUNDAYS

Leaves Moonee Ponds: P.M. 1.15, 30, 45, 2.0, then every 10 mins. to 5.0, 15, 30, 45, 6.0, then every 15 mins. to 11.30.

Leaves Footscray: P.M. 1.30, 45, 2.0, then every 10 mins. to 4.55, 5.02, 15, 30, 45, 6.0, then every 15 mins. to 11.30.

WEEK DAYS

Leaves Moonee Ponds: A.M. 6.20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 7.0, 12, 20, 30, 40, 50, 8.0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 9.0, then every 15 mins. to 2 p.m., then every 10 mins. to 8.0, 15, 30, 45, 9.0, 20, 40, 10.0, 20, 40, 11.0, 15, 30, 45, 12.0

Leaves Footscray: A.M. 6.35, 40, 45, 50, 57, 7.0, 5, 10, 15, 23, 27, 33, 40, 50, 8.0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 9.0, 7½, 15, 30, 45, 10.0, then every 15 mins. to 12.45 p.m. 1.0, 15, 30, 45, 2.0, 15, 30, then every 10 mins. to 8.0, 7½, 15, 30, 45, 9.0, 20, 40, 10.0, 20, 40, 11.0, 15, 30, 45, 56, 12.0.

SATURDAYS

Leaves Moonee Ponds: A.M. 6.20, 30, 45, then every 15 mins. to 10 a.m., then every 10 mins. to 2 p.m., then every 15 mins. to 4 p.m., then every 10 mins. to 8 p.m. 15, 30, 45, 9.0, 20, 40, 10.0, 20, 40, 11.0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 12.0, 15.

Leaves Footscray: A.M. 6.32, 45, 7.0, then every 15 mins. to 10.30, then every 10mins. to 2 p.m., 7½, 15, 30, 45, 3.0, 15, 30, 45, 4.0, then every 10 mins. to 8 p.m., 7½, 15, 30, 45, 9.0, 20, 40, 10.0, 20, 40, 11.0, then every 10 mins. to 12.30.

Special fast tables will operate for Moonee Valley and Flemington races, also for Trots and any function at Showgrounds. Prams will be carried between 3.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. week days, Saturdays between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and between 4.30 and 5.30 p.m. on race days.

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On the front cover

Moonee Ponds buses! My word yes, that brings back memories, doesn't it? Many's the time that Beryl and I took the last bus home to Humoresque St from the Civic in Mt Alexander Rd- you know it- it's ever so grand now as the Clocktower Centre. It was always a really lovely night's entertainment. We're not ones for the pictures as a rule, but when we do go, we like to see a good bright show. After all, there's enough unhappiness and sadness in the world without going to see it in the theatre. The Civic was unique, I might say, because they always had mugs of steaming hot cocoa and a digestive biscuit waiting when we came out the doors into the foyer. We appreciated those little touches. They saved us having to light the gas when we got home to make some for ourselves. Mind you, we had to drink quickly- or else we'd miss that last bus run by kind Mr. Lane.... sometimes he drove the last bus himself. I often wonder what became of him. We usually called it a day around about 11-ish, as we didn't want to make it too late a night. Beryl always has a big wash on her hands on the Monday morning, and I have to be in town pretty early. Stocktaking and one thing and another. We got back to Humoresque Street about 20 past, and Beryl and I would go to bed- *Sandy Stone*.



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Red Top Buses from Strathfield to Hurstville

Jim O'Neil

When I started to explore Sydney's bus services south of the Harbour in the sixties, Strathfield was largely government bus territory—as it still is. However, two private bus services ran due south, along The Boulevard to Enfield Broadway. They did not share service along The Boulevard, however because this was the monopoly of McVicar's route 27 to Strathfield. Red Top Transport Service's route 34 to Hurstville operated 'first set down Maria Street', some distance south of Enfield Broadway, where the bus ran along Dean Street in Strathfield South. This restriction was carried on the buses, but you will find no trace of it in the timetable. The regular passengers would know they couldn't use the 34 between Strathfield and Enfield, but casuals, like myself, had to be informed. I had to go all the way to Maria Street to get a copy of the timetable.

This timetable from Red Top was dated 14th March 1961 (pages 2&4). The basic service on weekdays ran every half hour, provided by shifts one to three. Shift four provides extra service between Ponyarra Road (on the east side of King George's Road, just north of Beverly Hills Station) and Hurstville, with some services starting or ending in the north at Lakemba Station. This additional service runs in the morning peak and the off-peak period up to 11.23 at Lakemba. From about half past one, shift four and a new shift, numbered five, start in opposite directions from Lakemba Station (not far from the depot at 79 Wangee Street) and supplement the service between Strathfield and Hurstville, with almost all buses going via Ponyarra Road in this period. A sixth shift, number six, appears only once on the main timetable, leaving Strathfield at 5.17 and finishing at Lakemba at 5.35 p.m. After seven o'clock, the service reverts to half-hourly, provided by shifts one to three.

Below the main weekday timetable we find further buses added. Additional buses run from Shorter Avenue (on the west side of King George's Road, further north from Ponyarra Road) to Lakemba station. These do not match the times of buses coming north from Hurstville. The corresponding buses south from Lakemba in the evening peak present a conundrum; the first three times from Lakemba, 4.19, 4.39 and 4.59 are each one minute before the Lakemba timings of buses through from Strathfield to Hurstville, 4.20, 4.40 and 5.00, which are marked "sp", to show they divert via both Shorter Avenue and Ponyarra Road. However, not all buses marked "s" are shown on this list and the last two buses

Price 2d.		RED TOP TRANSPORT SERVICE PTY. LTD. 79 WANGEE ROAD, LAKEMBA										ROUTE No. 34		
Bus Time-Table												STRATHFIELD TO HURSTVILLE, via ENFIELD BELFIELD, LAKEMBA BEVERLY HILLS		
Phone UL 1186												Buses available for Hire for Flights, etc. Commencing 14th March, 1961		
All previous time-tables cancelled												FOR EXPLANATIONS OF ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS USED IN TIME-TABLE SEE AT BOTTOM		
MONDAY TO FRIDAY														
Strathfield	Enfield	Enfield	Enfield	Enfield	Enfield	Enfield	Enfield	Enfield	Enfield	Enfield	Enfield	Enfield	Hurstville	Hurstville
Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Arr.
1	5.40			5.50	6.00	6.10	6.20	6.30	6.40	6.50	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30
2	6.30			6.40	6.50	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20
3	7.20			7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10
4	8.10			8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50	10.00
5	9.00			9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50	10.00	10.10	10.20	10.30	10.40	10.50
6	10.00			10.10	10.20	10.30	10.40	10.50	11.00	11.10	11.20	11.30	11.40	11.50
7	11.00			11.10	11.20	11.30	11.40	11.50	12.00	12.10	12.20	12.30	12.40	12.50
8	11.30			11.40	11.50	12.00	12.10	12.20	12.30	12.40	12.50	1.00	1.10	1.20
9	1.00			1.10	1.20	1.30	1.40	1.50	2.00	2.10	2.20	2.30	2.40	2.50
10	1.40			1.50	2.00	2.10	2.20	2.30	2.40	2.50	3.00	3.10	3.20	3.30
11	2.30			2.40	2.50	3.00	3.10	3.20	3.30	3.40	3.50	4.00	4.10	4.20
12	3.20			3.30	3.40	3.50	4.00	4.10	4.20	4.30	4.40	4.50	5.00	5.10
13	4.10			4.20	4.30	4.40	4.50	5.00	5.10	5.20	5.30	5.40	5.50	6.00
14	5.00			5.10	5.20	5.30	5.40	5.50	6.00	6.10	6.20	6.30	6.40	6.50
15	5.50			6.00	6.10	6.20	6.30	6.40	6.50	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40
16	6.40			6.50	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30
17	7.30			7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20
18	8.20			8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50	10.00	10.10
19	9.10			9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50	10.00	10.10	10.20	10.30	10.40	10.50	11.00
20	10.00			10.10	10.20	10.30	10.40	10.50	11.00	11.10	11.20	11.30	11.40	11.50
21	10.50			11.00	11.10	11.20	11.30	11.40	11.50	12.00	12.10	12.20	12.30	12.40
22	11.40			11.50	12.00	12.10	12.20	12.30	12.40	12.50	1.00	1.10	1.20	1.30
23	1.30			1.40	1.50	2.00	2.10	2.20	2.30	2.40	2.50	3.00	3.10	3.20
24	2.20			2.30	2.40	2.50	3.00	3.10	3.20	3.30	3.40	3.50	4.00	4.10
25	3.10			3.20	3.30	3.40	3.50	4.00	4.10	4.20	4.30	4.40	4.50	5.00
26	4.00			4.10	4.20	4.30	4.40	4.50	5.00	5.10	5.20	5.30	5.40	5.50
27	4.50			5.00	5.10	5.20	5.30	5.40	5.50	6.00	6.10	6.20	6.30	6.40
28	5.40			5.50	6.00	6.10	6.20	6.30	6.40	6.50	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30
29	6.30			6.40	6.50	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20
30	7.20			7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10
31	8.10			8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50	10.00
32	9.00			9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50	10.00	10.10	10.20	10.30	10.40	10.50
33	9.50			10.00	10.10	10.20	10.30	10.40	10.50	11.00	11.10	11.20	11.30	11.40
34	10.40			10.50	11.00	11.10	11.20	11.30	11.40	11.50	12.00	12.10	12.20	12.30
35	11.30			11.40	11.50	12.00	12.10	12.20	12.30	12.40	12.50	1.00	1.10	1.20

s - Denotes arrive
 A.S. - Denotes authorized stand
 s - Denotes Shorter Avenue
 Additional Buses will leave Shorter Avenue for Lakemba, Monday to Friday:
 Dep. Shorter Ave. 7.30 Arrive Lakemba 7.49
 7.54 8.08
 8.15 8.29
 School Special 8.38
 Industrial Specials leave Strathfield 7.43 a.m. via Belfield to Firth Box Factory 8.30 a.m.
 Dep. Lakemba 4.19 Arrive Shorter Ave. 4.33
 4.39 4.53
 4.59 5.13
 5.19 5.33
 Dep. opposite Lakemba Station 5.00 p.m. Arrive Shorter Avenue 5.20 p.m.
 Dep. 4.30 Strathfield 4.45
 5.00 Strathfield 5.10

All previous timetables cancelled.
BUS TIMETABLE. COMMENCED 21 ST. SEPT. 1977
ROUTES 34 AND 39

CUMBERLAND COACHES
 PTY. LTD.

OFFICE AND DEPOT, 79 WANGEE ROAD, LAKEMBA.
 TELEPHONE NUMBER **759 1186**

ROUTE 34 STRATHFIELD STATION TO HURSTVILLE STATION VIA ENFIELD, BELFIELD, LAKEMBA STATION, ROSELANDS SHOPPING CENTRE, BEVERLY HILLS STATION.....RETURN VIA SAME ROUTE.

ROUTE 39 CAMPSIE STATION TO HURSTVILLE STATION VIA BELFIELD, WILLY PARR STATION, ROSELANDS SHOPPING CENTRE, BEVERLY HILLS STATION.....RETURN VIA SAME ROUTE.

ROUTE 34 SERVICE AVAILABLE EVERY DAY.

ROUTE 39 SERVICE NOT AVAILABLE SUNDAY OR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

ABBREVIATIONS USED ON TIMETABLE.

- S..OPERATES VIA SHORTER AVENUE.
- S..SCHOOL DAYS ONLY.
- SS..SCHOOL SPECIAL.
- T..EXTENSIVE TO ROSELANDS ON LATE SHOPPING NIGHT.
- W..DEPARTS STRATHFIELD ON TERMINATES WANGEE ROAD.
- F..OPERATES VIA PONTARNA AVENUE.

CONCESSION CARDS MUST BE SHOWN OR FULL FARE PAID.

SCHOOL PASSES MUST BE SHOWN OR FARE PAID, AND ARE ONLY AVAILABLE FOR USE AS PRINTED ON PASS.

WHEN TENDERING FARE PASSENGERS MUST OBTAIN CORRECT TICKETS FOR THE FARE AND HOLD TICKETS FOR INSPECTION.

TENDER OF CORRECT FARE WOULD BE APPRECIATED PLEASE.

COACHES AND BUSES

- SOCIAL GROUPS.
- PICNICS AND GETTINGS.
- SCHOOL EXCURSIONS.
- SPORTS BUSES.
- WINERY TOURS.
- COUNTRY TRIPS.

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the inclusion of Roselands as a timing point. The old golf club had been replaced by the shopping centre, to which all buses ran as a matter of course. Only early morning buses passed by Roselands. Even Sunday buses ran there.

The next timetable (see pp6-7) gives no indication of the date of issue, or the operator of the bus. I acquired it from Highway Tours in 1987. Highway Tours were based in Wollongong and had taken over a range of bus services in the central western suburbs. Their depot was in Enfield, and the Wangee Road depot ceased to be used by buses. Their timetable is like the Cumberland Coaches one, with similar service intervals on weekdays and Saturdays. However, on Sundays, one bus provides the service all day, operating at hour and a half intervals with time for a meal break around noon. Off peak service to Ponyarra Road has resumed, at intervals of two hours or more. The buses are marked P in the Roselands column southbound and in the Beverly Hills column northwards. On weekdays, the buses take five minutes more than the hour and a half to return to Hurstville, so they operate on the route 68 to Earlwood (taken over by Highways from Blythe's) to enable service on the route 34 to run on a regular half-hourly basis.

The ownership, and the depot, had changed again by the time of the next timetable (see pp 8-10). Issued by Canterbury Bus Lines in May 1995, it was published by Brochure Publishing with adverts surrounding the timetables. I have reprinted here only those adverts on the front cover. The address given for Canterbury Bus Lines is a Post Office Box in Lakemba, but the bus depot was the old Kogarah Bus one on the Prince's Highway just north of the intersection with

King George's Road. The timetable is said to be for the Routes 34 & 450, but in fact these are the old and new numbers for the same route. The long bus route needs to be printed over both sides of the timetable to cover the distance between Strathfield and Hurstville. Ponyarra Road (marked P) is still served at school hours and in the morning off-peak, but Shorter Avenue (still marked X) is now served only on school days. In the afternoon there are buses to Shorter Avenue in both directions, from Roselands south at 3.07 from Beverly Hills at 3.13. However, there is no trace of corresponding morning services. It seems more likely there were School Specials than that the students walked, by the time of the nineties.

Punchbowl Bus Company, yet another new operator, who had taken over from Canterbury Bus Lines, issued the last timetable examined here. It was issued on 21/12/98 and gives only the route number 450 (see pp11-12). It includes services on the route 451 (the old 39) between Roselands and Hurstville, which divert via Gloucester Road instead of King George's Road. I have included the southern part of the route map from this timetable, since the Ponyarra Road loop is marked on it, and Gloucester road and Shorter Avenue can be seen more clearly than on the Canterbury Bus Lines map. Service to Shorter Avenue has now ceased, but off-peak service on weekdays is still provided to the Ponyarra Road loop. There is no longer Thursday nights only evening service, since buses now run until after nine o'clock on all weekday nights.

TO HURSTVILLE-ROUTE 34- TO STRATHFIELD

STRATHFIELD DEPART	BELFIELD	LAKE WANGEE	ROSELANDS	BEVERLY HILLS	ARRIVE HURSTVILLE	DEPART HURSTVILLE	BEVERLY HILLS	ROSELANDS	LAKE WANGEE	BELFIELD	STRATHFIELD ARRIVE
MONDAY TO FRIDAY											
6.00	6.10	6.24	6.33	6.43	6.53	7.03	7.13	7.21	7.31	7.41	7.51
6.13	6.23	6.33	6.43	6.47	6.57	7.07	7.17	7.27	7.37	7.47	7.57
6.45	6.55	7.05	7.13	7.20	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30
7.06	7.16	7.26	-	7.42	7.52	8.02	8.12	8.21	8.31	8.41	8.51
7.25	7.35	7.45	7.53	8.00	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.00	9.10
7.40	7.50	8.00	8.08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7.52	8.02	8.12	8.20	8.29	8.39	8.49	8.59	9.09	9.19	9.29	9.39
8.10	8.20	8.30	8.40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8.24	8.34	8.44	8.52	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50	10.00	10.10
8.45	8.55	9.05	9.15	9.24	9.34	9.44	9.54	10.04	10.14	10.24	10.34
9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.49	9.59	10.09	10.19	10.29	10.39	10.49	10.59
9.40	9.50	10.00	10.10	10.19	10.29	10.39	10.49	10.59	11.09	11.19	11.29
10.10	10.20	10.30	10.40	10.49	10.59	11.09	11.19	11.29	11.39	11.49	11.59
10.40	10.50	11.00	11.13	11.22	11.32	11.42	11.52	12.02	12.12	12.22	12.32
11.10	11.20	11.30	11.43	11.52	12.02	12.12	12.22	12.32	12.42	12.52	1.02
11.40	11.50	12.00	12.13	12.22	12.32	12.42	12.52	1.02	1.12	1.22	1.32
12.10	12.20	12.30	12.43	12.52	1.02	1.12	1.22	1.32	1.42	1.52	2.02
12.40	12.50	1.00	1.13	1.22	1.32	1.42	1.52	2.02	2.12	2.22	2.32
1.10	1.20	1.30	1.43	1.52	2.02	2.12	2.22	2.32	2.42	2.52	3.02
1.40	1.50	2.00	2.13	2.22	2.32	2.42	2.52	3.02	3.12	3.22	3.32
2.10	2.20	2.30	2.43	2.52	3.02	3.12	3.22	3.32	3.42	3.52	4.02
SATURDAY											
2.40	2.50	3.00	3.13	3.22	3.32	3.42	3.52	4.02	4.12	4.22	4.32
3.10	3.20	3.30	3.43	3.52	4.02	4.12	4.22	4.32	4.42	4.52	5.02
3.40	3.50	4.00	4.13	4.22	4.32	4.42	4.52	5.02	5.12	5.22	5.32
4.10	4.20	4.30	4.43	4.52	5.02	5.12	5.22	5.32	5.42	5.52	6.02
4.40	4.50	5.00	5.13	5.22	5.32	5.42	5.52	6.02	6.12	6.22	6.32
5.10	5.20	5.30	5.43	5.52	6.02	6.12	6.22	6.32	6.42	6.52	7.02
5.40	5.50	6.00	6.13	6.22	6.32	6.42	6.52	7.02	7.12	7.22	7.32
6.10	6.20	6.30	6.43	6.52	7.02	7.12	7.22	7.32	7.42	7.52	8.02
6.40	6.50	7.00	7.13	7.22	7.32	7.42	7.52	8.02	8.12	8.22	8.32
7.10	7.20	7.30	7.43	7.52	8.02	8.12	8.22	8.32	8.42	8.52	9.02
7.40	7.50	8.00	8.13	8.22	8.32	8.42	8.52	9.02	9.12	9.22	9.32
8.10	8.20	8.30	8.43	8.52	9.02	9.12	9.22	9.32	9.42	9.52	10.02

TO HURSTVILLE-ROUTE 34-TO STRATHFIELD

STRATH FIELD DEPART	BEL- FIELD	LAK- EMBA	ROSE LANDS	BEV- ERLY HILLS	ARRIVE HURST- VILLE	DEPART HURST- VILLE	BEV- ERLY HILLS	ROSE LANDS	LAK- EMBA	BEL- FIELD	ARRIVE STRATH FIELD
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S A T U R D A Y S

a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.03	7.12	7.21
-	-	6.35	6.42	6.47	6.57	7.00	7.10	7.15	7.23	7.32	7.41
-	-	7.15	7.23	7.28	7.38	7.40	7.50	7.55	8.03	8.13	8.23
7.23	7.33	7.43	7.51	7.57	8.07	8.10	8.20	8.25	8.33	8.43	8.53
7.43	7.53	8.03	8.11	8.17	8.27	8.30	8.40	8.45	8.53	9.03	9.13
-	-	8.20	8.27	8.32	8.42	8.47	8.55	9.05	9.14	9.24	9.34
8.25	8.35	8.45	8.53	9.01	9.11	9.13	9.23	9.35	9.44	9.54	10.04
8.55	9.05	9.15	9.23	9.31	9.41	9.43	9.53	10.05	10.14	10.24	10.34
9.15	9.25	9.35	9.45	9.55	10.05	10.08	10.18	10.35	10.44	10.54	11.04
9.40	9.50	10.00	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.38	10.48	11.05	11.14	11.24	11.34
10.10	10.20	10.30	10.45	10.55	11.05	11.08	11.18	11.35	11.44	11.54	12.04
10.40	10.50	11.00	11.15	11.25	11.35	11.40	11.50	12.05	12.14	12.24	12.34
11.10	11.20	11.30	11.45	11.55	12.05	12.10	12.20	12.30	12.40	12.50	1.00
11.40	11.50	12.00	12.15	12.25	12.35	12.37	12.47	12.52	1.00	-	-
12.10	12.20	12.30	12.40	12.47	12.57	1.00	1.09	1.15	1.22	1.30	1.39
12.40	12.49	12.58	1.05	1.11	1.20	1.25	1.34	1.40	1.48	1.56	2.04
1.15	1.24	1.33	1.40	1.46	1.55	2.00	2.09	2.15	2.23	2.32	2.40
2.00	2.09	2.18	2.25	2.31	2.40	2.45	2.54	3.00	3.08	3.17	3.26
2.45	2.54	3.03	3.10	3.16	3.26	3.30	3.39	3.45	3.53	4.02	4.10
3.30	3.39	3.48	3.55	4.01	4.11	4.15	4.24	4.30	4.38	4.47	4.56
4.15	4.24	4.33	4.40	4.46	4.56	5.00	5.09	5.15	5.23	5.32	5.41
5.00	5.09	5.18	5.25	5.31	5.41	5.45	5.54	6.00	6.08	6.17	6.25
6.00	6.09	6.18	6.25	6.30	6.40	6.45	6.54	7.00	7.08	7.17	7.25
7.00	7.09	7.18	7.25	7.30	7.40	7.45	7.54	8.00	8.08		

SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY TIMETABLE FROM 2ND SEPT, 1979.

TO HURSTVILLE-ROUTE 34-TO STRATHFIELD

STRATH FIELD DEPART	BEL- FIELD	LAK- EMBA	ROSE LANDS	BEV- ERLY HILLS	ARRIVE HURST- VILLE	DEPART HURST- VILLE	BEV- ERLY HILLS	ROSE LANDS	LAK- EMBA	BEL- FIELD	ARRIVE STRATH FIELD
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S U N D A Y S

& H O L I D A Y S

a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	8.03	8.10	8.18	8.27	KGR & Canary-8.10		8.15	8.22	8.29	
8.30	8.39	8.48	8.55	9.01	9.10	8.30	8.38	8.45	8.54	9.02	9.10
9.15	9.24	9.33	9.45	9.50	9.58	9.15	9.24	9.30	9.38	9.46	9.55
10.00	10.09	10.17	10.25	10.31	10.40	10.00	10.09	10.15	10.24	10.32	10.40
10.45	10.54	11.03	11.10	11.16	11.25	10.45	10.54	11.00	11.09	11.17	11.25
p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m
12.00	12.09	12.18	12.25	12.31	12.40	12.00	12.09	12.15	12.24	12.32	12.40
12.45	12.54	1.03	1.10	1.17	1.27	12.45	12.54	1.00	1.10	1.19	1.27
1.30	1.39	1.48				1.30	1.39	1.45	1.55	2.04	2.12
2.15	2.24	2.33	2.40	2.47	2.57	3.00	3.09	3.15	3.25	3.34	3.42
3.45	3.54	4.03	4.10	4.17	4.27	4.30	4.39	4.45	4.55	5.04	5.12
5.15	5.24	5.33	5.40	5.46	5.55	6.00	6.09	6.15	6.24	6.32	6.40
7.15	7.24	7.33	7.40	7.46	7.55	8.00	8.09	8.15	8.23		

* SPECIAL NOTE : ON GOOD FRIDAY AND CHRISTMAS DAY BUSES WILL NOT OPERATE. *

Strathfield to Hurstville ROUTE 34 Hurstville to Strathfield

DEPART STRATHFIELD	BELFIELD	LAKEURBA	ROSELANDS	BEVERLY HILLS	ARRIVE HURSTVILLE	DEPART HURSTVILLE	BEVERLY HILLS	ROSELANDS	LAKEURBA	BELFIELD	ARRIVE STRATHFIELD
WEEKDAYS											
A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6.03	6.12	6.20	6.28	6.34	6.42	6.45	6.54	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.30
-	-	6.45	6.55	7.01	7.10	7.15	7.24	7.30	7.40	7.50	8.00
6.41	6.50	7.00	7.10	7.16	7.25	7.30	7.39P	7.47	7.57	8.07	8.17
7.05	7.15	7.25	7.35	7.41	7.49	7.50	7.59	8.07	8.17	8.27	8.37
7.33	7.43	7.53	8.03	8.09	8.18	8.20	8.29	8.37	8.47	8.57	9.07
8.03	8.13	8.23	8.35P	8.45	8.55	8.40	8.49	8.55	9.05	9.15	9.25
8.25	8.35	8.45	8.55	9.01	9.10	9.10	9.19P	9.25	9.35	9.45	9.55
8.55	9.05	9.15	9.30	9.36	9.45	9.40	9.49	9.55	10.05	10.15	10.25
9.30	9.40	9.50	10.00P	10.06	10.15E	10.10	10.19	10.25	10.35	10.45	10.55
10.00	10.10	10.20	10.30	10.36	10.45E	11.10	11.19	11.25	11.35	11.45	11.55
10.30	10.40	10.50	11.00	11.06	11.15	11.40	11.49P	11.55	12.05	12.15	12.25
11.00	11.10	11.20	11.30	11.36	11.45E	P.H	P.H	P.H	P.H	P.H	P.H
11.30	11.40	11.50	12.00P	12.06	12.15	12.40	12.49	12.55	1.05	1.15	1.25
P.H	P.H	P.H	P.H	P.H	P.H	1.10	1.19	1.25	1.35	1.45	1.55
12.00	12.10	12.20	12.30	12.36	12.45E	1.40	1.49P	1.55	2.05	2.15	2.25
12.30	12.40	12.50	1.00	1.06	1.15E	2.10	2.19	2.25	2.35	2.45	2.55
1.00	1.10	1.20	1.30	1.36	1.45	2.40	2.49	2.55	3.05	3.15	3.25
1.30	1.40	1.50	2.00	2.06	2.15	3.10	3.19	3.25	3.35	3.45	3.55
2.00	2.10	2.20	2.30	2.36	2.45E	3.35	3.45P	3.55	4.05	4.15	4.25
2.40	2.50	3.00	3.10P	3.20	3.30	4.00	4.09	4.15	4.25	4.35	4.45
3.10	3.20	3.30	3.40	3.46	3.55	4.20	4.29	4.35	4.45	4.55	5.05
3.30	3.40	3.50	4.00	4.06	4.15	4.40	4.49	4.55	5.05	5.15	5.25
3.50	4.00	4.10	4.20	4.26	4.35	4.40	4.50	4.55	5.05	5.15	5.25
4.10	4.20	4.30	4.40	4.46	4.55	5.00	5.09	5.15	5.25	5.35	5.45
4.30	4.40	4.50	5.00	5.06	5.15	5.20	5.29	5.35	5.45	5.55	6.05
4.50	5.00	5.10	5.20	5.26	5.35	5.40P	5.49	5.55	6.05	6.15	6.25
5.10	5.20	5.30	5.40	5.46	5.55	6.00	6.09	6.15	6.25	6.35	6.45
5.30	5.40	5.50	6.00	6.06	6.15	6.20	6.29	6.35	6.45	6.55	7.00
5.50	6.00	6.10	6.20	6.26	6.35	-	-	-	-	-	-
6.10	6.19	6.28	6.35	6.41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6.30	6.39	6.47	6.55	7.00	-	7.10	7.19	7.25	7.32	-	-
7.05L	7.15L	7.25L	7.29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
THURSDAY NIGHTS (Additional)											
7.20	7.28	7.36	7.44	7.50	7.59	7.10	7.19	7.25	7.32	7.40	7.49
8.10	8.18	8.26	8.34	8.40	8.49	8.00	8.09	8.15	8.23	8.31	8.39
8.40	8.48	8.56	9.06	9.11	9.20	8.50	8.59	9.07	9.14	9.22	9.30
9.30	9.38	9.46	-	-	-	9.20	9.29	9.34	9.41	-	-
SATURDAYS											
A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M
7.16	7.24	7.32	7.40	7.46	7.55	8.00	8.09	8.15	8.25	8.34	8.43
8.00	8.08	8.16	8.25	8.31	8.40	8.45	8.54	9.00	9.10	9.18	9.27
8.30	8.38	8.46	8.55	9.01	9.10	9.15	9.24	9.30	9.40	9.48	9.57
8.55	9.03	9.11	9.25 P	9.31	9.40	9.45	9.54	10.00	10.10	10.18	10.27
9.30	9.38	9.47	9.55	10.01	10.10	10.15	10.24	10.30	10.40	10.48	10.57
10.00	10.08	10.17	10.25	10.31	10.40	10.45	10.54	11.00	11.10	11.18	11.27
10.30	10.38	10.47	10.55	11.01	11.10	11.15	11.24	11.30	11.40	11.48	11.57
11.00	11.08	11.17	11.25	11.31	11.40	11.45	11.54 P	12.00	12.10	12.18	12.27
11.30	11.38	11.47	11.55	12.01	12.10	P.H	P.H	P.H	P.H	P.H	P.H
P.H	P.H	P.H	P.H	P.H	P.H	12.15	12.24	12.30	12.40	12.48	12.57
12.00	12.00	12.17	12.25	12.31	12.40	12.45	12.54	1.00	1.10	1.18	1.27
12.45	12.53	1.01	1.10	1.16	1.25	1.30	1.39	1.45	1.55	2.01	2.12
1.30	1.38	1.46	1.55	2.01	2.10	2.15	2.24	2.30	2.38	2.46	2.55
2.15	2.23	2.31	2.40	2.46	2.55	3.00	3.09	3.15	3.23	3.31	3.40
3.00	3.08	3.16	3.25	3.31	3.40	3.45	3.54	4.00	4.15	4.23	4.31
3.45	3.53	4.02	4.10	4.16	4.25	4.30	4.39	4.45	4.55	5.03	5.11
4.32	4.40	4.48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.15	5.23	5.31	5.40	5.46	5.55	6.00	6.09	6.15	6.23	6.31	6.40
6.45	6.53	7.01	7.09	-	-	-	-	7.10	7.17	-	-
SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS											
A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M	A.M
8.40	8.48	8.56	9.05	9.11	9.20	9.25	9.34	9.40	9.48	9.55	10.04
10.10	10.18	10.26	10.35	10.41	10.50	10.55	11.04	11.10	11.18	11.25	11.34
11.40	11.48	11.56	12.05	12.11	12.20	P.H	P.H	P.H	P.H	P.H	P.H
P.H	P.H	P.H	P.H	P.H	P.H	12.25	12.34	12.40	12.48	12.55	1.04
1.45	1.54	2.03	2.10	2.16	2.25	2.30	2.39	2.45	2.53	3.02	3.10
3.15	3.24	3.33	3.40	3.46	3.55	4.00	4.09	4.15	4.23	4.32	4.40
4.45	4.54	5.03	5.10	5.16	5.25	5.30	5.39	5.45	5.53	6.02	6.10
6.15	6.24	6.33	6.40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

P Operates via Ponyarra Road Loop.
 RC From Regina Coeli School.

X Operates via Shorter Avenue and Penshurst Road, or vice versa

E Bus continues on to Earlwood on Route 68.

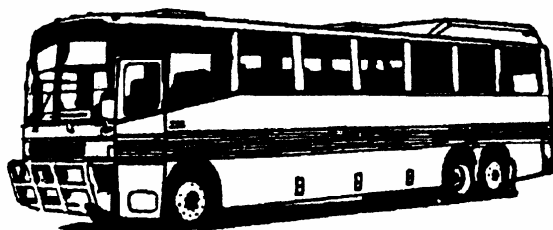
S Operates on school days only.

L Operates 15 minutes later on Thursday nights, and continues through to Hurstville.

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DEPART HURSTVILLE	BEVERLY HELLS	ROSELANDS	LAKEMBA	BELFIELD	ARRIVE STRATHFIELD	DEPART STRATHFIELD	BELFIELD	LAKEMBA	ROSELANDS	BEVERLY HELLS	ARRIVE HURSTVILLE
WEEKDAYS											
Mornings						Mornings					
5:40	5:48		5:58	6:08	6:20	6:25	6:35	6:45	6:24	6:29	6:38
6:10	6:19	6:25	6:35	6:45	6:55	7:00	7:12	7:22	6:54	6:59	7:07
6:40	6:49	6:55	7:05	7:15	7:27	7:30	7:42	7:52	7:32	7:39	7:52
7:07	7:19	7:25	7:35	7:45	7:57	8:00	8:12	8:22	8:02	8:09	8:22
7:22	7:32	7:42	7:52	8:02	8:15	8:25	8:37	8:47	8:27	8:34	8:47
7:57	8:07	8:15	8:25	8:35	8:47	8:55	9:07	9:17	8:57	9:03	9:12
8:27	8:37	8:45	8:55	9:05	9:17	9:25	9:37	9:47	9:27	9:33	9:42
8:57	9:07	9:15	9:25	9:35	9:47	10:00	10:10	10:20	10:32	10:38	10:47
9:20	9:29P	9:35	9:45	9:55	10:07	10:30	10:40	10:50	11:02	11:08	11:17
9:50	9:59	10:05	10:15	10:25	10:37	11:00	11:10	11:20	11:32	11:38	11:47
10:20	10:29	10:35	10:45	10:55	11:07	11:30	11:40	11:50	12:02P	12:08	12:17
10:50	10:59	11:05	11:15	11:25	11:37	Afternoons					
11:20	11:29	11:35	11:45	11:55	12:07	12:00	12:10	12:20	12:32	12:38	12:47
11:50	11:59P	12:05	12:15	12:25	12:37	12:30	12:40	12:50	1:02	1:08	1:17
Afternoons						Afternoons					
12:20	12:29	12:35	12:45	12:55	1:07	1:00	1:10	1:20	1:32	1:38	1:47
12:50	12:59	1:05	1:15	1:25	1:37	1:40	1:50	2:00	2:12	2:18	2:27
1:20	1:29P	1:35	1:45	1:55	2:07	2:10	2:20	2:30	2:42	2:48	2:57
1:50	1:59	2:05	2:15	2:25	2:35	2:37	2:47	2:57	P3.07X	3:17	3:27
2:30	2:39	2:45	2:55	3:05	3:17	3:07	3:19	3:29	3:40	3:47	3:57
	S3.13RX	3.25S	3.33S		3.48	3:27	3:39	3:50	4:00	4:07	4:17
3:10	3:19	3:27	3:37	3:47	3:59	3:50	4:02	4:12	4:22	4:28	4:38
3:35	3:45	3:55	4:05	4:15	4:26	4:10	4:22	4:32	4:42	4:48	4:58
4:00	4:10	4:20	4:30	4:40	4:52	4:30	4:42	4:52	5:02	5:08	5:18
4:25	4:34	4:40	4:50	5:00	5:12	4:56	5:08	5:18	5:33	5:39	5:48
4:45	4:54	5:02	5:12	5:22	5:32	5:15	5:27	5:37	5:47	5:53	6:03
5:05	5:14	5:20	5:30	5:40	5:52	5:35	5:45	5:55	6:04	6:10	6:18
5:25	5:34	5:40	5:50	6:00	6:12	5:55	6:05	6:15	6:25	6:31	6:40
5:50	5:58	6:04	6:11T			6:20	6:30	6:39	6:47	6:53	7:02
6:20	6:28	6:34	6:42	6:51	7:00	7:02	7:11	7:20	7:28	7:33	7:43
7:05	7:14	7:20T									
Thursday Night Additional						Thursday Night Additional					
7:05	7:14	7:20	7:28	7:36	7:45				8:31	8:36	8:44
8:05	8:14	8:20T				8:25	8:35	8:45	9:05	9:11	9:20
8:45	8:54	9:05	9:12	9:20	9:29	9:30	9:40	9:48T			
NO SERVICE ON GOOD FRIDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY OR NEW YEARS DAY											
Explanations:											
P - Bus runs via Ponyarra Road Loop						R - Starts at Regin Coeli School					
S - Bus Runs on School Days Only						T - Terminates here					
X - Bus Runs via Shorter Ave Loop on School Days Only											



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Hurstville to Strathfield						Strathfield to Hurstville					
DEPART HURSTVILLE	BEVERLY HILLS	ROSELANDS	LAKEMBA	BELFIELD	ARRIVE STRATHFIELD	DEPART STRATHFIELD	BELFIELD	LAKEMBA	ROSELANDS	BEVERLY HILLS	ARRIVE HURSTVILLE
SATURDAYS											
Mornings						Mornings					
7.00	7.09	7.14	7.22	7.32	7.42	7.45	7.55	8.05	8.13	8.19	8.28
7.45	7.54	8.00	8.08	8.18	8.27	8.30	8.40	8.50	8.58	9.04	9.13
8.30	8.39	8.45	8.54	9.02	9.12	9.15	9.25	9.35	9.43	9.49	9.58
9.00	9.09	9.15	9.23	9.32	9.42	9.45	9.55	10.05	10.13	10.19	10.28
9.25	9.34	9.40	9.48	9.57	10.07	10.10	10.20	10.30	10.38	10.44	10.53
10.00	10.09	10.15	10.23	10.32	10.42	10.45	10.55	11.05	11.13	11.19	11.28
10.30	10.39	10.45	10.53	11.02	11.12	11.20	11.30	11.40	11.48	11.53	12.02
11.00	11.09	11.15	11.23	11.32	11.42	11.50	12.00	12.10	12.18	12.23	12.32
11.30	11.39	11.45	11.53	12.02	12.12	Afternoons					
Afternoons						12.20	12.30	12.40	12.48	12.53	1.02
12.10	12.19	12.25	12.33	12.42	12.52	12.55	1.05	1.15	1.23	1.28	1.37
12.40	12.49	12.55	1.03	1.12	1.22	1.25	1.35	1.45	1.53	1.58	2.07
1.10	1.19	1.25	1.33	1.42	1.52	1.55	2.05	2.15	2.23	2.28	2.37
2.10	2.19	2.25	2.33	2.42	2.52	2.55	3.05	3.15	3.23	3.28	3.37
2.55	3.04	3.10	3.18	3.27	3.37	3.40	3.50	4.00	4.08	4.13	4.22
3.40	3.49	4.05	4.13	4.22	4.32	4.33	4.43	4.52	5.02	5.08	5.17
4.25	4.34	4.40	4.48	4.57	5.07	5.10	5.20	5.30	5.38	5.43	5.52
5.55	6.04	6.10	6.18	6.27	6.36	6.38	6.47	6.56	7.04	7.09	7.17
SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS											
Mornings						Mornings					
8.10	8.19	8.24	8.31	8.40	8.49	8.50	8.59	9.08	9.15	9.20	9.28
9.30	9.39	9.44	9.51	10.00	10.09	10.15	10.24	10.33	10.40	10.45	10.54
11.00	11.09	11.14	11.21	11.30	11.39	11.45	11.54	12.03	12.10	12.15	12.24
Afternoons						Afternoons					
1.15	1.24	1.29	1.37	1.46	1.55	2.00	2.09	2.18	2.25	2.30	2.39
2.45	2.54	2.59	3.07	3.16	3.25	3.30	3.39	3.48	3.55	4.00	4.09



WEEKDAYS

To Hurstville

	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451			
51	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm			
	2.35	3.05	-	3.27	-	3.50	-	4.10	4.35	-	5.05	-	5.35	5.55	-	6.30	-	7.05	-	8.00	-	9.20	
	2.45	3.15	-	3.39	-	4.02	-	4.22	4.47	-	5.17	-	5.45	6.05	-	6.39	-	7.14	-	8.09W	-	9.29W	
	2.55	3.25	-	3.49	-	4.12	-	4.32	4.57	-	5.27	-	5.55	6.15	-	6.48	-	7.23	-	8.15	-	9.35	
57	3.07A	3.37	3.55	4.02	4.06	4.25	4.35	4.44	5.08	5.10	5.30	5.37	6.02	6.05	6.25	6.47	6.58	7.27	7.33	8.07	8.25	8.47	9.45
03G	3.18	3.45	4.03G	4.10	4.14G	4.33	4.33G	4.51	5.15	5.17G	5.36G	5.43	6.06G	6.11	6.31	6.53G	7.04	7.33G	7.39	8.13G	8.30	8.50G	9.50
13	3.27	3.55	4.14	4.20	4.25	4.43	4.44	5.00	5.24	5.27	5.40	5.52	6.18	6.19	6.39	7.02	7.12	7.42	7.47	8.22	8.38	9.02	-

To Roselands

	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451		
59	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm		
	3.10	3.35	3.50G	4.05	4.20G	4.35	4.50G	5.05	5.15G	5.35	5.55	6.20	6.25G	6.42	7.05G	7.15	7.40G	7.50	8.25G	8.40	9.15G	
	3.01	3.20	3.27	3.46	4.02	4.16	4.32	4.46	5.02	5.16	5.27	5.46	6.04	6.29	6.35	6.51	7.14	7.24	7.54	8.34	8.49	9.24
50	3.07	3.27	3.30	3.55	4.11	4.25	4.40	4.53	5.10	5.23	5.35	5.52	6.10	6.35	6.41	-	7.20	7.30	8.00	-	8.40	8.55
100	-	-	3.40	4.05	-	4.35	-	5.03	-	5.33	-	6.02	6.18	6.43	-	7.38	-	-	-	-	-	9.00W
110	-	-	3.50	4.15	-	4.45	-	5.13	-	5.43	-	6.12	-	6.52	-	7.47	-	-	-	-	-	9.08
122	-	-	4.02	4.27	-	4.57	-	5.25	-	5.53	-	6.22	-	7.02	-	7.57	-	-	-	-	-	9.17

Explanations

- A - On school days, journey operates via Shorter Ave loop.
- G - To Hurstville journey operates via Stony Creek Rd and Gloucester Rd. When travelling from Hurstville to Beverly Hills, journey operates via Gloucester Rd then Stony Creek Rd.
- P - Journey operates via Pomyarra Rd loop.
- W - Journey operates via Wangee and Punchbowl Rds, instead of Benaroon and Yerrick Rds.

Public Holidays

- The Sunday timetable operates on all public holidays except:
 - Easter Sunday (Saturday timetable operates)
 - Christmas Day and Boxing Day (no service).

SUNDAYS

ROUTE 450

To Hurstville

Showing Route Number	450	450	450	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451
STRATHFIELD Station	-	8.45	9.45	10.45	-	11.45	-	12.45	-	1.45	-	2.45	-	3.45	-	4.45	-	5.45	-
BELFIELD Water St & Punchbowl Rd	-	8.54	9.54	10.54	-	11.54	-	12.54	-	1.54	-	2.54	-	3.54	-	4.54	-	5.54	-
LAKEMBA Station	-	9.02	10.02	11.02	-	12.02	-	1.02	-	2.02	-	3.02	-	4.02	-	5.02	-	6.02	-
ROSELANDS Shopping Centre	-	9.12	10.12	11.12	11.42	12.12	12.42	1.12	1.42	2.12	2.42	3.12	3.12	4.12	5.12	6.10	-	-	-
BEVERLY HILLS Station	7.50	9.18	10.18	11.18	11.48G	12.18	12.48G	1.18	1.48G	2.18	2.48G	3.18	4.18	5.18	6.15	-	-	-	-
HURSTVILLE Station	7.58	9.27	10.27	11.27	11.57	12.27	12.57	1.27	1.57	2.27	2.57	3.27	4.27	5.27	-	-	-	-	-

To Strathfield

Showing Route Number	450	450	450	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451	450	451
HURSTVILLE Station	8.00	9.00	10.00	11.00	11.30G	12.00	12.30G	1.00	1.30G	2.00	2.30G	3.00	4.00	5.00	5.55	-	-	-	-
BEVERLY HILLS Station	8.09	9.09	10.09	11.09	11.40	12.09	12.40	1.09	1.40	2.09	2.40	3.09	4.09	5.09	6.04	-	-	-	-
ROSELANDS Shopping Centre	8.15	9.15	10.15	11.15	11.46	12.15	12.46	1.15	1.46	2.15	2.46	3.15	4.15	5.15	6.10	-	-	-	-
LAKEMBA Station	8.23	9.23	10.23	11.23	-	12.23	-	1.23	-	2.23	-	3.23	-	4.23	-	5.23	-	-	-
BELFIELD Water St & Punchbowl Rd	8.32	9.32	10.32	11.32	-	12.32	-	1.32	-	2.32	-	3.32	-	4.32	-	5.32	-	-	-
STRATHFIELD Station	8.42	9.42	10.42	11.42	-	12.42	-	1.42	-	2.41	-	3.41	-	4.41	-	5.41	-	-	-

They're Racing

Geoff Mann

The horses were not the only horse-power galloping in the Flemington area on race days. The Moonee Ponds - Footscray bus timetable reproduced in the Ruskin All-about Footscray booklet circa 1952 (cover page) clearly states that special fast tables will operate for Moonee Valley and Flemington races, also for Trots and any function at Showgrounds. I think the bus operator really meant that a more frequent timetable would operate. Unfortunately, I do not have any details of services on race days, but I do have a photo of three buses trying to squeeze onto the bus rank at Moonee Ponds on Melbourne Show Day holiday in 1965 (photo, cover page).

One has to assume that the timetable reproduced is for today's route 404, the service via Newmarket. For there were three routes (including the tram) between Footscray and Moonee Ponds, and all still exist. The 404 is the most direct however.

Note that the peak week day 5 minute service frequency commenced immediately from the first bus leaving Moonee Ponds at 6.20 A.M. Patronage must have been high carrying workers to and from the various industrial and manufacturing concerns in the locality. The route traversed mainly residential areas in the northern portion then passed by the long gone Ascot Race-

course, the extensive Newmarket livestock saleyards, Flemington Racecourse, abattoirs and glue factories before turning west and south to Footscray.

Note also the half minute timings – a rarity in bus timetables. The Saturday night peak after 11.0 P.M. extended to 12.30 A.M. The lack of a Sunday morning service was common at the time, although I would have thought some of the industries would have employed Sunday shifts.

Running times appear to be 15 minutes in each direction although this seems tight given that a round trip today is allowed 40 minutes.

There appears to be an error in the pram carriage conditions. I assume it should have read that prams would not be carried during the periods listed.

Graeme Cleak, in his *Short History of Melbourne Bus Routes* (Fleetline magazine November 1984) states that the route was apparently served in the early days by 'Motor Cabs', 7 seaters or less, one of the owners in 1929 being J. Sitch. An MMTB bus service ran from 6/12/36 till 9/12/40. It was immediately replaced by Private Route 36 (presumably to divert MMTB vehicles to other war time services). By 1952 the operator was Lane's Bus Service. The route was renumbered to 404 in 1971.

Route 404, currently operated by Sita Bus Lines which took over the route on 24/11/80, is a shadow of its former self. Most of the industries that employed so many have gone, as have the Newmarket Saleyards, replaced by high density residential development on the south east side of Smithfield Road. Lack of planning for public transport resulted in an internal road layout unsuitable for buses and little patronage has resulted from the redevelopment now skirted by the route. Today, the service frequency is 20 minutes during weekday peaks with a 40 minute (one bus) off peak and Saturday morning.

Oddly, there was another bus route that claimed to provide a faster service at times. This was the Essendon Station to Nimmo Street service. The operator was Frank Deveson, a very friendly man to young enthusiasts (as we then were), who had a typically (for the time) small but varied fleet of buses. I have attached the timetable commencing 15th July 1953 (pp14-15), one of the earliest in my collection and still in mint condition. Under the timetable for Saturday only, there is the note: FOOTBALL (the route was not far from the Essendon Football Ground); OR BY ARRANGEMENT – FASTER SERVICE. If you stayed down at the local for one too many, could you arrange a faster service to

Description of route

Route 475 from Moonee Ponds to East Keilor:
 Departs from the Moonee Ponds Junction bus terminal and runs via Mt Alexander Road, Buckley Street, Russell Street to Essendon Railway Station. Then via Russell Street, Mt Alexander Road, Shamrock Street, Richardson Street, Thistle Street, Florence Street, Lincoln Road, Woodley Street, Herdewick Street, Mary Street, Hoffmanns Road, Roschill Road, Garnet Street, Vynor Street, Hoffmanns Road, Keilor Road, Newman Street, Hotham Road, The Avenue, Keilor Road, Woorile Place, Millers Road, Clarke Road, Quana Grove, Noga Avenue, Kaeberle Road, Droads Parade, Phillip Road, Buckley Street to the terminus at the corner of Millers Road and Buckley Street.

Route 475 from East Keilor to Moonee Ponds:
 Departs from the terminus at the corner of Millers Road and Buckley Street and runs via Millers Road, Woorile Place, then via the reverse of the route described above to Shamrock Street, then via Shamrock and Rose Streets to Essendon Railway Station. Then via Rose Street, Buckley Street, Mt Alexander Road to the Moonee Ponds Junction bus terminal.

Customers please note

- Times marked "A" indicate bus deviates via Essendon Grammar School on school days only.
- Time marked "B" indicates bus deviates via Niddrie Secondary College on school days only.
- Time marked "C" indicates bus deviates via Niddrie Secondary College then via normal route.
- Time marked "D" indicates bus departs Saleway at Avondale Heights and runs via normal route to Niddrie Secondary College.
- Trips to Moonee Ponds run via Rose Street (Essendon Station).
- Trips to East Keilor run via Russell Street (Essendon Station).
- There is no service on Sundays or Public Holidays.
- A special Monday to Friday timetable operates during the Christmas holiday period.
- Times may be subject to alteration without notice.
- Train times shown are the designated bus/train connections
- Times are subject to prevailing traffic conditions.

Time points

- ① Moonee Ponds - Moonee Ponds Junction Bus Terminal.
- ② Essendon - Essendon Railway Station (to East Keilor, Russell Street).
- ③ Essendon - Essendon Railway Station (to Moonee Ponds, Rose Street).
- ④ Hoffmanns Road - Corner Hoffmanns Road and Vynor Street.
- ⑤ Niddrie - Corner Matthews Avenue and Keilor Road.
- ⑥ Woorile Place - Corner Woorile Place and Wyoong Street.
- ⑦ East Keilor - Corner of Buckley Street and Millers Road.

Route 475 is a service operated by Kastoria Bus Lines
 (Ph: 9138 1844) Met fares apply.
 For additional information on train, tram and bus timetables please contact The Met Information Centre on 131 638 (or on T.V.V. Facility 9619 2727 for persons with a speech or hearing impairment).
 Information is also available via the Internet/Victrip.
 www.victrip.vic.gov.au



Moonee Ponds - East Keilor via Niddrie



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 Effective 2 August 2004

get you home on time? Again, I am sure a more frequent service was the intention. It would be interesting to learn what arrangements resulted in changed frequencies.

Referring to Graeme Cleak's invaluable short histories, this was another original route of 1925 as 16A Essendon - Braemar. In 2/1937 the operator was T. Lee. Later on it was Essendon - Nimmo Street; operator R. Thompson who sold the run to F. Deveson in March 1952. An extension to Hoffman's Road was made in 7/1958, then through to Niddrie in 1/1962. The route was renumbered 463 in 1971. In 4/1976 it was linked with 461 to form Essendon - Niddrie - Westfield Shops. The route was sold to Kastoria Bus Lines on 26/10/1979.

My 1946 Morgan's Street Directory shows a turning loop utilizing part of Braemar Street and Roberts Street (near Hedder-

wick Street). Nimmo Street was two blocks to the west (just beyond Cooper Street). Presumably, housing development had taken place in this area. The route was very short as Nimmo Street is only 2 kilometres in a direct line from Essendon Station. In the 1953 timetable, it appears that one bus sufficed for off-peak periods with two being required for the peaks on Monday to Friday and Saturday mornings. Note that an extra late night trip at 12-20 (I assume a.m.) was made on Thursday, Friday only.

By the 1970s, when the route had extended north of Keilor Road to Airport West, peak hour services were still quite frequent, being mainly short workings to Hoffmans Road, a little further west from Nimmo Street and still only 10 minutes running time from Essendon Station. Daytime fre-

quencies had dropped to 35 minutes and all trips extended to Marshall Road, Airport West (two buses on a return trip of 70 minutes).

Following the takeover by Kastoria Bus Lines, a complete re-jigging of the route took place by dropping the northern Airport West portion and instead continuing west and south in a large loop around Keilor East (see map, p16). The route also now commenced at Moonee Ponds, a more thriving retail centre. The running time became 40 minutes each way. Today, as route 475, the weekday off-peak and Saturday morning frequency is 40 minutes improving to 20 minutes in peak periods.

The blue Volgren bodied Mercedes of Kastoria are a far cry from the lovely eclectic mix of the fawn Deveson fleet.

Leave Nimmo Street		Leave Essendon Station	
SUNDAY			
pm		pm	
1	00-20-40	1	10-30-50
2	00-20-40	2	10-30-50
3	00-20-40	3	10-30-50
4	00-20-40	4	10-30-50
5	00-20-40	5	10-30-50
6	00-20-40	6	10-30-50
7	00-20-40	7	10-30-50
8	00-20-40	8	10-30-50
9	00-20-40	9	10-30-50
10	00-20-40	10	10-30-50
11	00-20	11	10-30

HOLIDAY TIME TABLE

Nimmo Street: 1st Bus 8 a.m. then 20 min. until 11.50

Essendon Station: 1st Bus 8.10 a.m. then 20 min. until 12.00 p.m.

**WE WISH TO CO-OPERATE
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Ring FF 8982

AFTER HOURS: FF 8706

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DEVESON'S BUS SERVICE

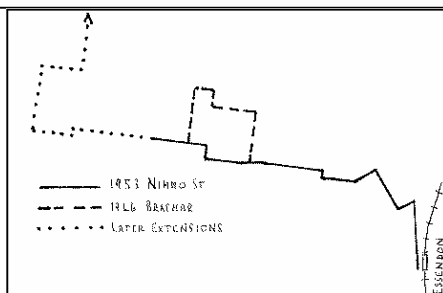
ESSENDON STATION NIMMO STREET TIME TABLE

**Commences 15th July
1953**

DEVESON'S BUS & COACHES FOR HIRE

**PICNIC PARTIES, WEEK-END
TRIPS, DAY TRIPS, SCHOOL
WORK, ETC.**

**Phone: FF 8982
(After Hours: FF 8706)**



Leave Nimmo Street		Leave Essendon Station		Leave Nimmo Street		Leave Essendon Station	
MONDAY TO FRIDAY				SATURDAY ONLY			
am		am		am		am	
6	27-47-56	6	40-59	6	27-47	6	39
7	07-15-28-40-50	7	09-19-34-42-53-59	7	10-30-50	7	00-20-40
8	00-08-22-26-40-50	8	10-20-32-40-50	8	00-10-20-30-40-50	8	00-10-20-30-40-50
9	00-10-30-50	9	00-20-40	9	00-10-20-30-40-50	9	00-10-20-30-40-50
10	10-30-50	10	00-20-40	10	00-10-20-30-40-50	10	00-10-20-30-40-50
11	10-30-50	11	00-20-40	11	00-10-20-30-40-50	11	00-10-20-30-40-50
pm		pm		pm		pm	
12	10-30-50	12	00-20-40	12	00-10-20-30-40-50	12	00-10-20-30-40-50
1	10-30-50	1	00-20-40	1	00-10-20-40	1	00-10-30-50
2	10-30-50	2	00-20-40	2	00-20-40	2	10-30-50
3	00-10-20-30-40-50	3	00-10-20-30-40-50	3	00-20-40	3	10-30-50
4	00-10-20-30-40-50	4	00-10-20-33-40-55	4	00-20-40	4	10-30-50
5	05-17-30-40-50	5	05-20-28-35-42-50	5	00-20-40	5	10-30-50
6	00-15-30-40-50	6	05-16-30-40-50	6	00-20-40	6	10-30-50
7	00-10-20-30-50	7	00-10-20-40	7	00-20-40	7	10-30-50
8	10-30-50	8	00-20-40	8	00-20-40	8	10-30-50
9	10-30-50	9	00-20-40	9	00-20-40	9	10-30-50
10	10-30-50	10	00-20-40	10	00-20-40	10	10-30-50
11	10-30-50	11	00-20-40	11	00-20-40	11	10-30-50
		12	00	12	00-15	12	10-25

Thursday, Friday only 12-10 p.m. Thursday, Friday only 12-20 p.m. FOOTBALL; OR BY ARRANGEMENT — FASTER SERVICE.

BUSES FROM NIMMO STREET LEAVE CORNER OF WOOLLEY AND McCracken Streets 4 minutes later — Lincoln Road and Florence Street 5 minutes later.

CONNECTS WITH BUS TO PUCKLE STREET AND STRATHMORE, LEAVING FROM EAST SIDE OF ESSENDON STATION

ROUTE 404

Footscray - Moonee Ponds via Newmarket

Description of route.

Route 404: From Footscray to Moonee Ponds:

Departs from the terminus at Footscray Railway Station in Irving Street and runs via Irving Street, Leeds Street, Hopkins Street, Moore Street, Smithfield Road, Epson Road, Ascot Vale and Mt. Alexander Roads to the terminus at the corner of Mt. Alexander Road and Puckle Street, Moonee Ponds Junction.

Route 404: From Moonee Ponds to Footscray:

Departs from the terminus at the corner of Mt. Alexander Road and Puckle Street, Moonee Ponds Junction and runs via the reverse of the route described above to Moore Street then via Moore and Irving Streets to the terminus at Footscray Railway Station.

Passengers please note:

- There is no service on Sundays or Public Holidays.
- Times may be subject to alteration without notice.

Time points

- 1 Footscray - Footscray Railway Station.
- 2 Newmarket - Corner of Ascot Vale and Racecourse Roads.
- 3 Moonee Ponds - Moonee Ponds Junction.

Route 404 is a service operated by Sita Bus Lines Pty. Ltd (Ph: 689 7999) for the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

Saturday

Footscray to Moonee Ponds		
Footscray	Newmarket	Moonee Ponds
6:20	6:30	6:40
7:00	7:10	7:20
7:40	7:50	8:00
8:20	8:30	8:40
8:40	8:50	9:00
9:00	9:10	9:20
9:20	9:30	9:40
9:40	9:50	10:00
10:00	10:10	10:20
10:20	10:30	10:40
10:40	10:50	11:00
11:00	11:10	11:20
11:20	11:30	11:40
11:40	11:50	12:00
pm	pm	pm
12:20	12:30	12:40
12:40	12:50	1:00
1:20	1:30	1:40
1:40	1:50	2:00
2:00	2:10	2:20
2:40	2:50	3:00
3:00	3:10	3:20
3:40	3:50	4:00
4:20	4:30	4:40
5:00	5:10	5:20
5:40	5:50	6:00
6:20	6:30	6:40
7:00	7:10	7:20

Moonee Ponds to Footscray		
Moonee Ponds	Newmarket	Footscray
6:40	6:50	7:00
7:20	7:30	7:40
8:00	8:10	8:20
8:40	8:50	9:00
9:00	9:10	9:20
9:20	9:30	9:40
9:40	9:50	10:00
10:00	10:10	10:20
10:20	10:30	10:40
10:40	10:50	11:00
11:00	11:10	11:20
11:20	11:30	11:40
11:40	11:50	12:00
pm	pm	pm
12:40	12:50	1:00
1:20	1:30	1:40
1:40	1:50	2:00
2:20	2:30	2:40
2:40	2:50	3:00
3:20	3:30	3:40
4:00	4:10	4:20
4:40	4:50	5:00
5:20	5:30	5:40
6:00	6:10	6:20
6:40	6:50	7:00
7:20	7:30	7:40

EFFECTIVE DATE MONDAY, 28 MARCH, 1988.



For further information please contact: The Met Customer Services on 617 0900.

Monday to Friday

Footscray to Moonee Ponds		
Footscray	Newmarket	Moonee Ponds
6:40	6:50	7:00
7:20	7:30	7:40
8:00	8:10	8:20
8:40	8:50	9:00
9:00	9:10	9:20
9:20	9:30	9:40
9:40	9:50	10:00
10:00	10:10	10:20
10:20	10:30	10:40
10:40	10:50	11:00
11:00	11:10	11:20
11:20	11:30	11:40
pm	pm	pm
12:40	12:50	1:00
1:20	1:30	1:40
1:40	1:50	2:00
2:20	2:30	2:40
2:40	2:50	3:00
3:20	3:30	3:40
3:40	3:50	4:00
4:00	4:10	4:20
4:20	4:30	4:40
4:40	4:50	5:00
5:20	5:30	5:40
6:00	6:10	6:20
6:40	6:50	7:00
7:20	7:30	7:40

Moonee Ponds to Footscray		
Moonee Ponds	Newmarket	Footscray
7:00	7:10	7:20
7:40	7:50	8:00
8:20	8:30	8:40
8:40	8:50	9:00
9:00	9:10	9:20
9:20	9:30	9:40
9:40	9:50	10:00
10:00	10:10	10:20
10:20	10:30	10:40
10:40	10:50	11:00
11:00	11:10	11:20
11:20	11:30	11:40
pm	pm	pm
12:40	12:50	1:00
1:20	1:30	1:40
1:40	1:50	2:00
2:20	2:30	2:40
2:40	2:50	3:00
3:20	3:30	3:40
3:40	3:50	4:00
4:20	4:30	4:40
4:40	4:50	5:00
5:20	5:30	5:40
6:00	6:10	6:20
6:40	6:50	7:00
7:20	7:30	7:40

Christmas Holiday Weekdays

Footscray to Moonee Ponds		
Footscray	Newmarket	Moonee Ponds
6:40	6:50	7:00
7:20	7:30	7:40
8:00	8:10	8:20
8:40	8:50	9:00
9:00	9:10	9:20
9:20	9:30	9:40
9:40	9:50	10:00
10:00	10:10	10:20
10:20	10:30	10:40
10:40	10:50	11:00
11:00	11:10	11:20
11:20	11:30	11:40
pm	pm	pm
12:40	12:50	1:00
1:20	1:30	1:40
1:40	1:50	2:00
2:20	2:30	2:40
2:40	2:50	3:00
3:20	3:30	3:40
4:00	4:10	4:20
4:40	4:50	5:00
5:20	5:30	5:40
6:00	6:10	6:20
6:40	6:50	7:00
7:20	7:30	7:40

Moonee Ponds to Footscray		
Moonee Ponds	Newmarket	Footscray
7:00	7:10	7:20
7:40	7:50	8:00
8:20	8:30	8:40
8:40	8:50	9:00
9:00	9:10	9:20
9:20	9:30	9:40
9:40	9:50	10:00
10:00	10:10	10:20
10:20	10:30	10:40
10:40	10:50	11:00
11:00	11:10	11:20
11:20	11:30	11:40
pm	pm	pm
12:40	12:50	1:00
1:20	1:30	1:40
1:40	1:50	2:00
2:20	2:30	2:40
2:40	2:50	3:00
3:20	3:30	3:40
4:00	4:10	4:20
4:40	4:50	5:00
5:20	5:30	5:40
6:00	6:10	6:20
6:40	6:50	7:00
7:20	7:30	7:40

Monday to Friday From Moonee Ponds to East Keilor						Monday to Friday From East Keilor to Moonee Ponds					
Moonee Ponds	Essendon	Hoffmans Road	Nairne	Woorps Place	East Keilor	East Keilor	Woorps Place	Nairne	Hoffmans Road	Essendon	Moonee Ponds
AM SERVICE						AM SERVICE					
-	-	-	-	5:55	6:05	6:05	-	6:00	6:05	6:20	6:25
-	-	-	-	6:15	6:25	6:05	6:15	6:20	6:25	6:40	6:45
6:25	6:30	6:45	6:50	6:55	7:05	6:25	6:35	6:40	6:45	7:00	7:05
6:45	6:50	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:25	6:45	6:55	7:00	7:05	7:20	7:25
7:05	7:10	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:45	7:05	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:40	7:45
7:25	7:30	7:45	7:50	7:55	8:05	7:25	7:35	7:40	7:45	8:00	8:05
7:45	7:50	8:05	8:10	8:15	8:25	7:45	7:55	8:00	8:05	8:20	8:25
8:05	8:10	8:25	8:30	8:35	8:45	8:05	8:15	8:20	8:25	8:40	8:45
8:25	8:30	8:45	8:50	8:55	9:05	8:25	8:35	8:40	8:45	9:00	9:05
8:45	8:50	9:05	9:10	-	-	8:45	8:55	9:00	-	-	-
8:45	8:50	9:05	9:10	-	-	9:05	9:15	9:20	9:25	9:40	9:45
9:05	9:10	9:25	9:30	9:35	9:45	9:45	9:55	10:00	10:05	10:20	10:25
9:45	9:50	10:05	10:10	10:15	10:25	10:25	10:35	10:40	10:45	11:00	11:05
10:25	10:30	10:45	10:50	10:55	11:05	11:05	11:15	11:20	11:25	11:40	11:45
11:05	11:10	11:25	11:30	11:35	11:45	11:45	11:55	12:00	12:05	12:20	12:25
11:45	11:50	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:25	-	-	-	-	-	-
PM SERVICE						PM SERVICE					
12:25	12:30	12:45	12:50	12:55	1:05	12:25	12:35	12:40	12:45	1:00	1:05
1:05	1:10	1:25	1:30	1:35	1:45	1:05	1:15	1:20	1:25	1:40	1:45
1:45	1:50	2:05	2:10	2:15	2:25	1:45	1:55	2:00	2:05	2:20	2:25
2:25	2:30	2:45	2:50	2:55	3:05	2:25	2:35	2:40	2:45	3:00	3:05
3:05	3:10	3:25	3:30	3:35	3:45	3:05	3:15	3:20	3:25	3:40	3:45
3:25	3:30	3:45	3:50	3:55	4:05	3:25	3:35	3:40	3:45	4:00	4:05
3:45	3:50	4:05	4:10	4:15	4:25	3:45	3:55	4:00	4:05	4:20	4:25
4:05	4:10	4:25	4:30	4:35	4:45	4:05	4:15	4:20	4:25	4:40	4:45
4:25	4:30	4:45	4:50	4:55	5:05	4:25	4:35	4:40	4:45	5:00	5:05
4:45	4:50	5:05	5:10	5:15	5:25	4:45	4:55	5:00	5:05	5:20	5:25
4:45	4:50	5:05	5:10	5:15	5:25	5:05	5:15	5:20	5:25	5:40	5:45
5:05	5:10	5:25	5:30	5:35	5:45	5:05	5:15	5:20	5:25	5:40	5:45
5:25	5:30	5:45	5:50	5:55	6:05	5:25	5:35	5:40	5:45	6:00	6:05
5:45	5:50	6:05	6:10	6:15	6:25	5:45	5:55	6:00	6:05	6:20	6:25
6:05	6:10	6:25	6:30	6:35	6:45	6:05	6:15	6:20	6:25	6:40	6:45
6:25	6:30	6:45	6:50	6:55	7:05	6:25	6:35	6:40	6:45	7:00	7:05
6:45	6:50	7:05	7:10	-	-	6:45	6:55	7:00	7:05	7:20	7:25
7:05	7:10	7:25	7:30	-	-	7:05	7:15	7:20	-	-	-
7:25	7:30	7:45	7:50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Saturday From Moonee Ponds to East Keilor						Saturday From East Keilor to Moonee Ponds					
Moonee Ponds	Essendon	Hoffmans Road	Nairne	Woorps Place	East Keilor	East Keilor	Woorps Place	Nairne	Hoffmans Road	Essendon	Moonee Ponds
AM SERVICE						AM SERVICE					
-	-	-	-	5:55	6:05	6:05	6:15	6:20	6:25	6:40	6:45
-	-	-	-	6:15	6:25	6:45	6:55	7:00	7:05	7:20	7:25
6:25	6:30	6:45	6:50	6:55	7:05	7:25	7:35	7:40	7:45	8:00	8:05
6:45	6:50	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:25	8:05	8:15	8:20	8:25	8:40	8:45
6:45	6:50	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:25	8:45	8:55	9:00	9:05	9:20	9:25
7:05	7:10	7:25	7:30	7:35	7:45	9:25	9:35	9:40	9:45	10:00	10:05
7:25	7:30	7:45	7:50	7:55	8:05	10:05	10:15	10:20	10:25	10:40	10:45
7:45	7:50	8:05	8:10	8:15	8:25	10:45	10:55	11:00	11:05	11:20	11:25
8:05	8:10	8:25	8:30	8:35	8:45	11:25	11:35	11:40	11:45	12:00	12:05
8:25	8:30	8:45	8:50	8:55	9:05	-	-	-	-	-	-
8:45	8:50	9:05	9:10	9:15	9:25	-	-	-	-	-	-
9:25	9:30	9:45	9:50	9:55	10:05	-	-	-	-	-	-
10:05	10:10	10:25	10:30	10:35	10:45	-	-	-	-	-	-
10:45	10:50	11:05	11:10	11:15	11:25	-	-	-	-	-	-
11:25	11:30	11:45	11:50	11:55	12:05	-	-	-	-	-	-
PM SERVICE						PM SERVICE					
12:05	12:10	12:25	12:30	12:35	12:45	12:05	12:15	12:20	12:25	12:40	12:45
12:45	12:50	1:05	1:10	-	-	12:45	12:55	1:00	1:05	1:20	1:25
1:25	1:30	1:45	1:50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



The user's voice in the timetable dialogue *Letter*

Dear Geoff

The article in February and March *The Times* on "The users' voice in the timetable dialogue" was most interesting and it is pleasing to sight evidence of academic research. However, I question the veracity of the assertion that users have great difficulty understanding information presented in tabular form as a two-dimensional matrix (Bartram, 1984; Horne et al 1986). No detail of the research undertaken is provided. Given that this form of presentation is in common use internationally, and has been for some time (no pun intended) then generations of transport providers throughout the world must have got it terribly wrong, and must have disregarded the confusion imposed on millions of users. I am glad I do not have to struggle with a 10th century monastic text timetable (shown in Fig.1) – it looks like a severe case of wagon wheel wobble.

In the commonly used format of timing points in the vertical and trips listed horizontally, a user needs to 'scroll' down once only – to locate the appropriate departure point (and if so desired, to check the desti-

nation. Then all that is required is a horizontal reading of the possible journeys available.

I am of the view that the weakest aspect of bus timetables is the insufficient number of departure timing points. An increasing number show timing points 15 to 20 minutes apart (particularly in Melbourne), due in part to the lengthening of routes and the failure to use timetable page space effectively. Most users would have little knowledge of running times and thus the departure time for intermediate locations is simply guesswork. I, as a practised user, have this difficulty. The diagrammatic route maps now provided under the Metlink format are often so distorted as to be incomprehensible.

Imagine if suburban train timetables listed only selected timing points 15 to 20 minutes apart. This is what the average bus timetable looks like.

Examples: Glen Waverley 00 00, East Malvern 00 12, Burnley 00 27 or Hornsby 00 00, Chatswood 00 23, North Sydney 00 37.

Bus operators may argue that running times vary due to traffic conditions. That is so, but is a poor excuse. A rider in the timetable could clearly state that times are subject to some variation. Perhaps major timing points could be shown **bold** where buses will not depart ahead of time, with an increased number of intermediate points shown with *approximate* times in italics.

Bus services are very often touted as being unreliable. Maybe one reason is the difficulty outlined above, together with the all too prevalent lack of coordination with other modes (usually thrown in the too-hard basket). Public transport providers and managers need to work harder by placing themselves in the users' situation. How many transport bureaucrats and bus operators undertake journeys into unfamiliar territory using public transport? Perhaps accreditation should include a journey from C to D via E using timetables from another organization, or time out of the office observing and experiencing the plight of the public transport user.

Yours,
Geoff Mann