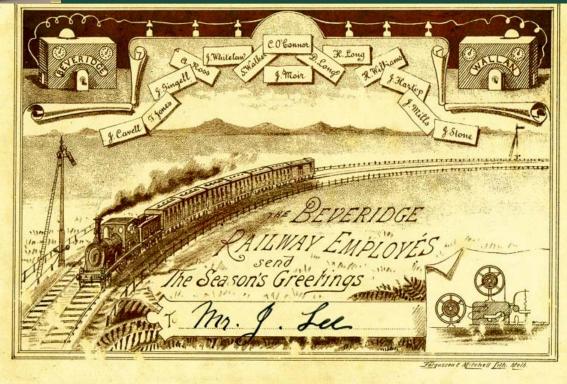
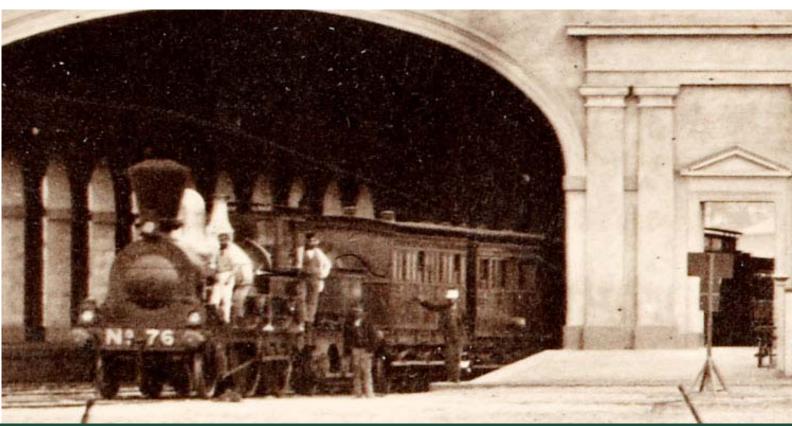


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## In Mission Control at Central



# Railways in Victoria in 1885: the Octopus Act; the overland journey to Adelaide; other bits and pieces.

#### by **ALBERT ISAACS**

ECENTLY I WENT TO ONE OF MY bookshelves to find something to read on the train. I selected a book that I probably haven't looked at for a couple of decades, namely THE AGE ANNUAL; Political & Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria, 1885. This 11<sup>th</sup> annual hard-cover almanac was published by David Syme & Co., who, of course, was also responsible for the daily Age newspaper. The pencilled price inside the book, A\$30, suggested that I probably purchased my good condition copy in the 1970s or 80s.

Abe books (http://www.abebooks.com/ servlet/SearchEntry) is a website which shows the stocks of literally thousands of booksellers around the world. For curiosity I looked up *THE* AGE *ANNUAL* and, at the time of writing  $(3^{rd}$  August 2015), a Melbourne dealer was advertising an 1877 copy for US\$75.20, but the description indicates that it is in poor condition. My experience suggests that the price offered is about a third of the price that would currently be placed on a copy in the same condition as mine. However, readers interested in THE AGE ANNUAL should note that a soft-cover reprint of the 1881 edition was published in 2013, and that many, many copies are listed on the Abe books website, all for prices between US\$13.96 and US\$18.61. (As of 3rd August, no copy, original or reprint, was available on eBay.)

Interestingly, a large proportion of THE AGE ANNUAL is taken up with the activities of the Victorian colonial parliament. Not only is every bill passed in 1884 listed, but there are lists of how each individual member voted, and the time occupied by each sitting. All the other business of both houses is also chronicled in minute detail, including a complete copy of the speech to open parliament on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1884, by the Acting Governor, Sir William Stawell. There are also extremely detailed lists of the breakdown of all electorates, personnel lists for each government department and thorough inventories of all government spending (including railway balance sheets). THE AGE ANNUAL also includes the other types of things that one expects to find in an almanac including: Sunrise & Sunset tables and a table of eclipses; information regarding the monarchy and the home government, and that of all other Australasian colonies; detailed information re the various banks; judicial information; customs, stamp and succession duties; listings of educational establishments; the various courts; advice for the cultivation of flower gardens and kitchen gardens, etc.; livestock returns; Millers', Cornfactors and Produce Dealers' records; notable events for the year; rainfall – the list goes on and on.

Obviously, The Times readers are more interested in transport and, thus, would be intrigued by the number of acts appertaining to rail and tram that were passed in the colony in 1884. Foremost amongst these is the well-known and notorious Octopus Act (48 Victoræ, No. 821-12<sup>th</sup> December, 1884) which listed nearly 70 new railway lines to be constructed (virtually all of which were actually built) [see our illustration]. The Hon. Thomas Bent, Minister of Railways, and later Premier, has often been accused of taking bribes regarding where new rail lines were to be built - not only was this the catalyst for the large number of lines listed as the tentacles of the Octopus Act, but it also led to the still-wellknown description of the Minister – BENT BY NAME; BENT BY NATURE!

Amongst the other acts of interest are the following which have accompanying illustrations: 48 Victoræ, No. 790-1st September, 1884, a comparatively pedestrian (pardon the pun) financial appropriation; 48 Victoræ, No. 788-21st July, 1884, which delivers monies for the construction of the cable tramway system, that was to open some four years' later; 48 Victoræ, No. 815-12<sup>th</sup> December, 1884, which allows the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company Limited to build new lines not vet authorised; 48 Victoræ, No. 819-12<sup>th</sup> December 1884, which allows for the establishment of municipal tramway trusts (which is interesting because the first of these, the Prahran and Malvern Tramway

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Trust, was not set up until 1907, some 23 years later [and it didn't begin operations until as late as 1910]); 48 Victoræ, No. 818 -12<sup>th</sup> December 1884, which amended the act relating to the Rosstown Junction Railway, certainly one of Victoria's most unusual lines.

One of the most intriguing pages in THE AGE ANNUAL is p.129 which is headed "Overland Journey" and that deals with the way to get from Melbourne to Sydney and from Melbourne to Adelaide, using overland routes. Firstly, one assumes that these lists appeared in THE AGE ANNUAL in previous editions and that the original versions of the Melbourne-Sydney journey, that is prior to the connection of the Victorian and N.S.W. railway systems in 1883, would have been nearly as convoluted as the suggested Adelaide journey. Secondly, one must presume that when the Victorian and S.A. systems were joined in 1887, the complicated Melbourne-Adelaide journey in the 1884 AGE ANNUAL was replaced by a timetable for the through train. Thirdly, and most importantly, THE AGE AN-NUAL does not include any mention whatsoever of the journey by ship between Melbourne and Adelaide in particular, but also between Melbourne and any other Australasian colony. Prior to through railways, the overwhelming majority of travel between the colonies' capitals would have been have been by ship - not only would this have been much quicker than the suggested overland journeys, but it wouldn't have required any change of vehicle. Further, the amenities on most steam ships would have been far superior to those on most of the trains, coaches and steamers suggested for the alternative journey. Sure, there may have been a few people in 1884 that didn't like sea journeys and were

# MELBOURNE TRAMWAYS TRUST ACT. An Act to facilitate the Borrowing of Money by the Melbourne Tramways Trust for the Construction of Tramways. (48 Victoriæ, No. 788—21st July, 1884.) This Act is to be read together with the Tramway and Omnibus Company's Act of 1883, and authorises the company to borrow money for the construction of tramway works in Melbourne on debentures. SUPPLY 1884-5, NO. 1. An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £1,054,095 to the service of the year 1881-5. (48 Victoriæ, No. 789—21st July, 1884.) RAILWAYS LOAN ACCOUNT, 1881. An Act to apply out of "The Railway Loan Account, 1881," and "The Victorian Loan and Debenture Redemption Account, 1883," certain sums of money for Permanent-way Material, Rolling Stock, and other works. (48 Victoriæ, No. 790—1st September, 1884.) The first schedule of this bill authorises the expenditure of £156,032 in rolling stock, plant, rails, and surveys, and the second £80,000 on rolling stock,

therefore seeking some sort of alternative, but the lack of any mention of shipping suggests that the "Overland Journey" page was put in as a bit of a gimmick. Also, don't forget that those who wouldn't travel by ship may also have been intimidated by the four hours that had to be spent on a steamer between Meningie and Milang.

As well as involving no less than six changes of vehicle, the Melbourne-Adelaide journey of 602.5 miles (969.6 km.) took four days, compared with the railway journey that was to come in just two years later, which was of just 483 miles (777.3 km.) and involved no more than one overnight journey. The through fare quoted for the 1884 journey of £6/8/9 (\$12.88 not factoring in inflation) compares with the following fares for the rail journey as quoted in my copy of the January 1897 Bradshaw's Guide to Victoria -£2/5/0 (\$4.50) second class single, £3/15/0 (\$7.50) first class single, £3/7/6 (\$6.75) second class return and £5/12/6 (\$11.25) first class return. To put these fares into context, according to the South Australian Advertiser for 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1885 (accessed on <a href="http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/36314043">http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/36314043</a>) the Adelaide Steamship Company had just increased its Adelaide-Melbourne single fares from £5/5/0 (\$10.50) to £6/0/0 (\$12.00).

The rail journey to Sydney is also fascinating, in a number of ways! Intriguingly, the stoppers in both directions are shown first, with the expresses being demoted to virtual footnote status. More importantly, one will note that on the northbound journey passengers changed from broad to standard gauge trains at Albury, but southbound the change was made at Wodonga – this was the situation for the short period from the opening of the line in 1883 until 1886 – from then, until 1962, the change in both directions was made at Albury.

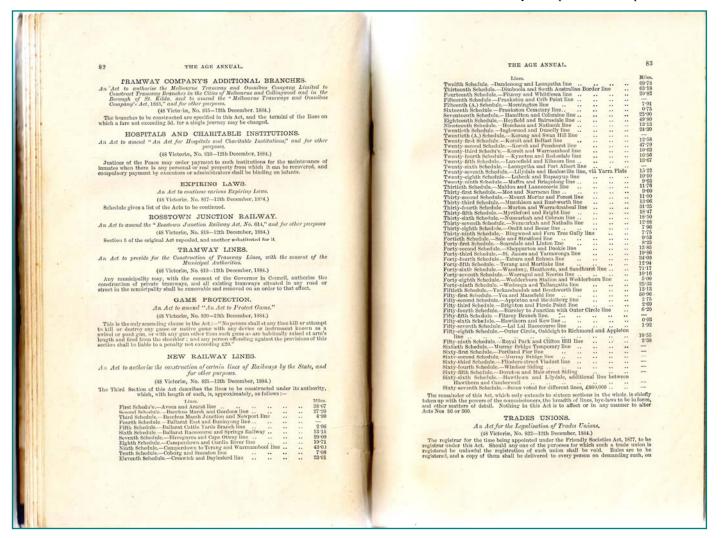
One will also note a reference to "Sydney time". Up until the introduction of standard time in Australia in February 1892, each colonial rail system kept the Local Mean Time (or solar time) of its capital city. As Sydney Time was 25 minutes ahead of

Melbourne, this meant that Albury was also 25 minutes ahead of Wodonga. For some years, the clock at Albury station had three hands: an hour hand; a minute hand showing Sydney time; and a minute hand showing Melbourne time. (I assume that the hour hand kept Sydney time, but that's just speculation on my part.)

THE AGE ANNUAL also includes a list of all Victorian railway stations and fares, but I haven't included it here because, obviously, it's comparable to similar lists in railway timetables of the same era.

For more information from a similar time, one may refer to my article on the V.R.'s Working Time Table for 1st March 1889, in *The Times* of September, which can be accessed by hard copy or via the web at <a href="http://www.austta.org.au/The%20Times%20September%202011.pdf">http://www.austta.org.au/The%20Times%20September%202011.pdf</a>.

A final thought – I suppose that *THE* AGE *ANNUAL* has yet again reminded me that you don't have to only look in railway publications for information about railways – it may turn up in all sorts of places!



#### OVERLAND JOURNEY

#### TO AND FROM MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY.

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Leave 6.15 a.m., arrive 1.50 p.m. (Sydney time, 2.15 p.m.); also at 2.55 p.m., arrive 11.25 p.m. (Sydney time, 11.50 p.m.), Sundays excepted. Fares—1st class, 32s.; second class, 21s. 2d.

ABBURY TO SYDNEY. Leave 3 p.m. (Saturdays excepted), arrive 7 a.m. Fares—1st class, 76s. 3d.; second class, 52s.

An "express" train, first class only, leaves Melbourne (Saturdays and Sundays excepted) for Albury at 4.55 p.m., arrive 10.50 p.m. Leaves Albury at 11.45 p.m., arrives at Sydney 1.45 p.m. next day. Sleeping berths may be secured at Spencer-street at 10s. and 12s. 6d. each.

SYDNEY TO MELBOURNE.

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SYDNEY TO WODONGA. Leave 8.30 p.m. (Sundays excepted), arrive 2.25 p.m. next day.

Fares—1st class, 77s. 3d.; 2nd class, 52s. 8d.

WODONGA TO MELBOURNE. Leave 2.30 p.m., arrive at 10.5 p.m.; also at 6.10 a.m., arrive 2.10 p.m. Leaves Albury at 5.45 a.m. Fares—1st class, 31s.; 2nd class, 20s. 6d.

An "express" train, first class only, leaves Sydney (Saturdays and Sundays excepted) for Wodonga at 5 p.m., arrives 7.20 a.m. (Melbourne time, 6.55 a.m.) Leaves Wodonga (Sundays and Mondays excepted) at 7.20 a.m., arrives at Melbourne at 12.52 p.m. Sleeping cars attached to all night trains leaving Sydney. attached to all night trains leaving Sydney.

MELBOURNE TO SYDNEY, AND VICE VERSA, THROUGH FARES.

First class single, £4 1s.; second class single, £3 0s. 8d. First class return, £6 1s. 6d.; second class return, £4 11s. Children under 12 years of age pay half-fare; under 3 years, free. Holders of single tickets can break their journey, but the through journey must be completed within seven days. Return tickets available for two months. The journey cannot be broken on return tickets. be broken on return tickets.

#### TO AND FROM ADELAIDE AND MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE TO ADELAIDE.	Miles.
Melbourne to Casterton (Railway). Daily (Sundays excepted). Leave Melbourne	
7 p.m., due Casterton 7.45 a m. next day. Fares-1st class, 44s. 9d.; 2nd class,	
29s. 9d	2711
CASTERTON TO NARRACOORTE (Coach). Daily (Mondays excepted). Leave 9 a.m., arrive	-
at Narracoorte 9 30 a m following day Fare 30s.	76
NARRACOORTE TO KINGSTON (Railway). Daily. Leave 11 a.m., due at Kingston-2 p.m.	
Fares—1st class, 8s, 10d.: 2nd class, 5s, 6d	53
Kingston to Meningie (Coach). Daily. Leave 4.45 p.m., due at Meningie 5.30 a.m.	00
next day. Fare, 28s	98
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2s. 6d.	13
STRATHALBYN TO ADELAIDE (Railway). Daily. Leave at 3.25 p.m., due at Adelaide,	-
6.19 p.m. Fares—1st class, 7s. 2d.; 2nd class, 4s. 6d	51
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Through fare, £6 8s. 9d.	6021
Passengers for Narracoorte and Adelaide stay one night at Penola.	
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STRATHALBYN TO MILANG (Coach). Leave Strathalbyn 10 a.m., due at Milang 11.30	
a.m. Fare, 2s. 6d	13
MILANG TO MENINGIE (Steamer, across Lake). Daily. Leave Milang 12 noon, due	
Meningie 4 n m Fare 10s	40
MENINGIE TO KINGSTON (Coach). Daily. Leave Meningie 4 p.m., due at Kingston 6	
a.m. following day. Fare, 28s	.98
KINGSTON TO NARRACOORTE (Railway). Daily. Leave Kingston 7 a.m., due at Narra-	
coorte 10 a.m. Fares—1st class, 8s. 10d.; 2nd class, 5s. 6d	53
NARRACOORTE TO CASTERTON (Coach). Daily. Leave 10.30 a.m., due at Casterton 11.30	no
p.m. next day. Fare, 30s	76
Casterton to Melbourne (Railway). Daily (Sundays excepted). Leave 9.30 a.m., due in Melbourne 10.46 p.m. Fares—1st class, 44s. 9d.; 2nd class, 29s. 9d.	2711
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class £6 8s. 9d	6021
Passengers for Melbourne leaving Adelaide on Fridays lose one day at Penola.	
On Saturdays train leaves Adelaide at 4.15 p.m. in lieu of 6.50 a.m.	

# Behind the scenes at Sydney Train Control Daily Telegraph, SMH and Geoff Lambert During the 11 of the 11 o

PEAK HOUR— A FIRST TIME look into RailCorp's Management Centre or the hub of RailCorp's operations located at central station. The Main screen many meters long shows train locations on lines from the Hunter to the south coast including the city tracks.

TS POURING IN SYDNEY and half a million people are about to board their morning train, expecting to get to work without a hitch.

There is a buzz at the RailCorp's Rail Management Centre at Central as a team of 30 staff are about to endure the exhausting and hectic morning peak.

Dwarfed by a 20m-long screen projecting the entire metropolitan rail network, the staff will watch every train live as it runs into town. The 36 LCD rear projection screens, which are displaying the Train Location System, also show every train's progress, with a red font appearing if it is late-running [1 character red: > 3 mins late; 2 characters red: 5 mins late; all red: 10 minutes late—Ed.]

RailCorp's acting operating officer Tony Eid is watching as staff monitor 258 computer screens on their desks.

"It is going to be difficult with this weather," says Mr Eid, preparing for the worst. "Wet weather conditions mean our drivers will drive to the conditions and passengers will be slow to board and alight. We've got no problems with that, we just want everyone to get to work."

The peak period kicks off about 7.30am. At 7.34am trains are forced to slow down after reports of a dog near the rail line between Blacktown and Seven Hills. Then the key moment of the morning takes place. A driver at Arncliffe reports his train has compressor problems and won't be able to cope with the steep track near Como.

RMC Manager Warwick Taylor, who has been at RailCorp for more than 40 years, raises his voice to a colleague on the phone: "Pull it out, get it out." The train is taken to nearby Mortdale and pulled out of service. Trains behind it are being diverted to avoid delays, but there are already red fonts appearing on the screen.

At 7.52am Mr Eid is quietly confident. He explains: "We either put 1000 passengers out of whack now, or 20,000 later if more trains are delayed, so it's an easy decision. Right now it is not about on-time running, it is about keeping the trains running."

Just after 8am a guard calls in from

Wynyard with bad water leaks on the train. The team at the RMC wait, each holding a phone and watching the train pull in to Central live on CCTV. "Come on, come on, get it out of there, don't let him dwell," says Mr Eid.

There are more minor delays through the eastern suburbs line, with six trains all running late as a result of the earlier compressor issue. At 8.47am trains at Central, Town Hall and Wynyard are unloading up to 1600 passengers every three minutes.

In the end, the morning peak results in 93.4 per cent on-time running - below the state government's target of 95 per cent.

"Across the network it has been a great morning for passengers," Mr Eid says. "The trains didn't stop and they wouldn't have noticed the delays."

#### -Daily Telegraph, 21-Jul-2011

rain Control offices have been around for a long time; the first in the British style of railway seems to have been set up by the Lancashire & Yorkshire in the late 19th Century, to control its coal traffic. The first Train Control office in Australia was the Sydney-Thirroul office established in 1914. By 1942, there were 10 Telephone Train control Offices in NSW. For Sydney itself, a Traffic Trouble office came into existence in 1934 (picture below). In late December 1949, the *Sydney Morning Herald* visited and reported:

This has been a record Christmas for us," Railways spokesman said last night. During the 11 days ended last night we carried more than 400,000 people-about 8,000 more than last year.

A traffic control officer said that an intricate system of control was used to ensure free running of trains throughout the State. The central nerve of the city's rail traffic is the 'Traffic Trouble" officer, who sits in a room high above Central Railway Station.

He sits at a desk equipped with three telephones, a microphone, and a loud-speaker. From the loud-speaker come the voices of stationmasters of all the stations in the metropolitan area. They report all trains that are running late and the Control officer gives instructions on what train schedules are to be rearranged to ensure the system works, smoothly.

Rows of switches, each ringing a bell in the offices of key stations throughout the metropolitan area, can be thrown quickly, This saves the time taken in ordinary dialling.

His work is strenuous, for if trouble occurs the whole finely balanced system can be thrown out of alignment. A dozen stations may be competing for his attention over the loud-speaker.

He works a 6-hour day, six days a week. Men are on duty 24 hours a day every day of the year. In adjoining rooms are officers controlling the movements of all steam trains on the main lines north, south, west, and Illawarra. As a train reaches a station its arrival is reported through a telephone connected to a loudspeaker in the controller's office. He plots its position on a graph showing the movements of all trains in his section.





Train Control in 1949, with a well-thumbed copy of the WTT close at hand.

Transport Sydney Trains

Where trains are delayed he decides which trains shall be held up and which shall have the right of way. A goods train controller decides how many goods trains will be necessary to lift the freight on hand. These are then plotted on the graph to fit in with passenger train schedules.

Traffic Trouble was merged into Telephone Train Control (TTC) in 1991 and moved to the First Floor at Central. Over the next decade, TTC underwent many changes and upgrades into the computer age and was considered to be World's Best Practice for this kind of thing

Train Control was absorbed into a new Rail Management Centre on 15-Dec-2002. The purpose of the RMC was to amalgamate a number of previously separate train control groups into a single geographic location.. Specifically, these were:

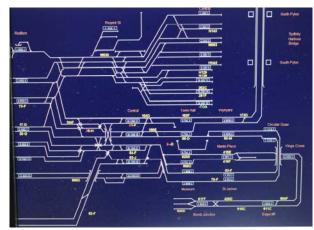
- Train Control
- Mechanical Control (defects)
- Security Control
- Passenger Information
- Stations Operation Coordinator
- Electric Train Running (Train Crewing Coordinator)
- RIC coordinator

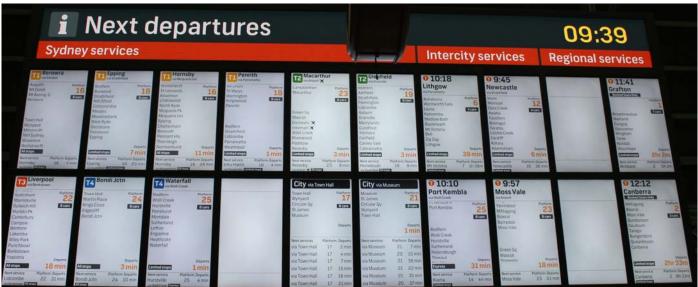
To these, the following seem to have been added in recent years

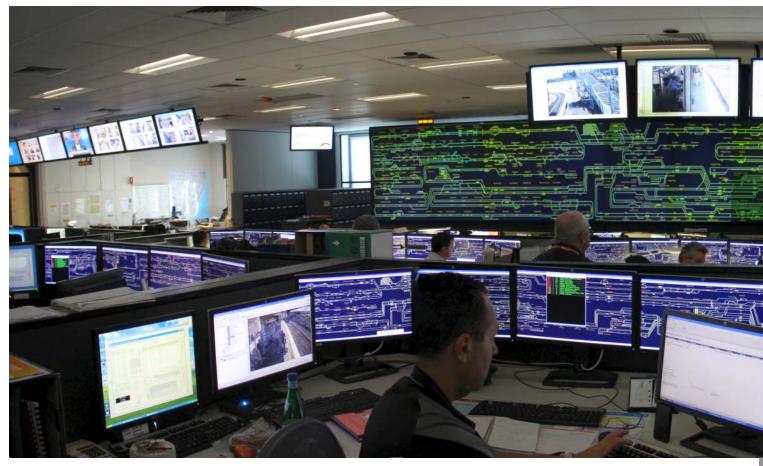
- Phone app provider interface desk (my name for it)
- Incident Control

By the time the first TOC manuals were produced, (about 2006), the boards were listed as follows:

- Main
- Illawarra
- South Coast Control
- Sydney North Control







- Sydney West Control
- Sydney Goods
- Outer

Changes occurred in subsequent years, mostly associated with the take-over of the regional main lines by ARTC. At first, ARTC Train controllers took over the Sydney South Board, which controlled lines south of Macarthur. In November 2005, this Board was physically transferred to Junee Train Control. More recently, following their acquisition by ARTC, control of most of the former "Suburban Goods Lines" has also moved to Junee. The current control map is shown on page

10 — ARTC controls the dotted lines..

Train Control does not actually **control** any trains in the sense that the signal boxes control trains. The system still relies on 35 boxes to control the Sydney Trains area—most notably (in order of number of panels):

- Sydenham (9)
- Homebush (8)
- Strathfield (7)
- Sydney (6)
- Wollongong (4)

The main room is dominated by the 20metre long rear-projection system displays from the Phoenix Train Control System,

above which are a number of TV screens, including news media screens to keep in touch with possible events which would influence train running (above). Each "Board" is a "workstation panel" - a Ushaped desk with a multi screen extract of the relevant section of the system which they control (floor plan on p 10), plus extra computer screens which can run many programs available on the Sydney Trains Intranet—including both graphical and tabular working timetables. A Windows log-on screen to these systems is visible in the middle of the photograph on our page 2. The train control display screens are run off Sydney Trains "Train Location System" (TLS). This is the core of the supervisory control.

Despite this being a control room dominated by electronic visual displays, in the manner of Mission Control in Houston, it is, like the latter scattered with heaps of paper documentation. Working Timetables lie open on desks and graphical versions are draped over chairs or on ledges. The two men in the photo at left are consulting a Freight SWTT.

Outside, in the entrance foyer with its single-person security airlock, is a whiteboard with the most recent on-time statistics for both Sydney Trains and NSW Trains (lower left, opposite page). At one end of the main room, there is a display case of historic artefacts, including a collection of Working Timetable





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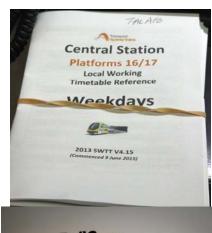
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#### Meanwhile—downstairs

Access to the TLS has been available outside the RMC for some years, mainly in small platform offices at most stations and which were not usually visible to the public. In a recent policy change, said to have been implemented to leverage staff out into the open and put them among the public, these interfaces (said to cost \$100,000 each) have been "rolled out" (literally) into concourses and on to platforms, where they are now in full few of rubber-neckers. A typical unit and its display are shown on page 7 (middle). These units are gradually appearing at stations throughout the system. These days, one doesn't have to visit Train Control to watch the train running. All of this is also available to running staff who have I-pads for the purpose. This includes guards on the trains—but not drivers, who have only "this little scrap of paper", as one driver told me recently.

Another (possible) new thing I found lying on these desks were booklets labelled "Local Working Timetable Reference-These appear to be platform-specific versions of what used to be called "Yard Working" books. They appear to be similar in form to a "Stables & Starts" diagram.

These changes pretty much coincided with the introduction of a giant display board in





the main concourse—also shown on page 7 (bottom). Although criticised for a lack of detailed arrival information, these appear to be an improvement on anything that has gone before.

Thanks to my anonymous referees for vetting this article.

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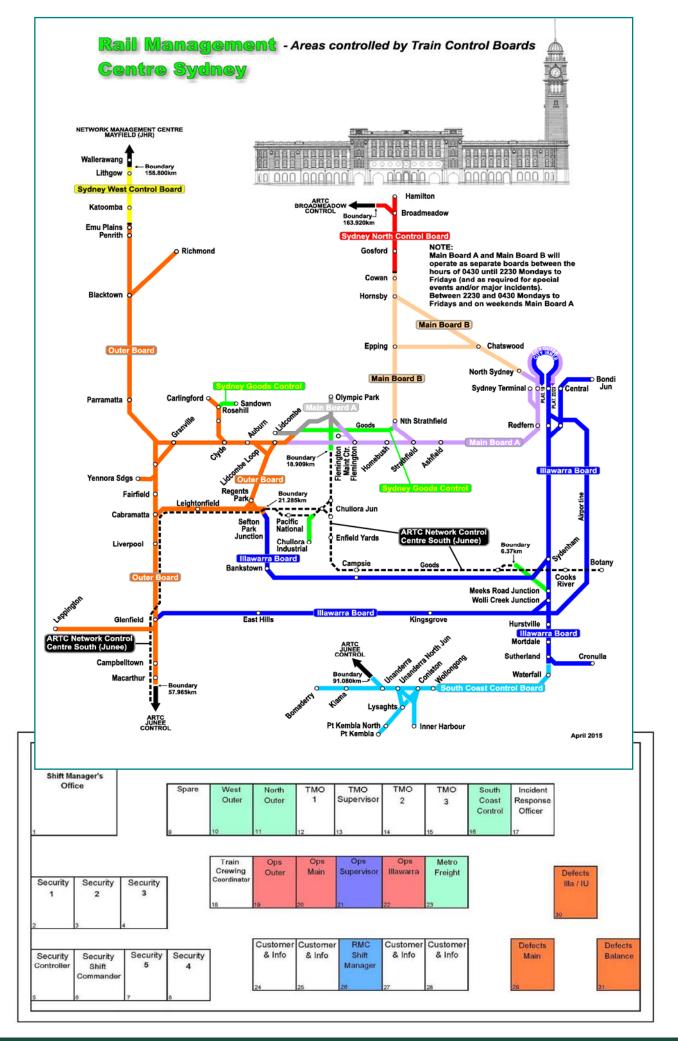
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# Sydney Buses' School Bus Routes Geoff Lambert

TFS FEEDS ARE WONDERFUL

Regular readers of the ATA magazines will have noticed increasing mention of them through 2015. At the time I first discovered them, the Sydney GTFS feeds were undergoing rapid change and I was just in time to download the very last Sydney Buses feed before it was merged into the Greater Sydney Area feed containing all transport modes. ATA Secretary Michael Smith pointed out to me at the time that one set of the Sydney Buses feed that did not get transferred over to the Greater Sydney feed was the Sydney Buses' School Bus feed. This is now gone forever and nobody seems to have an archive copy—certainly not Transport for NSW (TfNSW) . Details of every School Bus route, including maps and trips can still, however, be conjured up from the TfNSW web-site (see page 12), but not the whole shebang at once. I was lucky to get the very last shebang.

In the GTFS feeds, School Buses were coded as route type 712, as opposed to type 700 for non-school routes. The UNSW buses are coded as 700, but I have included them here as though they were 712. The map on our back cover was created after about an hours work with the Sydney Buses GTFS, Excel and Google Earth. There are 764 routes shown on this map. The feed and the map show some intriguing statistics (Table in top left of map).

For every route, there is one route number, one route name, at least one shapefile, at least one "head-sign" and any number of "trips".

Route number: While the numbering system appears to be historically-based, some route numbers seem to be have drawn out of a hat because some routes with the same "number" occur in widely separated parts of Sydney. Bus routes

coded "712" generally have route numbers in the 560-799 range, which allows for 240 separate routes. Only 128 numbers (digits) are actually used to construct the 764 route numbers. Thus quite a number of routes have alphabetical suffixes—as many as 20 (routes 692a-s, with 60 trips in all). There may be an historical or current reason for this—these route numbers might have been used in the past and/or by Private Operators—can anyone say? In some cases, different suffixes are used for inbound and outbound trips. Some trips on the Northern Beaches have suffixes at the end of the alphabet, rather than at the beginning.

It is not clear to me whether students are allowed to pick and choose their routes should more than one be feasible for them. I suppose they must.

Route name: The route name will be for the convenience of Sydney Buses or the app designer- what would a mug punter make of "732bSeaf-seap-stce-mcgh", for instance?

Route shapefile: Shapefiles specify the route on the ground. The school bus shapefiles have about 71,000 entries which is the same thing as stating that the number of "twists and turns" or GPS dots on the map is 71,000. The average number of GPS points on a "712" route is 92, compared with 231 for a "700" route. This, means-more or less-that a "700" route is six times the length of a "712" route. What looks, at first glance, to be isolated dots, are really isolated, short routes- a small collection of dots. While there are 764 different school bus routes listed, there are 2611 "shape files". Often this is because a bus is forced to take a different route inbound and outbound-because of one-way streets for instance. Sometimes, however, the trips with the same route number really are scattered along different streets, by trip.

Trips: Each day Sydney Buses School buses make 1614 trips. Many routes have only 1 round trip per day. Some have only a single-unidirectional trip per day. In the GTFS system, each trip has a unique number. Trips are coded as "0" and "1" for "inbound" and "outbound" services respectively. This generally means "going to school" and "coming home from school". There is a great imbalance here—only 35% of trips are coded as "inbound". This compares with trips where "regular bus inbound:outbound ratio is almost exactly 50:50 As mentioned above, sometimes routes will have different route numbers and different shapes for inbound and outbound trips-but this cannot be the whole story. Perhaps it is sociological as with Shakespeare's schoolboy who dawdles on the way to school.

**Trip Head-sign:** The head-sign is for the convenience of the student. In common parlance, it is the "destination" or "terminus". There are 364 different headsigns for School Buses, but only 115 among all other Sydney bus routesanother indication of the school bus route octopus' tentacles. I have seen buses with head-signs reading "Wonderland" or "North Pole" - the latter at Christmas. Observers will realise that head-signs should be read with caution and that students have to use their wits when a bus appears in front of them. The bus below, pictured at Artarmon Public School, with the head-sign a simple "SCHOOL" and carrying the route number 661, is really a 661h. The display should be technically capable of showing 661h. "Pure" Route 661 is actually a once per day inbound service to Concord High School—its route map is overleaf. That's a long way from Artarmon. On some systems, icons of animals have been substituted for head-signs and route numbers—even for High Schools. Does this tell us something about the state of education in those places?

Thanks to Michael Smith for his insights.





## Sydney Buses School Bus Routes by route number and name

560	Ryde Depot-Newington College	604h	Moorefiel
	Balmain - Newington College		St Clares
561	West Ryde Stn-Riverside GHS		Brigidine
562	Hunters Hill HS-Balm/Balm HS		Glenaeon

563 Hunters Hill HS - Five Dock 564 Hereford & Glebe Pt Rds - Holy Cross

565 Hereford & Glebe Pt Rds-Hunters Hill 567a Our Lady of Lebanon - Ryde

West Ryde - Marist Sisters Woolwich 568

570 Meadowbank Stn-Marist Sisters Woolwich.

Marist Sisters-Riverview-Chatswood 571 572a St.Pats Dundas - MacArthur G.H.S.

Holy Cross - St.Charles - Bowden St 574

575 Meadowbank Stn-Ryde Secondary-Holy X-St.Charles

576 Macarthur G.H.S. - Spurway St

579a West Ryde Stn - St. Pats.Dundas

579c St.Pats Dundas - Ryde

580 Rydalmere - Cumberland H.S.

Cumberland H.S. - Pemberton St 580a

581a St.Michaels-West Ryde Stn 582

Ryde PO-St.Mike-W.Ryde Prim 587 Rydalmere P.S. - Rydalmere

588a Marsden HS-Carlingford Stn

Riverside GHS-Nth Ryde 590a

590b North Ryde - Riverside GHS

Riverside GHS-Twin & Lane Cove Rd 591c

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Nth Ryde-Riverside GHS 594 West Ryde - Riverside GHS

Holy Cross-Wigram & Glebe Pt Rds 595

596 Abbotsford-Riverside GHS

Riverside GHS-Chiswick 597

598a Gladstone Park - Riverside Girls High

598b Riverside Girls-Balm

599 Ryde Secondary coll -St Charles-W.Rvde

Holy X-W.Ryde 600

Forest Lodge Sch-Toxteth Rd Glebe 600a

Eastgardens to Waverley Demonstration 600b

601 Castlecrag - East Roseville Prim

St.FinbarsSans Souci PS-The Grand Pde 602

OLSH - Mascot 602a

602b Milsons Pt- Nbge

St Philip Neri - Neutral Bay Jct 602c

East Roseville - St Philip Neri 602d

Dolls Pt - Marist Kogarah 603

603a Castlecrag - Nth Sydney Girls

North Syd boys high - North Syd Station 603b

Castlecove PS - Castlecrag 603c

Castlecrag - Castlecove PS 603d

Rockdale Stn - Moorefiels GHS 604

604a Killarney Hts High - Cammaray ld GHS - Rockdale Stn

- Mascot

Convent - Mascot

n Snr - Chatswood Stn

604g East Ryde - Marist Sisters Woolwich

604h Mascot - Marcellin - Brigidine

604j C.Bros Wav - St Clares - Mascot

605 Trinity Grammar - Ashfield Stn

605a Milsons Pt - Glenaeon - Chats. Stn 605h

Chiswick-Drumm-Holy X 605c Ryde Depot-Holy X Riverside-

Chiswick Killarney Hts HS - Willoughby Girls 605d

605e Willoughby PS - McClelland St & Eastern Valley Way

606 Rose Bay PS - BJI

606b Chatswood Stn-Willoughby GHS

Willoughby GHS-East Roseville

606d Milsons Pt-East Roseville

606e East Lindfield - Crows Nest

606f Ryde Depot-Holy X Riverside-Chiswick

607 Rockdale Stn - James Cook HS

607a P'wood - Daceyville PS - Mascot

607b Nth Sydney GHS-East Lindfield

607c Redlands-East Lindfield

Milsons Pt-Nth.Syd.BHS-East Lindfield 607d

607e King & Botany - Daceyville PS

608 Rosebank College - Strathfield Station

608a Redfern - Alexandria Park School

608b Nth Syd Stn - Boundary & Griffith

608c

R'wick Highs - Bunnerong & Franklin

609 Chifley PS - PHH

609b Rodd Point-St Patricks Strath

609c Haberfield - 5 Dock - St.Pats - Homebush

Bethleham Coll-H'stone Pk Stn

609e St Pats Strathfield-B'wood Stn-Fivedock

Rosebank Coll-B'wood Stn- Pemberton 609f & Arthur

Sydney Highs - Central/R'way Sq

610a Wattle & Ramsay Rd - Marist Sisters Woolwich

Sydney Highs - Wyn - Mill Pt 611

611b Rosebank College - Five Dock Shops Pmatta & Dhousie - Bwood Schls

Burwood GH - Leich T Hall 611e

Earlwood - Christian Bros Lewisham 612

612a Kingsgrove Depot - Christian Bros Lewisham

Earlwood - Domremy Hunters Hill HS

Dover Heights - Sydney High 612c

612d Rwkj -Bondi Jct - Sacred Heart Rose Bay

612e Maroubra - Scots - Cranbrook

M'rbra - Scots/Cranbrook/Kamb/Rose 612f Bay Sec.Coll

Chris Bros Lewisham-Undercliffe

612i St Marouns-Casimir College-Bexley/ William

613 Campsie Stn - Christian Bros Lewisham

613a shrb - kamb - cran - scot - mjct

Mr'bra - Scot/Cranbrook/Kambala/SHRB

613c Edgecliff - Sydney High

Bondi Jct - Yeshiva Coll 613d

Syd Girls - Syd Boys - Edgecliff 613e

Strathfield Stn (South) - St.Patricks

Burwood Rd-Strath.GHS Homebush BHS Homebush PS

Georges River -Strath.GHS Homebush BHS Homebush PS

Mr'bra - R'wick N HS - C Bros Wav

614d PHH - Wav College

Mascot - Waverley Coll 614e

Wat Bay - C Bros Wav - R'wick highs 614f

Sacred Heart (Rose Bay) - Maroubra Jct 614g

Randwick High Schools - BJI

BJI - R'wick Highs 614i

Randwick High - BJI 614k

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BJI - Randwick High

614m Rosebank College - Five Dock Shops Summer Hill Stn - Trinity Grammar

C'bury GHS

Rosebank College - Croydon Pk 615b K'gove Nth HS - Belmore Stn

St.Patricks Strathfield-Belfield 615c

Santa Sabina Convent-Belmore Stn 615d

St. Patricks Strathfield-Belmore Stn 615e

615f Canterbury GH-Burwood Stn Cranbrook - Scots College - BJI 615g

615h Maroubra Jct - Randwick High

Mr'bra - R'wick Highs - Brigidine 616a

Strath GHS - Strathfield Stn 616h

616c Eastlakes - Mascot PS Drummoyne-B'wood PS St.Patricks 617

617a St.Marthas-St.Patricks S'field -Drummovne

617h R'wick Highs - Sth Maroubra

617c R'wick Highs - Sth Maroubra Mascot PS - Sydney Highs 618

618a Sydney Highs - Mascot 618b Santa Sabina - Drummoyne

619 Santa Sabina - Five Dock Shops 619a Milsons Point - Burns Bay + Penrose via

St.Patricks S'field - Five Dock

Ryde-Marist Bros-Monte Sant'Angelo-Milsons Pt

622	Concord Hospital to Marist Sisters
	Woolwich
623	EIC - Cran/Kamb/SHRB/Vauc HS
623a	M'ville Shops-E'wood-K'grove Nth HS
623b	Marrickville HS-Earlwood-Kingsgrove
623c	Cremorne - Mosman Primary
624	Omnibus Rd - St.Scholasticas Glebe
624a	Cremorne Whf - Middle Harbour PS
624b	Moriah College - Watsons Bay
624c	SCEGGS - Quay
624d	Cranbrook - Edgecliff Inter
624e	Sacred Heart (Rose Bay)-Edgecliff Inter
624f	Rose Bay Sec.Coll Kings Cross
624g	EIC - Cran/R B Whf/Kamb/SHRB/RBSC
624h	Ermington - Marsden High
625	Sydney Grammar - Watsons Bay
625a	Moriah College - Watsons Bay
625b	Watsons Bay to Rose Bay Sec.College
625c	Middle Harbour PS - Cremorne Whf
625d	Newington - Concord High Milsons Pt - Neutral Bay PS
626	
626a	Olympic Park Wharf - Concord High
627	Chris Bros L'sham - Kingsgrove Stn
627c	Scots Coll Prep - Dover Rd Rose Bay
628	Christian Bros. Lewisham - Belfield
628a	Christian Bros.Lewisham - Belfield
628b	Clifton Gardens - Mosman PS
628c	cant - st scholasticas
629	Christian Bros.Lewisham - B'wood &
<b>620</b>	G.River Rd
630	Chatswood - Nth Sydney Boys
630a	Lane Cove Shops - Nth Sydney Boys
630b	Spit bridge - Nth Sydney Station
630c	Chatswood - Nth Sydney Boys
630d	Dover Rd Rose Bay - Moriah Coll
630e	Watsons Bay - Dover Rd - Moriah
630f	Chatswood - Mowbray PS
630g	Botany - South Sydney High
631	Railway Square - St.Scholasticas Glebe
631a	Sth Syd High - Botany
631b	Marist Bros P'wood - Gard & Bot Rds
632	Chatswood-L.Cove PO-St.Ignatius
632a	Sth Syd High - Sth Botany
632b	Chatswood - St Ignatius Riverview
633	Balmain - St.Scholasticas Glebe
633a	N'wood-Nt Sydney - Milsons Pt
633b	
633c	Sacred Hrt Rose Bay - BJI
633d	Milsons Point - Lane Cove Library
633e	BJI - Rose Bay Sec. College
633f	Rose Bay Sec. Coll Queen & Oxford
633g	Blackwattle Campus - Balmain
634	Chatswood - Gardeners & Buffalo Rds
634a	Cressy Rd - East Ryde - Chatswood
634b	Balmain High School - QVB (via Vic
	Rd)
634c	QVB - Balmain High
635	Abbotsford/Five Dock - Christian
	Bros.Lewisham
635a	Mvill HS - Bunn & Heffron
635b	Pengilly St & Sofala Av-St.Michaels-
	Lane Cove PS
635c	Hunters Hill High - Lane Cove
635d	Marist Pwood - Mville High
636	Concord Shops-Abbotsford-Christian
	Bros.Lewisham
636a	Mosman PS/HS - Musgrave St Wharf
636h	Riverside GHS - Meadowbank

637h	Millenium Crt - M'rbra Jct PS
637j	Gard Rd Inf - Botany - St Gabriels
637k	Daceyville PS - Matraville
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638	Concord HS - Chiswick
638a	OLSH - Botany - Discovery Cove
638b	Dis.Cove - Sth Bot - Sth Syd High - MJct
639	Brig R'Wick/Sacred Hrt R'wick -
	Clovelly
639a	St.Michaels-Lane Cove PS-Chatswood
639b	Milsons Pt - Zoo
639c	Abbotsford-Christian Bros.Lewisham
640	Ryde-West Ryde Stn-Marsden-C'land HS
640a	Waverley College - Pagewood
641a	Wynyard - Queenwood Junior
641b	Mosman - Queenwood/Q'wood Jnr
641c	Milsons Pt - Balmoral
641d	Chatswood - Queenwood
641e	Lane Cove - Queenwood/Q'wood Jnr
642a	Ryde Depot - Marist Sisters Woolwich
642b	Miller & Carlow - Milsons Pt
643	Gard & Bot - Pwood Marist
643a	Randwick High Schools - Railway Sq.
643b	Milsons Pt - Spit Jct (Brady St)
644	R'wick Highs - Eastlakes
644b	Marist Bros-Mosman PS-Mosman Jct
644c	St Leonards Stn - Spit Jct
645	Balmain - Fort St HS
645a	Fort St HS - Balmain
645b	Castlecrag - Queenwood Jnr
645d	Balmain HS - Canterbury Station
645e	East Lindfield - Redlands
646	C'bury Stn/Dulwich Hill shops - L'hardt
	HS
646a	Sydney French Schl-Watsons Bay
646b	Mosman Jct & High - Balmoral Hts
646c	EIC - BJI - Sydney French School
647	Mosman Marist - Milson Pt
647a	Ryde-Eastwood-St.Patrick's Dundas
648	Tempe High-Earlwood
648a	Milsons Pt - Nth Balgowlah
649	Blessed Sacrement Mosman - Beauty Pt
649a	Beauty Pt Prim - Queenwood - Neutral
	Bay Jct
649b	Queenwood Jnr - Mosman PS
650	Mosman HS - Lane Cove Shops
650a	Nth.Sydney BHS - Zoo
650b	Queenwood - Lane Cove Shops
650c	Zoo-St.Ignatius Riverview
650d	ST Ignatius - Crows Nest
650e	Parramatta - OLMC - Macquarie BHS
651	Nth Sydney Boys - St Leonards
651a	Mowbray Rd -St Ignatius Riverview
651b	Warringah Mall to St. Ignatius Riverview
652	Parramatta - St.Paticks Dundas
652a	Lane Cove West - Milsons Pt
653a	St.Pius Enmore-Tempe
653c	St.Pius Enmore-Tempe - Rockdale
654	Ross Smith Pde - Drumoyne
656	Queenwood - Chatswood
657	St.Patricks - Rhodes Stn
657a	Wav Jnr/Wav Coll - Malabar
657b	St Clares - Matraville Hotel
657c	
657d	Willoughby Girls - Balmoral
657e	Nth Sydney Boys - Chatswood
657f	PHH - M. Jct Schls/Marcellin/Brigidine
658a	Strathfield GHS - Concord Hospital
658b	Homebush BHS - Concord Hospital
658c	
	Way Jnr Coll - Matraville
658d	
658e	Gard & Botany - R'wick Highs
659	th - rlsq - glhs
659a	Leichhardt HS - Glebe HS - Millers Pt
659b	St.Scholasticas - P'matta Rd & Dalhousie
	St
659c	Glebe HS - Town Hall (City)
659d	

659e	Nth Sydney Stn - Mosman Jct
659f	Chatswood - Mosman PS & High
659g	Perry St at Bunn.Rd - Marcellin Senior
659h	Watsons Bay - Emanuel Randwick
659j	Moriah College - Bondi Junc
659k	Mils Pt - SCEGGS Jnr - Musgrave St
	Pagewood - Bondi Jct
659n	Rwick Girls - K'ford
659p	Willby GHS - elmo
660	Rosebank College - Concord Hospital
660a	BJI - Rose Bay Sec. College
660b	Narremburn - Cammeray PS
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660e	Rose Bay Sec. Coll Vaucluse Primary
660f	Dover Heights to Mt Sinai College
660g	Willby GHS - Lane Cove
661	Concord Hospital - Burwood & P'matta
	Rds
6610	
661a	Johston St (Annandale) - Concord HS
661b	St Marys C'cord - H'bush Stn
661c	Rosebank Clge - Homebush Stn
661d	P'matta & Broughton-H'bush BH
661g	Cran/Scot - R'wick Jct
661h	Cnest - Will GHS - Artarmon PS
661i	Artarmon & Tindale - Will GHS
661j	Artarmon PS - Willoughby PS - Crows
	Nest
662	St.Patricks Strathfield - Burwood &
002	Parramatta Rd
662a	Artarmon PS - Will GHS - Lane Cove
662b	St Marys C'cord - C'cord Shps
662c	Cran/Scot - Mbra Jct
662d	H'bush Stn - Rosebank Clge
662h	Campsie Stn - Christian Bros Lewisham
663	Drummoyne - Concord HS
663a	Homebush BHS - Cabarita Junction
663b	Chatswood - Cammeray
663c	Neutral Bay PS-Northbridge Jct
663d	Will GHS - St Thomas Sch - Cammeray
664	Queenwood - Milson Pt
664a	Ashfield Boys High - B'way Enfield
664c	Concord High - Burwood Westfield
664d	St.Patricks Strathfield - Burwood &
	Parramatta Rd
664e	Correys Ave Concord - Holy X
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665	Concord HS - Burwood Stn/Mortlake
665a	Holy Cross - Fivedock
665b	Edgecliff Inter - Scots Coll
665c	Scots prep-Scots College - Edgecliffe
665d	Neutral bay PS - Milsons Pt
665e	
	Cranbrook - BJI
666	Holy X & St Charles Ryde - Five
	Dock
666a	Crows Nest - St Philip Neri
666c	Greenwich Infants- Osborne Park
666d	St.Philip Neri - Blaxlands Corner
667	Concord High- Mortlake
667a	R'wick Highs - Gard & Bot Rds
667b	Nth.Sydney Demo Schl - Milsons Pt
667c	R'wick High Schools-Gard & Botany Rds
667d	Mils Pt - Nth Syd Demo - Crows Nest
667e	Gard & Bot - Marcellin/Brigidine
668	Lovell & North Rds - MacQ.Uni-
000	
	Riverside GHS
669	Campsie Stn - Christian Bros Lewisham
669a	Nth Sydney Dem - Wstncrft Stn
669c	Christ.Bro.Lewisham-Campsie Stn
669d	Christ.Bro.Lewisham-Earlwood
670	Leic.H School to Newtown Bridge
670a	Randwick High - Waterloo
670b	Brigidine - Sydney Park St Peters
670c	Rwkh - Waterloo
670d	Blackwattle Campus - Lhardt Market
670f	Epping BHS-Eastwood PS-Ryde
671b	sggh - rock - wilh - cams
671c	Northbridge Jct - Willoughby GHS
671d	Willoughby GHS - Wynyard
671e	Lane Cove West - Miller & Falcon Sts
672	Bexley Rd & William St - Canterbury
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637e P'wood Marist-Maloney & Evans Sts 637f St.Scholasticas - Five Dock Shops

Town Hall

637g La Per- OLSH

636b Riverside GHS - Meadowbank 636c Discovery Cove - OLSH

636d Pindari & Euryalus - Mosman High
637 Haberfield Shops - Concord HS
637a Middle Harbour PS - Balmoral
637b Concord HS - Five Dock Shops
637c Marcellin/Brigidine - Matraville
637d Domremy Clge - Five Dock - L'hardt

- BHS
- Ashfield Stn Trinity Grammar Summer 672a Hill
- 672c Bexley Rd & William St Canterbury BHS
- De La Salle Bethlehem College Rodd 672d Pt
- 672e De La Salle-Farlwood-Rockdale
- Lane Cove West Milsons Pt 672f
- R'wick Highs Railway Sq 672g
- 672h R'wick Highs - Railway Sq
- Mosman High Milsons Pt 672i
- Balmoral Milsons Pt 672k
- 673 Kippax St - R'wick Highs
- Marist Bros Kogarah Earlwood 673a
- 673b Eddy Ave - R'wick Highs(Express)
- Crows Nest/Chatswood Will Girls 673c
- Milsons Pt Chatswood 673d
- 673e Nth.Sydney GHS - Chatswood
- R'wick Highs Quay 673f
- K'grove Stn C'bury GHS & BHS-674a Trinity Grammar
- 674b Trinity Grammar - Kingsgrove Stn
- Ramsgate Miranda 674c
- Willoughby PS Chatswood 675
- Canterbury BHS-Belmore Stn 675b
- Dulwich Hill Shops Canterbury PS 676
- 676a Rockdale Stn-Moorefield GHS
- Canterbury PS-Dulwich Hill 676b
- Elizabeth & Wellington R'wick Highs 676c
- 677
- Nth Sydney Dem McMahons Pt Rockdale Stn Endeavour HS Miranda 677a Stn
- 677b Endeavour High-Rockdale Stn
- C. Bros Wav M'rbra Jct
- Moriah College 677d
- Brighton PS Rockdale Stn 678
- 678a Endeavour High - Kogarah
- Endeavour HS Ramsgate & Rocky Pt 678b
- 678e Taren Pt Rd and Toorak Av-Rockdale Stn
- 678f R'wick Highs - Albion & McPherson
- Moate Ave & Bay St-Moorefield GHS 679
- 680 De La Salle - Liverpool Rd & Wallis Ave
- Fort St HS Ashfield BHS S'field Stn 680a (Sth)
- 680h Strathfield GHS - Liverpool Rd & Frederick St
- R'wick Highs Bondi Beach
- 680d R'wick Highs/Brig/Wav Coll - bonb-nobo
- 680e Dover Hts - Moriah College
- BJI Yeshivah Coll 680f
- 680g yesh - osol
- BJI Wav Coll/Rose Bay Se.Coll 681
- St Clares Wav Sth Head Cem 681a
- St Patricks Strathfield Burwood Stn 682
- Mascot Primary-Rose Bay Secondary
- Rose Bay Sec Coll R'wick Jct 682h
- Bethlehem CollegeAshfield Boys -683 Strathfield Stn
- Broadway Enfield- St.Patricks Strathfield 683a
- St.Pats.Coll-Ashfield Stn 683h
- Strathfield GHS David & L'pool Rd 683c Burwood
- 683d Discovery Cove - Sth Sydney HS -Maroubra
- 683e Rose Bay Sec.Coll. - Bondi Jct
- 684 Watsons Bay - Reddam House
- Bexley Rd & William St-K'grove HS 684a
- 684d Homebush PS Strath.Stn
- cams-bexn-kihs-stur-sggh
- St. Ursulas-Kingsgrove Depot 684g
- S'field Stn (Sth) St.Pats-H'bush HS-684h H'bush PS
- Marcellin Senior Pagewood
- 686 Nth Sydney Schools - Denistone East
- Rose Bay Sec.Coll B'vue Hill PS BJI 687

- 687a Bankstown Hospital K'gove & C'bury Rds
- 687h Campsie PS-Orissa St Campsie
- 687d North Sydney Girls High - St Leonards
- 687e Sth Head Cemetery - Moriah Coll
- Sydney Grammer BJI 687f
- 688 Campsie Stn - Canterbury PS
- 688a Epping Stn - Nth Sydney Boys 688b Epping Stn - Pittwater & Epping Rds
- 688c Milsons Point - Epping Stn
- Burwood Stn Concord HS Strathfield 689 **GHS**
- 689a Strathfield GHS - Burwood Rd & Gipps St
- 689b Epping & Pittwater Epping High/Stn
- 689c Rose Basy Sec.College BJI
- 689d Woollahra Dem - North Bondi
- Epping High Epping Station 690
- Earlwood Domremy College Five Dock 690a
- 690c John St Pyrmont - Ultimo HS
- 690d PLC Croydon - Drummoyne
- 690f Domremy College - Campsie Stn
- BJI Christian Bros Waverley 690g
- 690h Burwood Girls - Croydon Pk
- 690j Epping Boys - Epping Stn
- 690k R'wick Girls Highs - Birrell & Carrington
- 690m Rose Bay Sec.Coll.- Clovelly
- 690p BJI - Rose Bay Secondary
- 691 Bexley PO - Kingsgrove HS
- 691a Nth Sydney Boys & Girls - Epping Stn
- 691c Drummoyne PS - Chiswick
- Nth Sydney Stn Nth Sydney Girls 692
- Belmore Stn Kingsgrove Stn 692a
- G'hills & L'pol Rds K'gve High 692b
- 692c Canterbury & Tincombe Rd-Kingsrove High
- 692d Drummoyne - Burwood Post Office
- 692e Nth Sydney Stn - Nth Sydney Girls
- Campsie Stn Kingsgrove Nth High 692f
- 692h St Ursulas Croydon Pk
- 692i K'gve Primary - Campsie Stn La Perouse - Marcellin/Brigidine 692i
- 692k K'gve High Rockdale Stn
- 692m D'moyne PS Burwood Stn
- 692n Rosebank College Canterbury Station
- 692q Earlwood Coles B'wood Girls
- 692s C'bury & Beamish - K'gve High
- Georges River Rd & Brighton Ave -693 K'gove HS/PS
- 693a Concord HS Drummoyne
- 693b Drum. P.S to Drum. Civic Centre
- 693c South Sydney High La Perouse
- 693d Brigidine Malabar
- Eddy Ave St Spyridon Matraville H.S. 693e
- 693f Domremy Five Dock - Burwood Stn Concord West - Domremy College 694
- 694a Epping Boys - Macquarie Centre
- La Per Syd Highs 694h
- 694e Mville HS - La Per
- 695 OLHC Epping - North epping
- Domremy College Belmore 695a
- 695b Belmore - Domremy Five Dock
- Nth.Sydney GHS Lane Cove West 695c Milsons Pt - Lane Cove West 695d
- 696 Concord Shops - Domremy College
- 696a Lane Cove & Lorna Ave-Marist Sisters
- Maroubra Jct Maroubra Bay Public 696b
- 697 Domremy College - Campsie Stn
- 698 Mar Jnct - St Brigettes
- 698a Chifley-Mbar Cath/Chifley PS
- 698c Marcellin Snr-Matraville (Moorina Ave)
- 698d M'bar PS M'ville Hotel
- 698e Pwood Marist La Per
- 698g La Per - Sth Sydney High
- Kingsgrove Depot Domremy College
- 699b Maroubra Bay PS - Maroubra Jct
- 699c St.Brigettes - Maroubra Jct

- 699d Marcellin Senior Maroubra Jct
- Gladesville Hunters Hill High 700
- 701 Milsons Pt - Nweena - DY
- 701a Hunters Hill high - West Ryde
- Hunters Hill HS-Boronia Pk-Gladesville 703 Badajoz & Quarry Rds-Holy X-Marist
- Sisters 703a Malvina HS-East Ryde-Nth Ryde Golf
- 704 Marist Sisters Woolwich-East Ryde
- Monash Rd Holy Spirit & Nth Ryde Public
- Hunters Hill H.S Macquarie Centre 706
- 707 Macquarie Uni - Riverside GHS
- 708 Marsden High - Parramatta
- OLMC-Macarthur GHS-Belmore & Bett. 709
- N'been PS- Mater Maria 710
- Milsons Pt Warringah Mall 710a
- 710b
- Cumberland High -Eastwood-Ryde Narrabeen - Narrabeen Primary 710c
- 711 Careel Head Rd - M Maria - Nbeen Schs
- Eastwood Stn Carlingford Stn -711a Marsden High
- 712a James Ruse-Eastwood-Ryde
- Eastwood Jenkins & Pennant Hills Rds
- 713 714 Neutral Bay PS-Nth.Balg-B'vale Depot
- Marist Sisters. Woolwich Quarry & 714a
- Arthur Sts
- 715 Milsons Pt - Bantry Bay
- 715a Eastwood - Marist Sisters Woolwich St Lukes-Manly High- Manly- Bluff 716
- 716a
- Ryde Epping BHS 717 Marsden High-Ermington P.S.-Eastwood
- 718 North Rocks & Loyalty Rds - Mt St
- Benedicts Wheeler Hts - Manly HS 719
- 719a Parramatta-Macquarie BHS-St.Patricks
- S'forth Balg BH Manly HS
- 720 Allambie-B Hill Schls-St Johns Nweena 720a Rydalmere-Cumberland HS
- St.Patricks-Telopea-St.Kevins-Eastwood-721 Eastwood PS
- Avalon-Tay Pt-Pitt Hse-Bvale Shops
- 722a DY - Ox Fall Grm- Mack GH- Balg Boys
- Avalon Tays Pt Pwater Hse 722b
- 722c Manly - Balg Boys
- 722d DY - Ox Fall Grm- Mack GH- Balg Boys
- 722e Marist Sisters Woolwich - Five Dock 723 B'vale Depot-All Hts-Skyline- Cromer
- HS 723a MacArthur GHS-Stewart & King Sts
- Ermington 724 St Patricks Dundas - Eastwood -
- Ryde 725 Eastwood - Marist Sisters Woolwich
- 726 Parramatta East PS-Parramatta
- Parramatta East PS-Parramatta 726a Busaco Rd - Eastwood 727
- Epping Stn OLHC Epping Primary 728 729 Marsden High-Ermington P.S.-Eastwood
- 730a St Patricks Dundas - Eastwood
- 731 LCove Public - Lane Cove West Public
- Seaf Bluff Balg & S'forth Schls 731a
- 732. St Aug - Balgowlah Hts - Manly Wharf 732a Gladesville - Church + Morrison Rd
- Putney 732b Seaf-seap-stce-mcgh
- Hunters Hill High St Ignatius 733
- 734 West Ryde - Chatswood Villa Maria - Woolwhich Wharf 735 736 DY-S Maris-Mach GH-Manly & F'water
- HS 736a Manly - Cromer HS - Cromer PS- Coll Plat PS
- St Pauls S Maris DY Nweena
- FHS BHHS STEM MANW 736c
- 736d Harbord & Nth Curl Curl Schls

- 736e St Gerrards Carlingford high Epping Stn
- 737 Milsons Pt-Manly Wharf (Via Balg.Hts)
- 737a StPaul's-S.Maris-N'weena
- 737b Manly Balg & Sforth Schls
- 737c Blessed Sacrament-Seaforth
- 737d Nth.Syd.GHS Manly Wharf
- 737e Murray Farm Prim Don Moore Comm Centre
- 737g SCEGGS-Manly Wharf (Via Balg.Hts)
- 737h Mackellar Girls W. Mall Brookvale Oval
- Queenwood-Seaforth 737i
- 738 B'vale - Harbord Schls
- 738a C. Plat- D.Why Schls-Freshwater- Balg. Boys
- 738b St Pauls Stella Maris Dee Why -N'Weena
- 738c Marist Sisters- Church + Morrison Rd Putney
- 739 Wingala - Harbord Schls - Manly
- 739a St Lukes Manly & Fwater HS Manly
- 739b Freshwater high Senior Campus Manly
- 739c Balgowlah Boys - Manly - Q'cliff Bridge
- 739d Epping Stn Muirfield high & baulkalm Hills
- 739e St Augustines - Manly
- 740 Sforth - N Balg - Mack GH
- 740a Manly - Manly West PS - S'forth Inf
- 740c St Lukes Manly & Fwater HS Ban Bay
- 740d Sacred Heart Mosman-Balgowlah Shops
- 741 Seaforth - North Balg - Manly - St Aug
- St Kierans Seaforth 741a
- 741b Stella Maris - Manly Vale -Nth Balg -Seaf
- 742 Manly-Manly & Fwater HS-Manly West PS
- 742a Bvale Skyline St Kierans
- 742b St Lukes-Manly HS- St Aug-Skyline
- 742c St Pauls Manly Skyline
- 742e Mackellar Girls to Beacon Hill
- 742f Ryde Depot - Marist Brothers Eastwood
- Skyline Stella Maris ST Pauls 743
- 743a Manly Manly West PS Bvale Schls
- 743b Eastwood Ryde Secondary College
- 744 Manly - Mackellar GH
- 744a Milsons Pt- Manly Wharf
- 744b Eastwood Ryde Secondary college
- 744c Nth.Syd.GHS-Manly Wharf
- 744d Manly Vale Primary MacKellar Girls High
- 744e Mackellar Girls - Manly Vale Public
- 745 Bvale - B Hill & Forest HS - F Forest
- 745a All Hts-St Kierans-Mack GH-Manly Vale PS
- 745b Eastwood Ryde Secondary (Express)
- 745e Balg BH Skyline
- 746 Coll Plat - St Lukes - Manly
- 746b St Rose Cromer PS Nweena PS DY
- 746c Wheeler Hts S Maris St Paul's
- 746d Manly & Fwater HS St Aug Coll Plat
- 746e N'been PS St Josephs Mona V Hosp
- 746f St Aug - Coll Plat
- St Pauls Manly PS S Maris Whlr Hts 747
- 747a St Pauls Manly PS S Maris Whlr Hts
- 747b St Pauls Manly PS S Maris Whlr Hts 747c St Pauls - Manly PS - S Maris - Whlr Hts
- St Pauls S Maris Coll Plat 748
- 748a FHS-BHHS-Whlr Hts & Coll Plt PS-Warr Mall
- 748b Mater Maria Coll Plat
- 748c Mackellar-St Aug- Coll Plat
- Milsons Pt Manly N Curl Curl 749
- 750 B'vale - Allambie Hts PS- St Augustine's
- 751 James Ruse High - Parramatta Stn
- 752 Freshwater High - N'weena
- 752a Mackellar Girls N'weena Cromer
- 752b Muirfield High Parramatta

- 752d StPaul's S Maris N'weena
- 753 F Forest - St Lukes - Stella Maris
- 753a Primrose Av B Bay F Forest PS
- 753b Mill drive Nth rocks Prim
- 753c Christ The King North Rocks Farnell Ave
- F Forest B Hill Schs St Johns N'weena
- 754a Harbord B Hill HS Ox Falls Gram -Frstway
- 754b F Forest St Aug S Maris St Pauls
- Lane Cove West Lane Cove Primary
- 754d Cromer HS - B Hill Schls - F Forest
- 754f Forest & B Hill HS - Byale
- 754g Manly HS - St Johns - F Forest
- 754j Frenchs Forest to Stella Maris
- 755<sup>°</sup> M Vale - Mackellar GHS
- 755a Parramatta Stn - MacArthur Girls High
- 755b M Maria - DY - Coll Plat - S Maris
- 755c Cromer HS - Brookvale
- Westfield North Rocks St Patricks 756
- 756a McCarrs Ck - M Vale Schs
- Careel Hd Rd M Vale Schs 757
- 757a McCarrs Ck-PwaterHS- Mona Vle Schs
- 757b M Maria - M Vale Schs - Church Pt
- Christ of King School Westfield North 757c Rocks
- 757d Nth N'been PS - Pwater HS
- 758 Epping Stn - Mt St Benedicts
- 759 Carlingford High - Epping Stn
- Mona Vale PS W'wood 759a
- 760 Avalon-M Vle & Nbeen Schs-St Luke-Manly PS
- 760a Manly - St Lukes - Pwater HS - Nweena
- 760b Coll Plat - Pwater Hse - St Josephs
- Cromer HS Coll Plat 760c
- 760d Baker & Pennant Hills - St Patricks
- 760f Manly - St Lukes - Pwater HS - Nweena
- 761 St Patrick's - Westfield North Rocks
- Parramatta Stn James Ruse High 762
- 762a Wingala - N Curl Curl PS Dee Why - Dee Why PS 763
- Mack GH N Curl Curl Dee Why 763a
- St Johns Nweena Nweena
- Carlingford High Carlingford Station
- Carlingford High Epping Station 764
- 764a Oxford Falls Grammar Balg Shops
- 766 Oxford Falls Grammer F Forest PS -Seaforth
- Sforth St Lukes Roseby Prep
- 769a F Forest DY Schs St Aug
- 769b Sforth F Forest
- 769c Mackellar Girls - Skyline Shops - F
- 769d Oxford Falls Grammer - Manw
- Manly HS Eastern Valley Way 769e Sunnyside Cres
- 769g F Forest DY Schs St Aug
- 769h F Forest DY Schs St Aug
- 769k F Forest DY Schs St Aug
- 770 Milsons Pt - Clontarf
- 770a Manly Wharf Glenaeon Senior
- 771 Manly - Vic Cross - Milsons Pt - C Nest
- 771a Avalon Mlsn Pt 772 Baulkham Hills High- Beecroft Stn
- 772a Avalon - Milsons Point
- 772b Harbord Manly Balg Milsons Pt
- 772c Manly - Balg - Milsons Pt
- 772d crhs croh
- All Hts Bvale Nweena B Hill HS -773 Cromer
- 773b F Forest - B Hill - St Aug - FHS - Whl Hts
- N'been HS Collaroy
- Epping Stn James Ruse High 774a
- 775 Bluff - Manly HS - Cromer HS - St
- James Ruse High Epping Stn
- 775b Nbeen HS - Neut Bay Jct
- 775d St Kierans Brookvale

- Cromer Primary Whlr Hts
- Mount St Benedicts Westfield Nth 777a Rocks
- 778 Stella Maris - D.Why - Collaroy Plat.
- 778a Oxford Falls Grammar - Seaforth
- Baulkham HHS to Westfield Nth Rocks 778b Manly High - Dee Why - Pwater Hse
- 779a Murray Farm Public & James Ruse to Parramatta Stn
- 780 Coll. Plat - Mackellar & Pitt Hse - Nub Jct
- Oueenwood Collarov
- Nth Nbeen PS Mona Vale Hosp 781a
- 781b Statham & North Rocks Rd to Baulkham Hills H.S.
- 782 M Vale - C Plat - Cromer Hts
- Nweena Cromer HS Nbeen M Maria 782a
- Mackella GH Nbeen 782b
- 782c Mount St Benedicts - Mill drive
- 782d Narrabeen - St Lukes
- 783 F Forest - Pwater Hse
- Mona Vale Newport PS 783a
- 783b Balg BH - S Maris - St Aug - N Nbeen
- 783c P'water HS - Mater Maria Careel Hd Rd - Pwater HS - Mona Vle 784
- Schs
- 784a Manly High - Mona Vale 784b Pwtr Hse - Nbeen/M Vale Schs - Bjoey
- Mackellar GHS Mona Vale
- 784d St Pauls - S Maris - Mona Vale 784e Narrabeen HS - Mona Vale
- 784f Pwtr Hse - Nbeen/M Vale Schs - Bjoey
- Bvale Pwater Hse DY M Maria
- Avalon Mona Vale Hosp Mater Maria 785a
- Cromer DY M Maria Mona Vale 785d Schs
- 785e Cromer Heights - Pittwater High Warringah Mall - Pittwater High 785f
- 785g Beacon Hill - Pittwater High
- Harbord N Curl Curl DY Newport 787
- Pittwater HS Newport-Q'wood Sch - St Aug - Avalon 788
- 788a P'water HS - Avalon - Bjoey HS
- 788b Bjoey HS - Avalon PS - DY
- 788c Mona Vale Schs - Avalon 788d Mater Maria - Avalon

787b

789e

- Manly HS Avalon 788e
- Mackellar GH Avalon 788f
- Narrabeen HS Central Railway 788g
- 788h Avalon - Stella Maris - St Paul's 788k P'water HS - Careel Head
- 789 Bilgola Plat - Mater Maria
- St Lukes Bilgola Plat Avalon 789c 789d Pittwater HS - Taylors Point Milsons Point - Avalon
- Palm Bch-Avalon PS-N'port PS-N'been 790
- Balg BH St Kierans St Aug Avalon 790a
- 790b Pittwater House - Avalon
- 790c Mater Maria - Palm Beach
- 790d Pitwater Park - Barren High 791 Avalon-B Plat-Clareville-Loquat Valley
- Schl Avalon - A'lon PS - B Plat - Avalon 791a
- 791b Loquat Valley-Palm Beach
- 791c Bjoey HS avap
- Bilgola Plateau Prim Avalon 791z 792a Bioev HS-Stokes Pt-Avalon Schs
- 793 Avalon - Whale Bch - Avalon Schs 793z Avalon Primary - Whale Beach - Avalon Primary
- Avalon PS M Regina Avalon 795
- 799a F Forest - DY Schs - St Aug
- 890 Quay - Uni of NSW
- 891 Eddy Av/Rail Sq - Uni of NSW Quay - Eddy - Uni (High St) 892
- Uni of NSW Railway Sq. 895

#### **SYDNEY BUSES SCHOOL BUS ROUTES**

Non-

	School	School	Total	% of total
# of routes	764	291	1055	72%
# of trips	1614	32460	34074	5%
Trips per route	2.1	112	32	7%
Inbound	589	16203	16792	4%
Outbound	1026	16255	17281	6%
# of points	71000	172430	243430	29%
Points per route	93	593	231	40%
# of headsigns	346	115	461	75%

