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NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS.



ANNIVERSARY

(SATURDAY, 26th January.)

TRAIN AND TICKET ARRANGEMENTS.

STATION-MASTERS, Officers-in-Charge, Engine-Drivers, Guards, Signalmen, Gangers of Permanent Way and other Employés concerned to be furnished with a copy of this Circular not later than

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District Superintendents, Station-masters, Locomotive and Permanent Way Inspectors will please see that this is done.

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H. RICHARDSON,

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NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS.



PUBLIC HOLIDAY, MONDAY, 18TH MARCH,

1901.

(ANNIVERSARY DAY HOLIDAY DEFERRED.)

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H. RICHARDSON,

Superintendent of the Lines.

Wait-a-While Railway Station

JAMES T WELLS

NE OF THE PLEASURES OF timetable reading is to come across quirky station / place names. How about Wait-a-While in NSW?

Wait-a-While was on the NSW's Tocumwal branch. Yes, one could wait-a -while as the train service was only ever once a day in each direction.

The railway reached Jerilderie in 1884, and Berrigan in 1896. The extension to Finley opened two years later creating one of the most unusual line alignments in the State if not in Australia—see a 1933 map at right.

In order to connect Finley, why didn't they just build a branch from Jerilderie alongside what is now the Newell Highway? The long curve in Berrigan is about 200m radius but this hardly mattered on a quiet branch line. The Finley curve is about 400m radius.

It seems strange that, in a distance of only 22 km between the two towns, three intermediate stations would be provided given the low population of the district. Wait-a-While was 8 km from Berrigan but Leniston was only three km further on.

Both stations were associated with roads running to the north of what is now the Riverina Highway with the same name as the railway stations. Nowadays there is absolutely no built structures in the vicinity of the station sites apart from roads, the railway (still in place), a water-tank and fences. There is an irrigation channel on the north side of the Riverina Highway. The railway was closed in 1987 but the stations were closed much earlier; Wait-a-While in 1958 and Leniston in 1975.

There is <u>debate</u> on the correctness of the English.

Origin of the name—notes by the Times Editor:

Only older atlases show the location of Wait-a-while in the landscape. The station was at the junction of the Wait-a-while Road and the Riverina High-

way (Google Earth image, bottom left on page 4).

Wait-a-while can sometimes be one of those long-vanished pieces of Australian vernacular which describe the relaxed pace of life in "the outback". Several farms around NSW have named themselves thus.

According to the book Names of Railway Stations in New South

Wales. With their Meaning and Origin. by C. A. IRISH, Wait-a-While was named after the "reserve." This Reserve was in existence before the railway came to the area. The use of the word "Reserve" by Irish, implies some kind of Government classification. Minutes of the Berrigan Shire



Council sometimes called it a "PWP Reserve", which is an abbreviation for "Public Watering Place". This is not the same as a "pub"! A list of PWPs is held by the NSW State Archives at Kingswood.

Google Earth still shows what appears to be a "reserve" with a dam or tank at

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[†] Arrives Sydney at 7:44 a.m. on Sundays,

INTERMEDIATE SIDINGS AND REFERENCE TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR WORKING—continued.

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§ Connects with Victorian train leaving Tocumwal at 4.5 p.m.

When No. 1 Motor train is replaced by Steam train the due time of arrival at Tocumwal will be 3.51 p.m.

No. 3 Fast Goods is to be worked by "30 T" class engine.

No. 3 Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays is allowed time for work as under :--

Six (6) minutes Corobimilla, 3 minutes New Park, 8 minutes Coonong, 5 minutes North Yathong, 8 minutes Wunnamurra, 1 minute South Wunnamurra, 8 minutes Mairjimmy, 8 minutes Green Swamp Road, and 8 minutes for sidings between Berrigan and Finley.

When No. 3 on Mondays and Thursdays is required to work Morundab Stock Yards, train will depart Narrandera at 10.5 a.m., Morundah 11.6 a.m., depart 11.33 a.m. (allowed 10 minutes Morundah Stock Yards), thence as tabled.

No. 3 on Saturdays, allowed—6 mins. Corobinilla, 3 mins. New Park, 8 mins. Coonong, 5 mins. North Yathong, 8 mins. Wunnamurra, 8 mins. Mairjimmy, 8 mins. Green Swamp Road, and 8 mins. between Berrigan and Finley.

Trains that run during dark between Jerilderie and Tooumwal must be worked by engines fitted with Electric Headlight.

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 $\$ Connects with Victorian train arriving Tocumwal at 1.25 p.m.

When No. 6 Motor Train is replaced by Steam Train the due time of arrival at Narrandera will also be 6.6 p.m.

No. 2 Mixed Train is worked by 80 °°T" class engine and connects with No. 10 Pass, at Narrandera

No. 2 Mixed is allowed I minute Langunya, I minute Curraghmohr, 3 minutes Leniston 5 minutes Wait-a-While, 3 minutes Green Swamp Road, 4 minutes Mairjimmy, 2 minutes Wunnamurra, 1 minute South Wunnamurra, 5 minutes North Yathong, 8 minutes Coonong, 3 minutes Morundah Stock Yards, 4 minutes New Park, and 10 Corobimilla. Conveys Goods Load between Tocumwal and Finley, Morundah and Narrandera.

Trains run during dark between Jerilderie and Toeumwal must be worked by engines fitted with electric headlight.

its centre about 2 km north of the station site [Google Earth image, bottom right, page 4].

Had it been some kind of Nature Reserve, before it became a PWP, the name could well derive from the "Lawyer Vine" *Smilax australis*, also known as "barbed wire vine" and



"wait a while" vine. It has prickly climbing stems that are up to 8 metres long with coiled tendrils that are up to 20 cm long. The Berrigan Council minutes talk about "noxious weeds" in this reserve, but this was not a reference to *Smilax*.

This is probably about as far as we care to take this quest, I think.

This article generated a Letter to the Editor in the March 2018 issue.. The WTT above is now dataed

Geoff Lambert

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Two Australia Day STNs in 1901 Geoff Lambert

HETHER YOU CALL IT INVASION
Day or Australia Day, whether
you celebrate it or deprecate it,
the public holiday on 26th January has become one of Australia's iconic
days, second only to Anzac Day. The
meaning and significance of Australia Day
has evolved over time. Unofficially, or
historically, the date has also been variously named "Anniversary Day", "Foundation
Day" and "ANA Day".

The 26th of January 1788 marked the proclamation of British sovereignty over the eastern seaboard of Australia (then known as New Holland). Although it was not known as Australia Day until over a century later, records of celebrations on 26 January date back to 1808, with the first official celebration of the formation of New South Wales held in 1818.

On New Year's Day 1901, the British colonies of Australia formed a federation, marking the birth of modern Australia. A national day of unity and celebration was looked for. But, it was not until 1935 that all Australian states and territories adopted use of the term "Australia Day" to for the holiday on 26th January, and not until 1994 that the date was consistently marked by a public holiday on that day by all states and territories. Before the name Anzac Day was settled upon for 25th April, the name "Australia Day" was going to be used. At any rate, Australia did not do what America did for July the Fourth.

Given that Federation formally took place on 1 January 1901 [bottom right— Centennial Park], one might expect that the 26th January of that year might have seen something special. While this day was planned to be celebrated as it had been for several years, the extra-special status of the day was still decades away. Nevertheless, the NSW Railways, announced a week or so beforehand, that Special Trains would run on *Anniversary Day*, which fell, that year, on a Saturday.

Saturdays, at this time, were normally a workday, but the public holiday overruled that, so that the "weekday" train service was cancelled and replaced mainly by Special Trains. The NSW Railways made announcement in the Sydney newspapers, of which the following, from the *Sydney Morning Herald*, was typical:

Anniversary Day Saturday 26th January, 1901

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will

be issued from all stations to all stations, except for distances of 13 miles and under, between stations in the metropolitan suburban and Newcastle suburban stations, commencing with the day trains leaving terminal stations on WEDNESDAY, 23rd JANUARY, and thereafter by all trains until SATURDAY, 26th JANUARY, available for return until THURSDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 1901.

CHEAP EXCURSION TICKETS: In addition to the Cheap Tickets at 2d per mile, First Class return (minimum 2s) and 1d per mile second-class return (minimum 1s) ordinarily issued on Fridays and Saturdays, as advertised in the public time-table, Special Cheap Tickets will be issued to the country by special trains leaving Sydney as under, available for return by any train except the Melbourne Express and through Northern and Western Mail trains, up to MONDAY, 4th February, viz—

TO THE SOUTHERN LINE.

FRIDAY, 25th JANUARY, 4.25 pm., to stations Mittagong to Goulburn.

TO THE SOUTH COAST LINE.

FRIDAY, 25th JANUARY, 1.30 p.m. to Kiama; 7.30 p.m. to Nowra.

SATURDAY, 26th JANUARY, 7.8 a.m. Sydney to Bulli, Wollongong, Dapto, and Kiama only; 7.30 a.m. to Stanwell Park, Wollongong, and all stations thence to Nowra; 7.38 a.m. to Wollongong.

TO THE WESTERN LINE.

FRIDAY, 26th JANUARY,

8.0 p.m. to Orange.

SATURDAY, 26th JANUARY, 8.10 a.m. to Mount Victoria.

TO THE NORTHERN LINE.

FRIDAY, 16th JANUARY, 4 p.m. to Newcastle and West Maitland.

SATURDAY, 26th JANUARY, 8.6 a.m. to Newcastle.

CHEAP TICKETS at the above rates will be issued TO SYDNEY by special trains leaving:

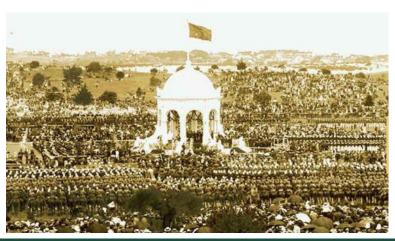
Orange at 10.25 p.m. on FRIDAY, 25th JANUARY, Bathurst at 12.45 a.m., Nowra at 4.25 a.m., Goulburn at 5 a.m., West Maitland at 5 a.m., and Newcastle at 6 a.m. on SATURDAY, 26th JANUARY, available for return by any train except the Melbourne Express and the through Northern and Western mail trains up to MONDAY, 4th FEBRUARY.

But then The Queen died.

At first, the Railways planned to "Carry On Regardless", but when they read the following advertisement, they changed their mind.

ANNIVERSARY DAY.

The Government, having requested that, owing to the death of the Queen, the holiday proclaimed for to-day should not be observed by the public, the Postmaster-General notifies that postal and telegraph business will be transacted as on ordinary days (with the exception that the clerical branches of the General Post-office will be closed to the public). The members of the Sydney Stock Exchange have decided to conduct business as usual to-day, and the customary meeting of the Exchange will be held in the forenoon. The offices of the Australian Gaslight Company will not be closed to-day, as advertised in our issue yesterday. Messrs. David Jones and Company state that, owing to the late hour at which the request of the Government not be observe to-day as a public holiday was made, they are unable to make the necessary arrangements, having already prepared to close their establishments. The warehouses of the Associated Warehouse-



men will remain open for business as usual today, in accordance with the desire of the Government. A notification to this effect appears in our advertising columns. The steamer Newcastle will not run to the Hawkesbury River this afternoon, as previously announced by Newcastle and N.R.S.S. Co. Attention is drawn to a special advertisement in this issue, by Messrs. Lloyd and Co., tea merchants, of Brickfield-Hill and Kingstreet, announce that their stores will be open to-day as usual [nothing like a good cup of tea to sooth jagged nerves].

So the Railways placed their own advertisement as follows:

TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANNIVERSARY DAY, SATURDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1901.

The whole of the additional and altered train arrangements announced for Saturday, 26th January, ARE HEREBY CANCELLED, and the train services on the whole of the lines will be the same as on an ordinary Saturday, with the exception that ADDITIONAL TRAINS will run as under:—

SOUTH COAST LINE.

8.12 a.m., 10.30 a.m., and 12.30 p.m., Sydney to National Park.

4.30 p.m., 6.30 and 7.55 p.m., National Park to Sydney.

7.8 a.m. Sydney to Kiama.

7.38 a.m. Sydney to Nowra.

8.30 a.m. Sydney to Kiama.

7.30 p.m. Sydney to Nowra.

4.30 p.m. Nowra to Sydney.

6.10 and 6.40 p.m. Kiama to Sydney.

SOUTHERN LINE

4.10 p.m. Goulburn to Sydney.

WESTERN LINE.

8.10 a.m. Sydney to Mount Victoria.4.15 p.m. Mount Victoria to Sydney.10.25 p.m. Penrith to Sydney.10.50 p.m. Sydney to Richmond.

NORTHERN LINE

9.20 a.m., Sydney to Gosford.4.35 p.m. Hawkesbury to Sydney.7.20 p.m. Gosford to Sydney.

In addition to the Cheap Excursion Tickets at 2d per unit First-class and 1d per mile Second-class, ordinarily issued on Saturday, similar cheap tickets will be issued by the trains marked thus [not clear what "thus" was—Ed]—.

THE ARRANGEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE K1AMA SHOW, GOSFORD SHOW, AND HIGHLAND SOCIETY'S SPORTS AT GOULBURN

WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS ADVER-TISED. GOODS SHEDS AND CEN-TRAL BOOKING OFFICE. The Goods Sheds and Central Booking Office will be open for the transaction of business as usual

By order of the Commissioners. - H. McLACHLAN, Secretary, New South Wales Government Railways,

Thus, Sydney—and probably other places—"enjoyed" a kind of half-baked holiday ... the sort of holiday one has when one doesn't have a holiday. No one was so keen as the Stock Exchange or the Gaslight Company to go back to a normal workday hammer and tongs, but they did get a chance to get out of town on the trains—they probably put it down to a response to mourning. I can understand that—the best thing about King George VI dying was the excitement of replacing "God Save the King", with "God Save The Queen" at Monday morning assembly.

After this period, there must have been some public pressure, or perhaps Government conscience, to "reclaim the day" that people had missed. An Official Notice duly appeared in the Sydney papers, setting aside Monday 18th March as a St Patricks Day Public Holiday–something which had never before occurred, so far as I can determine. It was a "once-off". [Groundhog Day, Saturday February 2, would have been nice and appropriate, but it was not a gazetted Public Holiday in NSW.]

A few cries of indignation were heard, but the SMH opined as follows: "St Patrick's Day.—The anniversary of the patron saint of Ireland occurs tomorrow. As Monday is, however, deemed by those specially interested in the matter a more suitable day for such festivities as are in contemplation the Government has proclaimed the day a Public Holiday throughout the State of New South Wales. It will be remembered that when the late Queen's death look place the celebration of Anniversary Day was postponed to Monday next."

The Railways Commissioners duly issued a new set of "*Train Arrangement*" notices in the <u>press</u>, more or less congruent with those which had been issued for Anniversary Day. In these notices they went along with the notion that this was a St Patricks Day holiday.

Special Train Notices

A little before Anniversary Day—on 21st January, the same day the public notices appeared—NSWGR issued what we would today call, a Special Train Notice—a booklet of some 38 pages,

which detailed all of the arrangements state -wide for the period 23rd January to Anniversary Day. Although this notice must have been cancelled, a copy has survived in a bound set of WTTs for 1901.

Bound with it was the "STN" for the St Patrick's Day Holiday—but the Commissioners were having none of that—the holiday was billed as "ANNIVERSARY DAY HOLIDAY DEFERRED". A glance at the cover pages (on our page 2) might lead one to assume, that the whole programme was transferred from one weekend to a later one, but this could hardly be the case.

For a start, the Public Holiday was now on a Monday, rather than a Saturday. In addition, the Anniversary Day traffic had already, to a very large extent—and particularly on the South Cost—occurred.

On our pages 6 to 15, we show representative pages from the two STNs juxtaposed for comparison.

South Coast (pp 6-7): probably because of the existence of National Park, the South Coast service was expected to be popular —what better place to celebrate a National Day, than a National Park? The Special Train service to this place was

•	Anniversary Day planned	20
•	Anniversary Day actual	3
•	St Patricks Day actual	22

Western Line (pp 8-9): The services on the two holidays bore little resemblance to one another—we show the pages which included the Richmond Line services. On the Main West, the Special services were

•	Anniversary Day planned	2
•	Anniversary Day actual	2
•	St Patricks Day actual	5

Northern Line (pp10-11): The Gosford area was planned to be a target of the Anniversary Day service, but enthusiasm had waned by St Patrick's Day– possibly because it was no longer beach weather.

	e e	
•	Anniversary Day planned	11
•	Anniversary Day actual	2
•	St Patricks Day actual	5

Southern Line (pp12-13): Sorry—we don't do Specials for the South

•	Anniversary Day planned	0
•	Anniversary Day actual	0
•	St Patricks Day actual	0

Main suburban (pp14-15): The "Main Suburban Lines" were defined as those serving Strathfield, Homebush and Parramatta. The numbers were:

•	Anniversary Day planned	19
•	Anniversary Day actual	not given
•	St Patricks Day actual	19

	FRIDAY, 25th Jan.		·	SA	TURD.	AY,126t	h Janu	ary,		MONI 28th	
•	A1	A 83	A 5	A7	A 9	A 23	A 85	No. 231	<u>}</u>	 A 87	
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No. 203 Empties not to run on Friday, January 25.

For Notes, see page 22.

The working between Sydney and Waterfall will be as shown on pages 16 and 17, and Drivers and Guards must refer to those pages for times at intermediate Stations.

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MARRICKVILLE-BELMORE LINE.

ADDITIONAL PASSENGER TRAINS.

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SYDNEYdep.	11 30	BELMOREdep.	12 5		
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Erskineville	j	Canterbury	12 12 12 15		
St. Peter's	37.00	Fern Hill	12 15 12 18		
YDENH'M JUNCTION	11 37	Wardell Road	12 18		
Marrickville	11 39	Marrickville "	12 24		
Wardell Road	11 42	SYDENHAM JUNCTION			
Fern Hill	11 44	St. Peter's	12 27		
Canterbury	11 47	Erskineville	12 30		
Campsie	11 50	Eveleigh	12 34		
BELMOREarr.)	11 53	SYDNEY	12 37		
Returns on Up journey as	No. 208	Train formed by	No. 207		

RICHMOND BRANCH.

	SATURDAY, J	anuary 26.		SATURDAY, January 26				
DOWN.	W 21		UP.	X 22				
<u> </u>	Special Pass.			Empty Carriages.				
BLACKTOWN dep. Donglus', Schofield's, Riverstone	8 14		RICHMOND dep. Clarendon , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Return of W 21. 01 II. 02 Sept. To form No. 11.				

W 21 connects with No. 89 Pass. (6.50 p.m. ex Sydney) and with X 4 Special (5.15 p.m. ex Mount Victoria). On Saturday, 26th January, No. 8 Pass. will be extended from Blacktown to Sydney, as shown on page 29 of this pamphlet.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Down Journey.

STRENGTHENING ORDINARY TRAINS.

No. 57 Express, on Friday, 25th January, to be made up at Sydney with load equal to 82 vehicles. In addition to the brake-van, a vehicle with brake-wheel to be provided.

W I Special and No. 23 Pass, on 26th January to each have a second-class Redfern carriage set

W I Special and No. 23 Pass. on 26th January to each have a second-class Redfern carriage set apart at Sydney for accommodation of passengers to be picked up at suburban stations.

On Saturday, 26th January, the 5.47 p.m. train (No. 15a), Sydney to Richmond, to be strengthened with one extra first and one extra second class carriage. S.M., Sydney, to arrange.

On Saturday, 26th January, the 6.25 a.m. Pass. (No. 3), Sydney to Richmond, to be made up equal to two first-class and five second-class Redfern carriages and brake-van, which vehicles must be returned from Richmond as No. 6 Pass. (Loco. Inspector to provide suitable engine power.)

On 26th January, the 6.50 p.m. train (No. 89), Sydney to Penrith, to be strengthened with two additional Redfern second-class carriages. S.M., Sydney, to arrange.

District Superintendent, Orange, will arrange to strengthen Nos. 9 and 33 Mixed Trains between Bathurst and Dubbo as required on 26th January.

No. 23 Pass. (8.20 a.m., Sydney to Eskbank, on Saturday, 26th January, to call at Seven

No. 23 Pass. (8:20 a.m., Sydney to Eskbank, on Saturday, 26th January, to call at Seven Hills, to pick up passengers.

Up Journey. STRENGTHENING ORDINARY TRAINS.

On Saturday, 26th January, No. 2 Pass. (7:10 a.m. ex Richmond) and No. 18 Pass. (7:20 a.m. ex Penrith) to be strengthened with one extra first and one extra second class Redfern carriage, and No. 70 Pass. (6.35 p.m. ex Penrith) to be strengthened with three second-class Redfern carriages.

On Monday, 28th January, No. 2 Pass. (7.10 a.m. ex Richmond) to be strengthened with one first

and two second class carriages, and No. 18 Pass. (7:20 a.m. ex Penrith) to be strengthened with two extra second-class carriages.

"Coach" to provide necessary vehicles at Penrith and Richmond.

Extra carriages to be sent from Sydney to Penrith by No. 79 Pass, on Sunday, 27th January, as usual, to form No. 35 from Katoomba on Monday, 28th January.

Forbes Races, Saturday, 26th January.

On Saturday, 26th January, for the convenience of passengers returning from above event, a "guaranteed" Special Passenger Train will run from Forbes to Parkes at the following times, and train will return empty from Parkes to Forbes.

	X 26 Special Pass.		W 25 Empty
	_		Carriages.
	p.m.	ļ	p.m.
FORBESDep.	p.m. 10 0	PARKESDep.	p.m. 11 30
		j -	a.m.
PARKES Arr.	10 55	FORBES Arr.	12 20

X26 special will also call at Daroobalgie and Tichborne, if required to set down passengers.

Station-master, Forbes, must carefully count the number of first and second-class passengers leaving by X26 Special, and send particulars to District Superintendent, Orange, on 28th January. The Guard of X26 Special to enter on his journal the number of first and second-class passengers alighting at intermediate platforms.

Station-masters, Forbes and Parkes, to post notices drawing attention of the public to the running of X 26 Special.

No. 7 Conditional train not to run from Parkes to Forbes.

	BAT	HURS	T AND ORAN	IGE.
	Sunday morning, Mar. 17.	Tuesday morning, Mar. 19.		Sunday, Mar. 17.
	No. 57a	No. 59.		No. 20
DOWN.	No. 57a Pass., extended Bathurst to Orange. (Cheap Train.)	No. 59 Mail, extended Bathurst to Orange.	UP.	No. 20 Pass., starting from Orange. (Cheap Train).
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District Superintendent, Orange, will arrange suitable altered time-table for any conditional Goods or Stock Trains required to run between Bathurst and Orange on Tuesday morning, 19th March, so as to cross No. 59 Mail.

RICHMOND BRANCH.

	Monday, March 18.	Tuesday, March 19.			Monday, M	arch 18.	
DOWN.	W 5	W 53.		UP.	X 6	X 52	
	Special Pass.	Special Pass.			Special Pass.	Empty Car- riages.	
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W 5 connects at Blacktown with No. 89 Pass. (6.50 p.m. ex Sydney), and with X 2 Special (3.50 p.m. ex Eskbank).

W 53 connects at Blacktown with W 7 Special (ex Sydney, 11°25 p.m. on 18th March).

Above trains will call where timed in large type.

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DOWN.	Special Passenger, Sydney to West Maitland.	Sydney to West Mail,	f.	Cheap Special Passenger, Sydney to West Maitland,	Light Engine, Hamilton to West Maitland.	Special Passenger, Newcastle to West Maitland.	Special Passenger, Newcastle to West Maitland,	Special Passenger, Newcastle to West Maitland.	Special Passenger, Newcastle to West Maitland,			
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	E 38	E 40		E42	E 2	E 44	E 46	E 43	E 50			
UP.	Empty Carriages, West Haitland to Newcastle.	Empty Carriages, West Maitland to Newcastle.		Light Engine, West Maitland to Hamilton.	Cheap Special Passenger, West Maitland to Sydney	Special Passenger, West Maitland to Newcastle.	Special Passenger, West Maitland to Newcastle.	Special Passenger, West Maitland to Newcastle.	Empty Carriages, West Maitland to Newcastle.			
	Return of D1,	Return of D3.		Return of D5.	Worked by D41.	Return of D43.	Return of 1245.	Return of D47.	Return of D49.			
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D45 and E46 specials to be worked by B class engine; E46 to convey horse boxes for Newcastle Races.

For special instructions, see pages 35 and 36.

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS, MONDAY, 18th MARCH.

No. 297 Pass. (4.53 a.m., Newcastle to Hexham) and No. 96 Pass. (5.25 a.m., Hexham to Newcastle) WILL NOT RUN.

No. 16 North-west Mail to call at Hexham and Waratah, if required, to pick up passengers for stations south of Hamilton.

No. 6 Pass. (825 a.m., East Maitland to West Maitland), and No. 5 Pass. (843 a.m., West Maitland to East Maitland), WILL NOT RUN; their work will be done by D 45 and E 44 Specials respectively.

Station-master, Singleton, to make up No. 48 Pass. with full load of carriages. Station-masters, Newcastle and Singleton, to confer as to the supply of necessary carriages, and arrange.

No. 142 Pass. (1.55 p.m., West Maitland to Newcastle) to be made up with full load of carriages. Station-masters, Newcastle and West Maitland, to arrange.

Station-master, Morpeth, to arrange to have two extra second-class carriages, properly cleaned and charged with gas, ready for use, if required. Station-master, Newcastle, to supply the carriages.

Loco. Inspector, Hamilton, to provide a Pilot Engine at NEWCASTLE, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Rookwood Congregational Sunday School Excursion to Fairfield.

Saturday, 26th January.

The 8-0 a.m. South Excursion (No. 9), Sydney to Goulburn, to call specially at Rookwood to pick up Picnic Party numbering about 100 children and 20 adults for Fairfield; the passengers will return from Fairfield by ordinary trains.

S.M., Sydney, to arrange for a second-class car to be attached to No. 9 and reserved to pick up this party at Rookwood.

Monday, 18th March—continued. SPECIAL TRAINS—continued.																	
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P--Passenger train.

E—Empty train.

No. 52, Pick-up, to be worked clear of X 2.

Tuesday, 19th March.

No. 9, Light Engine, Eveleigh to Homebush, to start from Sydney, conveying a set of coaches and running as No. 9a.

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To tour the territory—An analysis of W.A.'s Commissioner of Railways' system tours 1933 and 1951

DAVID WHITEFORD

HE WAGR'S COMMISSION-ER of Railways annually toured the system to inspect lines, stations and sidings, and to meet staff, customers and communities. The train could also stop where track gangs were working. His tour was broken up into segments with up to 11 departures from Perth scattered throughout the year. Often in the hotter months the tours would be to the South West and Great Southern while the cooler months would see visits to the northern and Goldfields areas. I've taken 1933 and 1951 to analyse as the WAGR system was almost at its greatest mileage and there were many cross country routes allowing journeys that need not retrace over lines already inspected. I initially hoped to use 1953 for a 20 year comparison, but the tour timetables are incomplete for that year.

It's interesting that no two years have exactly the same itinerary. For example even the Midland Railway and Northern Railway inspections out of Geraldton that had similar routes each year had different inspection times. Perhaps a branch 'Up' journey one year and 'Down' the next. The tours did not include isolated lines (Marble Bar and Ravensthorpe) and usually Perth suburban lines were not in any itinerary for inspection. Timetables, train consists, and general instructions were published in the WAGR Weekly Notice a week or two prior to each tour.

Consists

In 1933 the Commissioner's train was usually locomotive, AM 313, AL 9 and an AD composite van—313 entered service as dining car AV 313 in 1905, was converted into a Ministerial car in 1932, written off in 1991 and is preserved by Rail Heritage WA at the Bassendean rail museum. The ALs were originally AG first class suburban carriages – used most often on the Kalgoorlie

system. 36 - 39 were converted to AL inspection cars with 39 converted in 1900. It was written off in 1965. The AD class was a composite bogie brake van first introduced as AB class in 1895 and re-classed AD in 1900. The last was written off in 1967.

In 1951, AN 313 and AL 39 were joined by an AZ first class sleeping carriage (in service from 1928) and a Z class brakevan "with stove".

The tours

<u>1933</u>

Total route miles of the WAGR system – 4338 (as at 30 June).

Miles travelled during inspections – 4378

Other miles travelled ("through mileage") – 6044

Total miles travelled – 10422

1951

Total route miles of the WAGR system – 4228 (as at 30 June). Miles travelled during inspections – 4181 Other miles travelled – 5693 Total miles travelled – 9874.

For the total system mileages, in 1933 the Pemberton to Northcliffe branch had yet to open and by 1951 the Sandstone, Marble Bar and Ravensthorpe lines had closed.

In 1933 the Commissioner inspected more miles than his system contained but the 277 mile long private Midland Railway was included. Even with the MR included in the 1951 inspection, that total was somewhat less than the route miles. Occasionally small sections were inspected twice in a year. I've calculated mileages using Working timetables but did not use exact chainage in the calculations.

The times for inspection and meetings were not overly generous, giving the impression that staff, customers and community meetings were either brief or rarely needed. For example, in 1951 a Diesel Electric Railcar (the ADE 'Governor' class) would take 6 hours 20 minutes from Leonora to Kalgoorlie. The Commissioner's train took 8 hours with a mix of 'through' and

Tour	Region	Dates 1933	Miles	"Through"	Total miles
			inspected	miles	
1	Great Southern	29/1 - 3/2	476	596	1072
2	South West	3/4 - 8/4	356	378	734
3	South West	1/5 - 5/5	369	421	790
4	Central wheat-belt	15/5 - 20/5	584	416	1000
5	Upper Gt. Southern	26/6 - 30/6	239	540	779
6	Northern	10/7 - 15/7	634	1070	1704
7	Eastern Goldfields	21/8 - 26/8	383	845	1228
8	Esperance & Central wheat-belt	18/9 – 22/9	306	872	1178
9	Midland Rly / Northern	16/10 - 17/11	527	400	927
10	Central / NE wheat-belt	12/11 - 17/11	504	506	1010

Tour	Region	Dates 1951	Miles	"Through"	Total miles
			inspected	miles	
1	Great Southern	14/1 - 20/1	348	710	1058
2	South West	12/2 - 15/2	229	300	529
3	SW / Great Southern	2/4 - 5/4	452	395	847
4	Midland Rly / Northern	27/5 - 1/6	586	341	927
5	Northern	27/5 - 1/6	501	951	1451
6	Upper G. Sth/ SW	25/6 - 29/6	288	468	756
7	Central wheat-belt	22/7 - 27/7	582	379	961
8	Eastern Goldfields /	22/8 - 1/9	406	1226	1632
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9	Eastern Goldfields	17/9 – 22/9	270	389	659
10	Central / NE wheat-belt	21/10 - 26/10	519	534	1053
10	Central / NE Wheat-belt	21/10 - 26/10	319	334	1055

inspect mileage and the need to service the steam loco. A DERC could travel Esperance to Coolgardie in 9 hours 40 minutes while the Commissioner's train took 10 hours 45, again with a mix of through and inspection miles. A better comparison is probably York to Bruce Rock over which a DERC ran in 7 hours while the Commissioner took 7 hours 40 in full inspection mode.

For most tours the Commissioner departed Perth on an overnight journey, commencing inspections the next day. Similarly most tours ended with an overnight journey to Perth. Of course tours of lines closest to Perth started or ended with daylight journeys and only suburban or short country mileage was 'through' miles at the start and/or end

of the tour. The train was stabled overnight in a major town for each night of the actual inspection period.

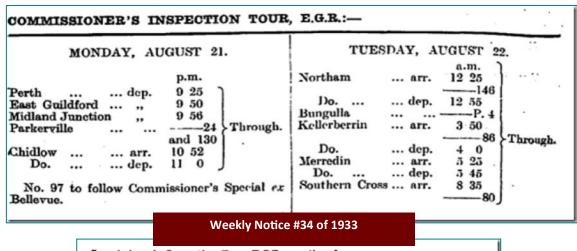
Sometimes the timetable noted that during an extended stay in Kalgoorlie, the Commissioner would inspect Parkeston and Boulder but there was no specific train times published. He may have used one of the petrol railmotors that were used for the remnant Kalgoorlie suburban trains. Any mileage traversed is not included in the above tables.

The Commissioner's 1951 return from his Eastern Goldfields inspection is of interest as initially his train was to be attached to #86 passenger from Coolgardie to Perth, or if that train did not have the capacity his train would run as a special per normal practice. However a later *Weekly Notice* instructs that the train would run as a special – but would start from Kalgoorlie and convey mails, perishables, and vans ex the Trans Australian Railway and add the Commissioner's consist at Coolgardie.

These inspection tours lasted into but not beyond the 1950s. I'm sure they weren't always a joy ride, but what an opportunity to see and record the rail systems they offered.

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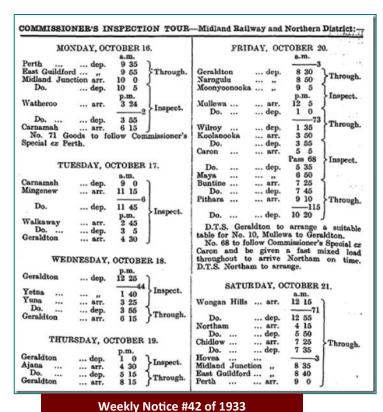
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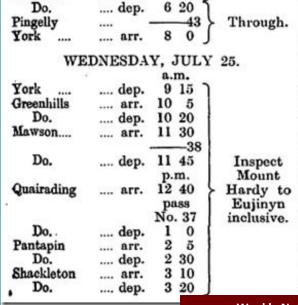
Midland Railway Company to provide engine power for Special between Midland Junction and Walkaway.

D.T.S. and D.L.S., Geraldton and Northam, to arrange engine working beyond. Depot stations arrange Guards' working.

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Station-masters to advise any local organisations likely to be interested or desirous of conferring with the Commissioner of Railways.

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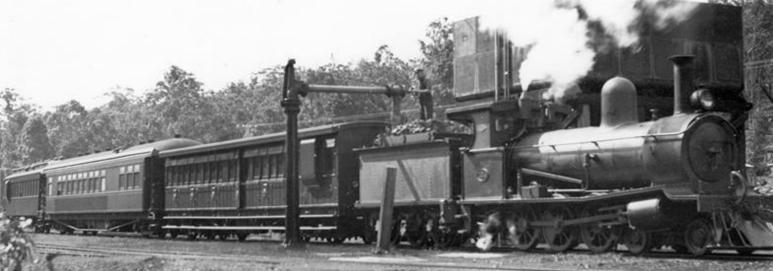
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G class steam locomotive on the Commissioner's Inspection train, taking on water, fireman on top of the tender, water column, water tower, Cambray, WN line.

