



# TABLE TALK

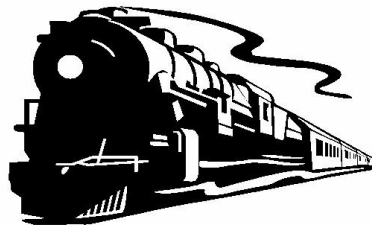
April 2005, Number 153

RRP \$2.95

ISSN 1038-3697

---

## Standard Working Timetable



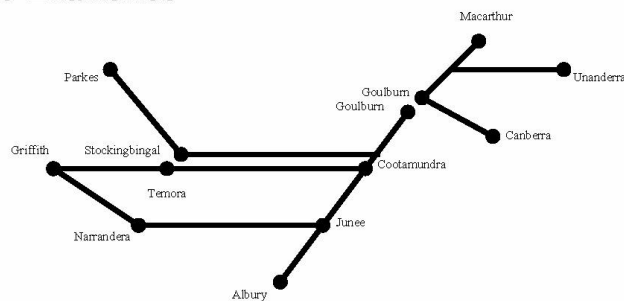
### **FREIGHT AND COUNTRY PASSENGER SERVICES**

**From 03<sup>rd</sup> April 2005**

---

**BOOK 4  
SECTION TWO**

### Macarthur to Albury & Branches



**AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRACK CORPORATION LTD**

# Top Table Talk:

---

- ARTC Working timetable – see pages 1 and 5
- New V/Line booklets – see page 3
- Manly ferry to Cockatoo island – see page 11

---

**Table Talk** is published monthly by the Australian Association of Timetable Collectors Inc. [Registration No: A0043673H] as a journal covering recent news items. The AATTC also publishes *The Times* covering historic and general items.

**Editor:** Duncan MacAuslan, 19 Ellen Street, Rozelle, NSW, 2039 – (02) 9555 2667, [dmacaus1@bigpond.net.au](mailto:dmacaus1@bigpond.net.au)

**Editorial Team:** Graeme Cleak, Lourie Smit.

**Production:** Geoff and Judy Lambert, Chris London.

**Secretary:** Steven Ward, 12/1219 Centre Road, South Oakleigh, VIC, 3167, (03) 9540 0320

**AATTC on the web:** [www.aattc.org.au](http://www.aattc.org.au)

Original material appearing in *Table Talk* may be reproduced in other publications, acknowledgement is required.

**Membership** of the AATTC includes monthly copies of *The Times*, *Table Talk*, the distribution list of TTs and the twice-yearly auction catalogue. The membership fee is \$45.00 pa. Membership enquiries should be directed to the Membership Officer: Dennis McLean, 53 Bargo Street, Arana Hills, Qld, 4054, - (07) 3351 6496.

## You Wrote...

---

### ***Who Issued That Timetable When?***

**By John D Wilkins, Editor of the National Association of Timetable Collectors *First Edition*.** American collectors have the same issues we do!

In the days of old, one could pick up any timetable and be instantly informed as to the name of the carrier. It was there for all to see. In a rare instance when the name was not on the cover, it was somewhere inside. Today the marketing name is displayed with great prominence, but the actual name of the carrier is no longer to be found. Many transit firms like to use the word "Metro" and their true name is no where in sight. In the past, companies built up a great following by simply marketing their true name. Even Amtrak hides its true name in small print on their documents. How many know Amtrak's real name, or for that matter, the name of their local transit provider? Read through the names in the "Rail Transit" or "Urban Transit" sections to see what I mean. I guess all is not lost though, the Long Island Rail Road uses its official name or LIRR and even spells railroad as it originally was, two words.

It has also become a bit annoying that many timetables are now being issued without effective dates. A scan of many timetables, including the fine print, carries no indication of when it was issued to the public. On rare occasion the code markings in the margins will offer a clue. This practice is most prevalent with the small bus operators who apparently do not have the resources to issue a timetable frequently. Often they operate on a "policy" headway, one not determined by demand, and they seek to maximize the document's shelf life. In some instances they do indicate the year of issue but I have seen them in the rack several years latter. This makes the situation a bit confusing, especially for the user.

As a consolation, those who do not market their true name or no longer use effective dates still issue timetables. The airline industry is slowly moving users away from the printed timetable to the web. Here one is invited to enter the desired city pairs to see what service is offered. Frankly it was easier to flip through pages to get the same information. I found a bright spot the other day, someone sent me a subscription offer for the OAG, I thought they had disappeared.

# For the Record

---

**Contributors:** Tony Bailey, Chis Brownbill, Derek Cheng, Anthony Christie, Graeme Cleak, Michael Coley, Ian Cooper, Ken Davey, Adrian Dessanti, Graham Duffin, Noel Farr, Neville Fenn, Paul Garred, Alan Gray, Steven Haby, Craig Halsall, Robert Henderson, Michael Hutton, Albert Isaacs, Bob Jackson, Matthew Jennings, Peter Jones, Geoff Lambert, Julian Mathieson, Michael Marshall, John Mikita, Peter Murphy, Len Regan, Graeme Reynolds, Scott Richards, Lourie Smit, Tris Tottenham, Craig Watkins, Roger Wheaton, David Whiteford, *Tasmanian Rail News, Sydney Morning Herald*

## General

---

### Sydney

---

The usual brochure issued by Sydney Ferries, Sydney Buses and Cityrail for the 2005 Easter Show was published. It sets out details of how to get there using buses and trains and details of the combined prices for fares and access to the Show. The CityRail web-site had a complete Easter Show system timetable.

**University transport guides** - Sydney Buses and CityRail

- Your transport guide to UNSW
- Your transport guide to Sydney University
- Your transport guide to UTS

Printed February 2005 - all in the same format, including a network map of local routes (same as the STA uni maps) and route and ticket info. The Sydney University guide shows section points on the map while the others do not.

### New South Wales

---

**CountryLink** North Coast Timetable, Valid from 6 February 2005 features new diagrammatic network map on the cover similar to the CityRail network map.

### Melbourne

---

Melbourne's **Public Transport Map** has been reprinted with correction details. Dated January, 2005 and price is still \$2.00 and available from Met Shop in Melbourne.

### Victoria

---

**V/Line.**

New pocket timetables that should be noted as effective 27 February 2005 are:

- Traralgon/Warragul/Melbourne (Large pocketsize Green).
- Lake Entrance/Bairnsdale/Melbourne (Large pocketsize Green).
- Inverloch/Cowes/Melbourne (Small pocketsize Green).
- Warrnambool/Apollo Bay/Melbourne (Great Ocean Road) (Small pocketsize Blue). The

Great Ocean Road TT is now known as Warrnambool - Apollo Bay - Melbourne.

- Batemans Bay/Narooma/Melbourne (Sapphire Coast Link) (Large pocketsize, Red)

The following **V/Line colour booklet** timetables dated 27th February, 2005 are also available:

- West Victoria (Purple booklet with photograph of Farmlands, Goldfields purple cover).
- North Victoria via Seymour (Yellow booklet with photograph of Craigs Hut, Mt Stirling yellow cover) covers the former north-east region.
- East Victoria (Green booklet with photograph of The Gippsland Lakes green cover).
- North Victoria via Bendigo (Yellow booklet with a cover picture of a Historic Bridge, Macedon Ranges) covers the former North & North West booklets

The blue South Western Victoria timetable will not be issued until Marshall station is opened, still some weeks away..

There is also a blue and white A4 leaflet (double-sided) "Eastern Region timetable changes 27 February" which lists all the main changes.

As V/Line no longer will be issuing North West or South East booklet timetables Craig Halsall has listed the timetable contents of each booklet.

#### **EAST VICTORIA**

500 - Melbourne to Bairnsdale via Dandenong, Pakenham, Warragul, Traralgon & Sale

501 - Melbourne to Lake Tyers Beach via Sale, Bairnsdale & Lakes Entrance

505 - Melbourne to Sale via Traralgon & Maffra

510 - Melbourne to Yarram via Dandenong, Lang Lang & Leongatha

515 - Melbourne to Cowes via Dandenong, Lang Lang & Inverloch

018 - Melbourne to Canberra via Sale & Bairnsdale (Capital Link)

019 - Melbourne to Batemans Bay via Sale & Merimbula (Sapphire Coast Link)

**NORTH VICTORIA** via Seymour (replaces Nothth East)

400 - Melbourne to Albury/Wodonga via Seymour, Benalla & Wangaratta

405 - Melbourne to Mansfield / Mansfield to Mt Buller  
 410 - Melbourne to Shepparton to Cobram/Tocumwal/Griffith via Seymour  
 415 - Melbourne to Yarrowonga/Mulwala via Seymour & Benalla  
 416 - Shepparton to Sydney via Benalla  
 417 - Melbourne to Bright via Wangaratta  
 418 - Melbourne to Corowa via Wangaratta  
 419 - Melbourne to Echuca/Moama via Shepparton  
 420 - Melbourne to Mount Beauty via Wangaratta (High Country Link)  
 002 - Melbourne to Canberra (Capital Link)  
 018 - Melbourne to Canberra via Sale & Bairnsdale (Capital Link)  
 012 - Sydney to Adelaide via Albury (Speedlink)  
 020 - Mildura to Albury (Murray Link)  
 304 - Melbourne to Echuca/Moama via Murchison East or Bendigo  
 310 - Melbourne to Deniliquin via Heathcote, Rochester & Echuca/Moama  
 312 - Melbourne to Barmah via Heathcote & Nathalla  
 026 - Bendigo to Albury via Shepparton, Wangaratta & Wodonga  
**WEST VICTORIA**  
 200 - Melbourne to Ballarat via Bacchus Marsh  
 201 - Melbourne to Mount Gambier via Ballarat, Hamilton & Casterton  
 202 - Melbourne to Ouyen via Ballarat & Hopetoun  
 205 - Melbourne to Halls Gap via Ballarat & Stawell (Grampians Link)  
 210 - Melbourne to Ararat, Horsham & Dimboola  
 008 - Melbourne to Adelaide via Bendigo & Dimboola (The Daylink)  
 020 - Mildura to Albury (Murray Link)  
 025 - Mildura to Ballarat via Castlemaine, Bendigo & Swan Hill  
 104 - Geelong to Ballarat to Mildura via Donald  
 106 - Warrnambool to Ballarat  
 309 - Melbourne to Donald via Bendigo  
 108 - Bendigo to Geelong via Daylesford & Ballarat  
 307 - Melbourne to Maryborough via Castlemaine or Ballarat  
 308 - Melbourne to Mildura via Ballarat, Maryborough & Donald.  
**NORTH VICTORIA** via Bendigo  
 300 Melbourne to Bendigo via Sunbury, Woodend, Kyneton & Castlemaine  
 301 Melbourne to Daylesford via Woodend or Ballarat  
 302 Melbourne to Mildura via Bendigo & Swan Hill  
 303 Melbourne to Barham via Bendigo, Rochester & Cohuna  
 304 Melbourne to Echuca/Moama via Murchison East or Bendigo  
 305 Melbourne to Sea Lake via Bendigo & Charlton

306 Melbourne to Swan Hill via Bendigo & Ultima  
 307 Melbourne to Maryborough via Castlemaine or Ballarat  
 308 Melbourne to Mildura via Ballarat, Maryborough & Donald  
 309 Melbourne to Donald via Bendigo  
 310 Melbourne to Deniliquin via Heathcote, Rochester & Echuca/Moama  
 311 Melbourne to Barham via Heathcote, Rochester & Cohuna  
 312 Melbourne to Barmah via Heathcote & Nathalla  
 026 Bendigo to Albury via Shepparton, Wangaratta & Wodonga  
 008 Melbourne to Adelaide via Bendigo (Daylink)  
 012 Sydney to Adelaide via Albury (Speedlink)  
 020 Mildura to Albury (Murray Link)  
 025 Mildura to Ballarat via Swan Hill, Bendigo & Castlemaine  
 108 Bendigo to Geelong via Daylesford & Ballarat

Latest word from V/Line HQ is that the (Victoria wide) booklet timetable will now not be issued until early 2006 when the Regional Fast Rail project is complete.

V/Line have reissued the South Geelong - Melbourne pocket timetable, effective February 28th 2005. No changes. Meanwhile, all timetables effective 27/2/05 are large size.

## ***International***

Some 'highlights' from the March-April 2005 issue of the ***Thomas Cook Overseas Timetable***:

- The latest news letter from the Friends of Latin American Railways, *VOLTA O TREM*, has plenty of good news for rail travellers to South America. They say that in Bolivia in conjunction with a film project, steam locomotives and coaches are being repaired and renovated and when filming is finished, in September 2005, the renovated stock will be used for tourist trains. In Argentina they go on to say that towards the end of March services between Buenos Aires and Córdoba should be resumed. It's a long way off but in Chile they say that from December regular passenger trains will run from Temuco and Puerto Montt. And if that is not enough, Cuba is to get 12 new diesel locomotives from China.
- We have received what is the complete schedule for *TAZARA* rail services in Tanzania. Unfortunately, this "detailed" timetable doesn't give timings for many of the stopping points. Our correspondent suggests that as the timetable contains no information about services on the branch line to Kidatu, they have probably been withdrawn.

---

## Sydney

---

CityRail has produced a B5 sized travel brochure titled *Getting home with CityRail after the 2005 Royal Easter Show* which includes a line by line matrix showing travel options for getting home each day from the Show (same table as shown on their website). Printed February 2005.

**RailCorp** has recruited two experts in timetabling and safety from Britain to help reverse the Sydney train system's poor performance and help introduce new timetables in September.

With the success or otherwise of the new timetable likely to be a key to voter sentiment before the next election in March 2007, the Carr Government is taking no chances. So it has turned to the London Underground to recruit a new executive with experience of introducing new timetables to spearhead the project. Rob Mason, the Underground's group general manager of train services, has spent his first month in Sydney regularly travelling the network so he can understand the problems faced by Sydney. About 37 per cent of trains ran late last week. In London Mr Mason had to grapple with introducing an entire new timetable for the Underground after it became clear that trip times in the existing one were unrealistic. The new timetable added a minute or two to travel times, but greatly improved reliability, he said. At the same time London faced a similar shortage of drivers. The recruitment drive involved retraining guards, but the Underground also recruited many women. "Their customer care skills are very good," Mr Mason said. Underground drivers are paid £31,000 (\$75,000) a year but there are no penalties. Mr Mason said it took 19 weeks to train a driver in London - compared with 19 months here - but the London network does not have the same complexity because its lines are separated and drivers train for particular lines.

The second British recruit is Clare Kitcher, a safety expert, who worked for First Great Western and British Rail. Her role is to not only implement the findings from the inquiry into Waterfall disaster, but to help RailCorp identify future safety risks based on her experience of the British network. "It's important to learn from past accidents, but the challenge is to identify Ms Kitcher said her impression of RailCorp was that it was very "rules-based".

The Minister for Transport, John Watkins, said the new hirings were part of the strategy to get the network back on track. As well as the new timetable and driver recruitment, Mr Watkins said

RailCorp was spending more on maintenance and tackling problems with the network more quickly.

(From the *Sydney Morning Herald*, 22March 2005, written by Anne Davies, State Political Editor)

**CityRail** issued 3 full Working Time Tables, disguised as Special Train Notices, for the Sydney Royal Easter Show- one for the week-days involved, one for the first weekend and one for the second (Easter) weekend. All three were full system WTTs, with all trains shown and totalling some 500 pages each.

---

## NSW

---

**ARTC** issued Version 4 of its 28-Nov-2004 SWTT (Book 6 only- North Coast) early in January 2005. The ARTC web-site had been foreshadowing a complete issue of a new NSW system SWTT, but this did not eventuate. In late March ARTC finally issued a complete new NSW SWTT, to take effect from 3Apr-2005. This SWTT featured a graphic of a North American steam locomotive on its cover pages (see p1, this issue).

**NSW RailCorp** issued two new Freight SWTTs for its NSW system (essentially a shell around Sydney) in late February. First to appear was a Version 1, to take effect from 3-Apr-2005, this being the same date as that for ARTC SWTT (although the latter appeared much later). A few days later, a "Version 2" of an SWTT to take effect from 24-Apr-2005 was also issued. There was probably a mix-up with date for this latter SWTT. It would be unusual to have a "new" SWTT issued three weeks after an older one and unusual for such to be labelled version 2 (and both being issued 6 weeks in advance of their effect dates). There is little difference between these two SWTTs. Both have errors.

---

## Melbourne

---

Bentleigh will have an additional service and two morning peak-hour trains on the Frankston line will have altered departure times from Monday March 21. To allow the 0746 train to make an additional stop at Bentleigh, this train will depart Frankston one minute earlier at 0745. This train will depart all stations to Mordialloc, then Cheltenham and Moorabbin one minute earlier than at present, depart Bentleigh at 0817 and then run to the existing timetable from Caulfield to Flinders Street. To cater for this extra stop, the 0740 train from Frankston has had to be altered to depart Frankston at 0739. This train will leave all stations from Frankston to Ormond one minute earlier than at present and then operate to the current timetable. These changes to the weekday

timetable will give passengers at Benteleigh an additional travel option in the morning peak and provide a better spread of passenger loadings on these two trains.

## **Victoria**

---

**V/Line** Stage One of the major Regional Fast Rail works on the Bendigo line was completed on Friday, 1 April 2005. Stage Two will commence on Saturday, 16 April 2005. A temporary timetable will apply for the second stage of the works, and will continue until May. This timetable has been coloured purple to make it easily recognisable for passengers.

### **Victorian Tourist Railway Timetables**

- Mornington Railway Timetable Feb 05 - Jan 06.
- Bellarine Peninsula Railway Queenscliff - Drysdale 2005.

## **Queensland**

---

**Queensland Rail** has issued a comprehensive brochure / timetable for all their Traveltrain services in addition to their TT for the Cairns Tilt service, etc. About this time last year Lourie Smit picked up one of these timetables in Sydney dated 1st April 2004 before anyone from Brisbane had reported it. Now he has picked up another copy in Sydney but this time instead of having a starting date it states "Interim timetable valid until 1 April 2005".

**Pacific National** Queensland has issued a WTT of sorts for its new Queensland services.

## **Adelaide**

---

Due to a major track upgrade on the Gawler rail line, Islington station was closed to passengers from Monday 28 February to 7 March. Passengers had to use Dudley Park or Kilburn, according to a news item in The Advertiser. Kilburn was most inconvenient as an alternative station.

## **Tasmania**

---

A new crewing roster was introduced in mid November which resulted in some changes to train services, mainly at weekends.



## **National**

---

Some further changes to **Greyhound** services. Effective 08 March 2005 Weekly service Adelaide to Perth GX560 will now run on Tuesday

- The Saturday Hobart departure of train 736 was put back from early afternoon to early evening, actual time depending on progress of loading and now runs straight through to Burnie instead of stabling in Devonport until Monday morning.
- Saturday's 733 from Devonport has been replaced with 735 now running all seven days.
- Sunday's 131 paper train from Burnie has been cancelled. 131 now runs to Conara on Saturday morning, stables, and continues on Sunday.

## **New Zealand**

---

In preparation for the end of summer, Tranz Scenic has developed a new timetable and marketing strategy for The Overlander. This will position The Overlander more as a unique tourism experience rather than simply an A-to-B service. The Overlander will depart two hours earlier than the current timetable, at 0725 and arrive in Auckland at 1920 and Wellington at 1925, allowing passengers plenty of time to check in to their accommodation and grab a meal downtown.

The new timetable for The Overlander will commence on April 10, 2005. It includes stops at National Park station to provide passengers with a time to relax and enjoy the Station Café and selected viaducts for viewing and photo opportunities.

Changes from the current summer timetable include:

- earlier departure from Wellington which allows for crossing at National Park and an earlier arrival into Auckland at 1920 (currently 2150)
- a stop at National Park where both trains meet, which makes day excursions to National Park from Auckland and Wellington possible
- removal of low patronage stops
- removal of the Porirua stop when travelling from Wellington due to conflict with Tranz Metro suburban services. Passengers can use any Tranz Metro service to connect with The Overlander at Paraparaumu

departing Adelaide at 1930 and arriving in Perth at 0525 (Thursday).

Effective 10 March 2005 Weekly service Perth to Adelaide GX650 will now run on Thursday departing Perth 1945 and arriving in Adelaide at 1025 (Saturday).

# Sydney

## Sydney Buses

The timetables for ex-Harris Park Transport routes are still only available as PDF files:

- 620 Dural to City
- 623 Parramatta to Beecroft
- 624 Parramatta to Epping
- 625 Parramatta to Pennant Hills
- 626 Pennant Hills to Cherrybrook; 627 Parramatta to Cherrybrook via Pennant Hills
- 628 Epping to Carlingford, 629 North Rocks (Westfield) to Epping
- 630 Blacktown to Macquarie Centre (operated in conjunction with Westbus)

Bondi Explorer - January 2005. The map and list of stops now shows stop 13 as being at Bronte Marine Drive, Bronte Beach daily. In the previous brochure (April 2004), stop 13 was at the corner of Tamarama Marine Drive and Hewlett Street, Bronte on weekends and public holidays, the Bronte Marine Drive stop being served on weekdays only.

There are also some timetable changes for route 400. The 1940 and 2000 ex Burwood now depart at 1943 and 2003 respectively (and depart 3 mins later throughout). There is also an additional service from Eastgardens to Bondi Junction at 2140 on weeknights. On return trips, all trips from Bondi Junction to Burwood every day depart from stops Mascot - Burwood inclusive 3 mins later (2 mins evenings), as a result of running times between Eastgardens and Mascot being increased to 11 minutes (currently 8 mins). Departure times from Bondi Junction to Eastgardens inclusive remain the same. This is probably as a result of the change to terminal arrangements last year where route 400 now stops at the lower level bus interchange at Eastgardens on Burwood-bound trips, then doubles back via Maroubra Road and Banks Avenue to return to Wentworth Avenue.

*Your convenient transport to The Cracker Comedy Festival* (March 1 - April 1), with a map of Enmore Road and King Street showing routes 422-428 and transport information for travel to Enmore Theatre and Newtown clubs, with last buses to the City and Marrickville/Kingsgrove. Shows a photo of a gas Mercedes with 'Cracker Comedy Festival' on the destination, the brochure also has information on the various performances available during March.

From Monday March 21 2005 the City departure points changed for:

- 323 - altered from Spring St to Circular Quay (Stand D). This change results in all services to New South Head Rd departing from a common stop at Circular Quay.

- 373 & X73- buses which departed from Gresham St instead depart from Spring St. Departure times remain unchanged.
- 374 & 376- buses between 1630 and 1815 depart from Martin Place instead of Circular Quay. Departure times from Martin Place remain unchanged.
- X74, 377 & X77- buses which departed from Gresham St depart from Circular Quay. Departure times remain unchanged.

These changes are designed to improve the flow of buses leaving the northern part of the City during the busiest part of the day.

Several STA services changed from Sunday 27 March 2005 with minor modifications to the starting times and running times of 431-4 and 470 services to reflect current operating conditions, and as well:

- 430 The last two buses on Sunday evening will operate 5 and 10 minutes later
- route X31 will be replaced by all stops 431 trips
- 470 Early Sunday morning buses will commence up to 10 minutes earlier

From Tuesday 29 March:

- 250 was discontinued and replaced by additional 143/144 and 247 trips; this was originally expected to happen on 31 January.
- 261 off-peak and Sat trips were reduced to a 60 min frequency

Printed timetables effective :

- February 2005

- 313 - 317 (Eastgardens/Coogee to Bondi Junction) - Version 4.

- March 2005

- 151, 175-184 Warringah, version 2
- 252-3-4 Lane Cove West to City, version 4
- 400/410 Burwood - Bondi Junction, version 5
- 458, 459 Burwood to Mac Uni - version 5
- 475-8-9 Brighton-Le-Sands, version 5
- 523-4 Parramatta to Ryde, version 5

- 27 March 2005

- 143/E43/144 Manly to Chatswood via Neutral Bay, version 2 (31 January issue with sticker over original date)
- 244-249 Mosman to City, version 2
- 261 Lane Cove and Northwood to City, version 7 (31 January issue with sticker over original date)
- 430 Wharf 1 to QVB DL style
- 431/2/3/4 Glebe version 3
- 470 Lilyfield version 4

PDFs

March 2005

- 151 - 175/190 (Warringah)
- 159, 176, E76-7 (Wingala)
- 252-254 (Lane Cove West)
- 257, 272-3 (Willoughby)
- 380-381-382-L82-X84

- 400-410 (Burwood - Bondi)
- 458-459-461 (Burwood - Macquarie) 461 was not previously listed with this timetable
- 475-8-9
- 523-524 (Parramatta – Ryde) still shows the pre-Jan 2004 times for route L20 during the peaks

21 March 2005

- 323-324-L24-325-(326)
- 371-373, X73
- 374
- 376-377, X77

27 March 2005

- 430
- 431/2/3/4
- 470

There was a minor timetable change for **Westbus** route 790 St Marys - Penrith effective 7 March 2005, affecting the 0748 departure from St Marys to Penrith, which will have revised arrival times at timing points en route:

Myrtle Road and Massa Place 0755  
 Second Avenue and O'Connell 0800  
 Angophora Ave and Casuarina Place 0805  
 Kingswood High School 0810  
 Nepean Hospital 0817  
 Penrith Station 0830

A problem was noticed in the **131500 website** where a large number of bus timetables had errors where many trips were shown up to four times - some of the repeats only showed parts of trips. There were also many references to old operators. These were reported to the service provider by an AATTC member and the problems were been fixed in the last week of March

## ***New South Wales***

**Edwards** Armidale timetable for routes 480-485, version 2, effective February 2005. The only change in version 2 is the inclusion of the 9:20am service on route 480 from Uralla to Armidale, operating Fridays only. This trip was actually included in the previous 2004 timetable but omitted in the new TG format TT version 1 when released last month. The Edwards website has also now been updated by TransitGraphics in the same style as other TG-designed websites (eg Jones Bros and Red Bus). The website includes PDF copies of the timetable booklet and network map.

**Newcastle Buses** has issued a new timetable for Routes 349 – 351 Swansea – Newcastle dated 21 Feb 2005, version 9. Three changes have been detected:

- 1450 trip on route 350 from Swansea Heads now runs 18 minutes later
- 0747 trip on route 350 from Museum to Swansea Heads now runs 5 minutes earlier

- Selected journeys have been denoted as 'wheelchair accessible': 2 each way each day.

There has been no publicity of these timetable changes. The change to the inward afternoon trip on route 350 is of particular concern. The Swansea route system is one of the most 'profitable' in the Newcastle network, and features a regular half hourly frequency all day 7 days a week. This timetable change creates a service gap of 48 minutes on the common route 349 – 350 north of Belmont between 1456 and 1544 – a prime time for passenger travel. The next bus follows 7 minutes later. Although this may comply with the contract requirement of 2 trips an hour, it is not the service pattern that is conducive to maintaining and attracting bus patronage.

This is the fourth version of the Swansea timetable that has been issued since Route 353 was introduced operating the same way as route 351 between Belmont and Charlestown as a weekday off-peak supplement. However, the services on route 353 are still not shown in the Swansea – Newcastle timetable.

New website PDF timetable - Newcastle Buses and Ferries:

- 310-311 (Belmont - Charlestown - Newcastle) - effective March 2005

## ***Melbourne***

**Cranbourne Transit** new timetables:

- 789 - 791 dated 28 January 2005.
- 892 Narre Warren Sth - Dandenong reprinted dated 23rd April, 2004.

**Grenda Corp.** 857 Chelsea - Dandenong bus timetables had been reprinted dated 14th February, 2005 some bus times altered.

**Ivanhoe Bus Co** have scheduled some new trips on route 548 Kew - Latrobe University in the morning and afternoon peak, they are up on the website now. Extra trips have been scheduled at 0850 and 1520 ex Kew to Latrobe Uni and 0800 ex Latrobe to Kew and 0825 ex Ivanhoe to Kew. The new timetable dated 28th February 2005 is a photocopied A4 sheet

**National Bus** Route 367 effective 28th February 2005 the following two trips no longer operate via Aquinas College:

- 1550 367A service from Croydon Railway Station to Ringwood Railway Station - now arrives at Ringwood Railway Station eleven minutes earlier at 1549.
- 1545 367 service Ringwood Railway Station to Croydon Railway Station now departs nine minutes later at 1554.

**Ventura** Route 753 from Tuesday 1st March 2005 due to major overloading issues at Brentwood Secondary College, two trips have been changed



to accommodate an extra morning school bus.

The trips affected are the:

- 0733 trip from Wheelers Hill to Glen Waverley, which will now depart at 0725; and
- 0755 trip from Glen Waverley, which will now depart at 0803.

**Westtrans** Altona the following bus timetables have been reprinted dated September, 2004 still old white format with extra 'K' Kefford Corporation logo at the bottom right had corner and route map still in old format:

- 409 Yarraville - Footscray - Roberts Street
- 413 Laverton - Hoppers Crossing
- 414 Laverton South - Laverton - Footscray
- 415 Aircraft - Williamstown

## **Brisbane**

---

Starting on Monday 4th April 2005 there will be a new bus service (route 399) between Samford Village and Ferny Grove railway station. The service will run initially as a trial for three months. Buses will be scheduled to connect with QR trains at Ferny Grove, departing Samford at 0700, 0735 and 1745, departing Ferny Grove at 0634, 1653 and 1729, journey time 13 minutes. The service will be part of the TransLink system, with TransLink tickets and fares. QR fares will not be valid on the bus route. Limited daily car parking is available near the bus stops in Samford.

Commencing Monday, 28 March 2005 TransLink is implementing improvements to **Hornibrook Bus Lines** routes 10 and 12, including more services between Petrie Station and Westfield Strathpine, better connectivity with train services at Petrie Station and the inclusion of new destinations along the routes. These changes involve new timetables, routes and route numbers.

Route 10 (renumbered to 681) weekdays (peak hours) will be extended along Discovery Drive, North Lakes and terminate at Petrie Station. Off-peak (weekdays) route 681 will only travel to North Lakes Town Centre, however the route will be extended to terminate at Westfield Strathpine. To meet the connecting QR Citytrain service, the

weekday service departing Freshwater Creek Drive at 0742 will travel direct to Petrie Station along ANZAC Ave, rather than through Frenchs Forest. All other services will travel via the Frenchs Forest area. On Saturdays, route 681 will service both Discovery Drive, North Lakes and Westfield Strathpine.

Route 12 (renumbered to 682) will travel a more direct route to Petrie Station and will no longer travel via the Frenchs Forest area. All Route 682 services will also be extended to Discovery Drive, North Lakes. Route 682 morning peak hour services will depart from North lakes (departing Discovery drive at 0532, 0622, 0700) and not Peninsula Fair, Kippa Ring. Route 682 evening peak hour services will depart from Petrie Railway Station (at 1745 and 1825) and not Westfield Strathpine Westfield. The last service departing Strathpine Westfield Shopping Centre will be at 1808.

From 11 April 2005, North Lakes residents wishing to travel to Petrie Station should catch either routes 681 or 682, as the local community bus will no longer travel to this station. The community bus will continue as a local service on a slightly modified route until 17 June 2005 and will operate between 8am and 4 pm, Monday to Friday.

New Timetables:

### **BCC**

- 427/428/432 Effective 24 January 2005

### **Hornibrook Bus Lines**

- New Mango Hill Estate to Strathpine (former route 10) effective 28th March 2005
- Peninsula Fair to Westfield Strathpine (former route 12) effective 28th March 2005

## **Perth**

---

Transperth introduced new blue coloured school bus stops from first term 2005. The new stops are used by students catching Transperth school services where the service does not run along a normal timetabled bus route and they previously were the standard Transperth orange pole..



**Air New Zealand** is set to take a larger share of the Queensland travel market by taking over Freedom Air services between Brisbane and Auckland, Christchurch and Wellington, representing 13 flights per week in total. The flights will be progressively transferred between the carriers from 25 April to 6 June 2005 and will re-introduce the Air New Zealand brand on the Brisbane-Wellington route. The final result will see Air New Zealand operate 21 services a week from

Brisbane to Auckland (up from 18), nine weekly services from Brisbane to Christchurch (up from five) and six weekly services between Brisbane and Wellington (up from zero).

Freedom Air will continue to fly to Brisbane from Hamilton, Palmerston North and Dunedin and to the Gold Coast from Auckland, Christchurch, Wellington, Dunedin and Hamilton. There will be

no loss of services for travellers, with Air New Zealand picking up Freedom Air's existing schedule and all passenger bookings made on those services. The changes will not in any way reduce the number of flights available to customers, but simply realign the Air New Zealand and Freedom Air brands onto non-competing routes.

**Cathay Pacific (CX)** is to launch additional services to Amsterdam, Ho Chi Minh City, Johannesburg, Nagoya and Perth. Seven weekly flights to Beijing and a third daily non-stop flight to Los Angeles will also be added. The new Perth flight will increase the current schedule from three to four weekly flights and bring to 52 the number of direct flights the airline operates to six cities in Australia each week.

**Emirates (EK)** has announced special fares for the launch of the second daily service from Sydney via Bangkok. Emirates will be operating the brand new B777-300 ER aircraft on this route. Emirates will boost its daily non-stop service from Sydney to Dubai with an additional three flights per week from Sydney via Bangkok from 29 March. The additional service will become daily from 1 May, resulting in 14 flights per week to Dubai and onward to an array of destinations including Vienna, Paris, Rome, Glasgow, London, Athens and Cairo.

**Garuda Indonesia (GA)** will soon announce detailed plans to expand its capacity from Australia by approximately 20 per cent to cater for holiday and business travel. The Indonesian carrier already offers the greatest frequency of flights to Bali from Australia (24 weekly from Australia, with another two from Auckland via Brisbane). New aircraft will supplement Garuda Indonesia's existing fleet for Australia, which already includes modern Airbus A330s flying from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Auckland and shorter-haul Boeing 737s from Darwin and Perth. Perth will get the Boeing 737 800 aircraft.

To answer the dramatic increase in demand for Bali, Garuda Indonesia has added a second dedicated service between Brisbane and Denpasar, bringing the total number of weekly services to four. The new flight GA707 departs on Fridays at 0830 arriving at 1230. As with the Monday dedicated service, and the Wednesday and Saturday services that originate in Auckland, the flight is operated with a wide-bodied A330 aircraft.

**Pacific Blue (DJ)** will launch new direct flights between Sydney and Nadi four times a week from Monday 27 June 2005 to compliment its existing flights between Melbourne-Nadi and Brisbane-Nadi which began in September last year. The

move to include Sydney in the Fiji route network follows the ongoing success of the Melbourne and Brisbane services and is also in response to market demand. DJ155 departs Sydney at 0810 MThSaSu arrives Nadi 1210, returning from Nadi at 1455 arriving Sydney 1800.

**Air Malta (KM)** and **Qantas (QF)** have signed a codeshare agreement that will link Malta and Australia via London Heathrow. From 18 July 2005 Air Malta will place its code on Qantas's daily London flights to/from Sydney and Melbourne. Ticket sales will commence in June 2005. The Qantas services will connect with Air Malta flights between Malta and London at Heathrow's Terminal 4. The flights will operate as follows:

- KM 102 Malta-London Heathrow will connect with flight QF2/KM 1002 London- Sydney-Melbourne.
- QF434/KM1434 Melbourne-Sydney will connect with flight QF1/KM1001 Sydney-London and then KM 101 London-Malta.

Qantas operates Boeing 747-400 aircraft while Air Malta operates with A320 and A319 Airbuses.

Qantas will offer extra services between Australia and Queenstown from July, more than doubling capacity into New Zealand during this year's ski season. Two new flights would depart Sydney for Queenstown on Wednesdays and Sundays from 2 July until 25 September 2005. The larger Boeing 737-800 aircraft would replace the Boeing 737-300 previously used on the route, after a successful trial during last year's season. Upgrading the aircraft will carry 150 passengers — increasing capacity by 20 seats per flight.

Qantas will further boost capacity between Australia and the United Kingdom later this year, when it introduces a fourth weekly Sydney-Hong Kong-London service. The new service would commence on 13 November and bring the total number of Qantas services between Australia and the UK each week to 28. Qantas has approval to operate a further three services to the UK via Hong Kong from April 2006, enabling the airline to offer daily flights on the route. The new QF29 service will depart Sydney on Sundays and be operated by three-class Boeing 747-400 aircraft. The three existing QF29 services operate on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

**QantasLink** will commence services between Illawarra Regional Airport at Albion Park on the New South Wales south coast and Melbourne from May this year, subject to regulatory approvals. The airline would operate seven return services a week on the route — the 50th destination on the QantasLink route network — using 36-seat Dash-8 aircraft. The QantasLink schedule includes weekday return services for Illawarra originating customers, with a second service on Wednesday and Friday. Services from

Melbourne will operate on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and two return services on Monday and Thursday.

**Skippers Aviation** (JW) has been awarded the Perth to Meekatharra and Wiluna regular passenger service. Skippers had the exclusive license for this service and it has now been extended until November 30, 2005. Skippers had taken on the service following the Ansett collapse.

**Skywest** (XR) is to start a twice weekly, Mon & Fri, Perth - Kununurra via Argyle jet service in

April. Kununurra has been without a regular jet link to Perth since the Sept 2001 Ansett collapse. Skywest secured a contract to fly workers to and from Rio Tinto's Argyle diamond mine. Qantas presently serves Kununurra by AirNorth connections with Broome.

**Virgin Blue** (DJ) increased direct flights from Perth to Kalgoorlie to 4 times per week from 7 April, and will provide Broome with a daily service from 1 May.



---

## Sydney

**Sydney Ferries** Rose Bay/ Watsons Bay - Version 1, 2005 (SF0169/0205). This is the last timetable to be reissued with new Sydney Ferries Corporation cover.

During March **Manly ferry** services continued to be disrupted on a daily basis, scarcely any trip running according to normal. There were two collisions with wharf buffers in March- the *Collaroy* hit at Circular Quay and the Freshwater at Manly 2 weeks later. The *Collaroy* was withdrawn temporarily from service, due to damage. For a brief period during its withdrawal, Sydney Ferries made available a one-third A4 flimsy paper timetable showing substitute services- a mixture of hydrofoils and buses substituting at different times of the day. Early morning services were particularly prone to disruption, with the 0600 Balmain-Quay-Manly service, which forms the 0700 Manly-Quay, often cancelled or apparently "boxed-in" at Balmain by other ferries. As at late March, Jet-cats seemed to be again be permanently substituting for at least one ferry, including the late night services. Explanations, notifications and apologies to passengers on service disruptions are particularly noticeable by their complete absence.

**Cockatoo Island Festival Services** Travelling to the first ever Cockatoo Island Festival was with

Sydney Ferries Corporation. There were regular services to Cockatoo Island from Circular Quay and Birkenhead Point over the Easter long weekend (25 – 27 March 2005) and some return only services on Easter Monday. They were operated by the Manly ferry *Narrabeen*, possibly the first time a Manly ferry had been used on regular inner harbour services, and *Lady Northcott*.

Ferry tickets were valid for travel to the island on the day of issue, and could only be purchased from Sydney Ferries Corporation staff at Circular Quay and Birkenhead Point, before boarding, on the day of travel. The ticket was also valid for one return trip on Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday. The cost of ferry travel was not included in festival ticket prices. (Adults: \$10, Children 4 – 12 (inclusive): \$5, Children under 4: Free)

Friday, Saturday and Sunday: To Cockatoo Island: Services departed every 30 minutes from Circular Quay and Birkenhead Point. The first services departed at 0805 and the last services departed at 0035. From Cockatoo Island: Services departed every 30 minutes for Circular Quay and Birkenhead Point. The first services departed at 0835 and the last services will depart at 0035.

Monday Services departed Cockatoo Island for Circular Quay and Birkenhead Point every 30 minutes. The first service departed at 0830 and the last service departed at 1200.

---

## A Short Note...

There hasn't been a rush of volunteers to edit the September issue of *Table Talk*. If you want to assist please contact me as otherwise the issue may just not appear!

Most recent issues of *Table Talk* haven't had much in the way of illustrations of new timetables. If you see new timetables such as those recently issued by V/Line why not send me a copy. Good quality scanned images can be emailed to me. I

am indebted to Roger Wheaton who regularly sends in South Australian items.

Regards

Duncan

# CountryLink

## North Coast timetable

Rail and coach services

Including Brisbane, Broadmeadow, Byron Bay, Casino, Coffs Harbour, Lismore, Surfers Paradise, Taree and Tweed Heads.



Phone 13 22 32 for further information

Valid from 6 February 2005

