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## 2006 Timetable

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### Port Stephens Coaches



**PORT STEPHENS COACHES - SYDNEY SERVICE**

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 Nelson Bay 9.00am, Soldiers Point 9.25am

Departs Sydney  
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Len Regan sent us this cover of the Port Stephens Coaches new timetable for 2006 – interestingly the date the timetable commences is actually 5 December 2005!

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## General News

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### **Commonwealth Games**

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At the time of press there was little information regarding public transport services offered during the Commonwealth Games. General information about increased tram, train and bus services in designated areas had been posted on the Metlink website. Patrons with tickets to events will travel free and there has been a limited newspaper advertising campaign regarding travelling during the games period. (Steven Haby, *Transit Australia*)

### **Bus news**

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**Dion's Bus Service** and **Greens Northern Coaches** are planning to work together to obtain a State Government contract for Wollongong bus services. This follows the recent recommendations of a State Government review to reduce the number of contract areas for bus services from the current level of 97 to just 10 in the outer metropolitan area (including the Illawarra). Currently eight contracts are shared between these two companies and Premier Illawarra. (*Illawarra Mercury*, Neville Fenn)

### **Railway news**

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There have been numerous changes in the Australian railway industry. Amongst the highlights are:

- Ownership of the Tasmanian rail track will be returned to the Tasmanian Government, who will be required to set up an Open Access regime, to allow competitors to **Pacific National** onto the rails. It has been suggested that ARTC might take over this management role.
- **Toll** and **Patrick** are still at loggerheads over **Pacific National** and with one another. A split up of **Pacific National** into two rail operators has been mooted, with one portion becoming a **Patrick** company. The ACCC has ruled that **Toll** may not take over **Patrick**, as this would be anticompetitive for the rail industry.
- **Queensland Railways** have bought out Westfarmers' share of **ARG**, comprising the above-rail and below-rail operations in Western Australia and the above-rail operations in South Australia. **Genesee & Wyoming** retains control of the Open Access track in South Australia.
- The NCC (National Competition Council) will probably recommend to the Government that **BHP-Billiton's** rail system in the Pilbara

be “declared” for Open Access, allowing other rail operators and miners onto its tracks. The

proposed declaration is being appealed (Geoff Lambert)



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## National

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### ARTC National

This operator took the unusual step of issuing a new Working Time Table for its entire system on 29 Jan 2006. The timetable was back-dated to take effect from 18 December 2005. Usually ARTC National issues new WTTs only twice a year, in March and September

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## New South Wales

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### NSW RailCorp

This operator issued reprint pages (Version 2.2) for its freight Working Time Table on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2006-02-21

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## South Australia

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### TransAdelaide

A new Gawler line TT has been released dated 26 February 2006. (Michael Marshall)

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## Victoria

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### Connex

Plans are underway for a third peak hour during the Commonwealth Games with last down departures from Flinders Street as late as 0145. The late night peak service is likely to commence around 2200 following the completion of evening events. Although no timetables have been announced (with the exception of **V/Line**

**Passenger** as outlined in February's *Table Talk*) it is intended that up to 2200 trains will run every 20 minutes (rather than the current 30 after 1900) and then intensive services will run from 2200 to last services. All services will be six-car sets. (Steven Haby, *Transit Australia*)

### V/Line Passenger

New TT for Mildura – Melbourne; Casterton/Hamilton and Swan Hill – Melbourne services have been released both dated 27 February 20056 and are in large pocket size. To incorporate all rather than major stops (Bradley Matthews, Craig Halsall)

Following completion of the works associated with the Regional Fast Rail project full rain services have resumed between Swan Hill – Bendigo – Melbourne from Wednesday 22 February 2006 (it will be interesting to look if patronage levels have changed—editor). The last of the works involved signal testing and driver familiarisation. (Bradley Matthews)

A new Warrnambool TT has been published dated 19 February 2006 incorporating the new Sherwood Park (adjacent to Deakin University's Warrnambool Campus) station. At this stage the 1740 up on Fridays and the 1900 down on Sundays stop at the station (a simple platform with a shelter. Could we see before long a resumption of “suburban” services along the lines of the former service to Dennington west of Warrnambool? – Editor). The TT also shows the retiming of the 1745 up which now runs 5 minutes earlier to Winchelsea then as normal. (Craig Halsall)



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## Melbourne

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**Yarra Trams** has announced the return of William Street services serviced by south eastern tram routes – specifically route 3 (East Malvern) and route 5 (Malvern – Bourke Road). The objective of these changes is to offer a direct service to William Street and to ease congestion at the

University of Melbourne terminus. The following changes, to come into effect possibly at the commencement of the Commonwealth Games, will occur:

- Route 3 and 5 will be eliminated
- New route 33 East Malvern – City via William Street off peak, nights and weekends.

- New route 53 East Malvern – West Coburg (via William Street and incorporating the Domain Road – West Coburg route 55 service) operating peak hours only
- Extended route 55 West Coburg – Domain Road to Malvern – Burke Road.

Essendon and Glen Huntly depots will share operations and the current stub terminus at



## Bus

### New South Wales—Sydney

#### Sydney Buses

New TT and guides have been released for:

- L60 dated 27 February 2006 as PDF format (Adrian Dessanti)
- Routes 136, 137 (Version 5) dated January 2006. (Adrian Dessanti)
- Routes 139, E65 (Version 4) dated January 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Routes 141, 168, E68 (Version 3) dated January 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Routes 143, 144, E43 (Version 5) dated January 2006. (Adrian Dessanti)
- Routes 146, 152, 179, E79 (Version 2) dated January 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Routes 169, 172, 173, E69, E72-3 (Version 5) dated January 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Routes 185, E85 (Version 3) dated January 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 225 (Version 3) dated February 2006 as PDF version (Adrian Dessanti)
- Routes 309, X09, L09, 310, X10 (Version 4) dated February 2006 as PDF version (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 370 Leichhardt – Coogee (Version 4) dated January 2006. (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 409 (Version 4) dated February 2006 as PDF version (Adrian Dessanti)
- Glebe District incorporating routes 431-434 (Version 4) dated 26 February 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 506, X06 (Version 8) dated February 2006 as PDF version (Adrian Dessanti)
- Routes 507, 537 (Version 8) dated December 2005 (Adrian Dessanti)

Doman Road interchange will be changed to become a loop and connect with St Kilda Road tracks (similar to St Vincents Plaza layout). Interestingly route 3 and 5 are relatively quiet runs with route 5 services operating as a shuttle as part of the 64 to East Brighton for many years during nights. (Steven Haby, *Transit Australia*)

- Route 515, X15 (Version 6) dated January 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 518, X18 (Version 6) dated February 2006 as PDF version (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 540, 542-544 (Version 6) dated 26 February 2006. (Adrian Dessanti)
- Bondi Explorer dated November 2005 (Michael Marshall)

Route 430 QVB – Walsh Bay Theatres will cease operation on Saturday 25 February 2006 that incidentally is 45 years to the day since the last tram ran to La Perouse. (Adrian Dessanti)

### New South Wales—Country

#### Hannafords

A new TT has been released dated January 2006 for their route 437 Tamworth – Westdale – Coledale. (Len Regan, Lourie Smit)

#### Kean's Travel

Information has come to hand that they also operate a Scone – Port Macquarie service and the current TT is dated 1 March 2001. (Len Regan, Lourie Smit)

#### Newcastle Buses

Route 223 and 227 that service the University of Newcastle have been withdrawn. (Lourie Smit)

#### Tathra Bus Service

Updated TT from this operator, also available on their website at [www.tathrabus.com.au](http://www.tathrabus.com.au), for:

- Route 780 Bega town loop dated 1 June 2005
- Route 785 Bega – Tathra dated 1 June 2005.

Interestingly **Deane's** at Eden also have a route 785 as well – so it might mean that there are two 785 routes on the South Coast! (Peter Murphy)

## Toronto Bus Service

A new TT for Northern services has been issued dated January 2006 with minor timing changes. (Steven Haby)

A website has been established at [www.torontobus.com.au](http://www.torontobus.com.au) with links to mirror pages for sister operations at **Sugar Valley Coaches** and **Morriset Bus Service**. Links to PDF TT are shown on the site although at the time of press there were none present. The three operations are collectively referred to "Bus Services in the Westlakes Region" on the home page. (Adrian Dessanti)

## Victoria—Melbourne

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### Cranbourne Transit

New Metlink DL sized TT for routes 789, 790, 791 has been published dated February 2006. (Craig Halsall)

### Driver Bus Lines

Route 612 Box Hill – Chadstone has been published in Metlink pocket size dated December 2005 to complete the set for this company. (Michael Marshall)

### Broadmeadows Bus Service

A new 532 Broadmeadows – Upfield – Craigieburn TT has been updated and has been cut back to terminate at Craigieburn station. New route 533 Craigieburn North – Craigieburn South replaces part of the old 532. Both TT are dated 27 February 2006 and are in standard Metlink DL format. (Bradley Matthews)

### National (Ventura)

A number of revisions and enhancements have been made to numerous services. All TT are dated 27 February 2006 and have been issued in standard Metlink pocket sized formats. Routes involved include:

- Routes 200, 203, 205 (TT no. 5)
- Routes 201, 202 and 302 (TT no. 2)
- Routes 207, 307 (TT no. 4)
- Routes 270 and 271 (TT no. 7)
- Routes 313, 315, 316 (TT no. 38)
- Route 366 (TT no. 19)
- Route 367 (TT no. 20)

TT updates are a reflection of changes to patronage and traffic levels on certain roads.

Furthermore train connections are also shown. (Bradley Matthews)

Route 285 reverted to its original route via Mont Albert and Rochester Roads due to improved traffic signalling from 27 February 2006. No TT update was issued. (Craig Halsall)

### Northern Buslines

New TT in standard Metlink DL sized format dated 27 February 2006 have been released for routes 534 Merlynston – Glenroy; 536 Gowrie – Glenroy and new route 544 Broadmeadows – Craigieburn which is jointly operated by **Broadmeadows Bus Service**. (Michael Marshall)

A number of service improvements for other routes are to come into effect from March 2006. The changes include:

- Route 540 Broadmeadows – Upfield will have extra weekday evening trips from 14 March 2006
- Route 541 Broadmeadows – Roxburgh Park will have extra Saturday evening trips from 18 March 2006
- Route 542 Oak Park to Roxburgh Park will have Saturday evening trips from 18 March 2006. (Craig Halsall)

### Peninsula Bus Lines

A temporary TT for routes 781, 784 and 785 has been released following withdrawal of former new Metlink TT due to unspecified errors. The TT is undated but came into effect on 30 January 2006. Corrected Metlink style TT are due to be released shortly. (Craig Halsall)

### Ventura

Routes 688, 689 and 690 TTs have been published dated 27 February 2006 with the Mt Dandy name removed and full Ventura branding. Route 688 Croydon to Olinda now operates an hourly Sunday service. (Craig Halsall)

### Westrans Werribee

A new TT booklet dated 27 February 2006 was released and incorporated a number of route improvements including

- Route 438 Werribee – Wyndham Green extended to serve Manor Lakes
- Route 442 Hoppers Crossing to Grange sees some changes to the route which is now served by new route 445
- Route 444 Hoppers Crossing – Tarneit loop now sees services run in both directions but

departures are at around the same time which reduces benefits to passengers.

- New route 445 Werribee – Hoppers Crossing via Plaza and incorporates some sections of the 442 in the Grange estate area. Hourly services from 0608 to 1951 weekdays and 0708 to 1851 Saturdays. A relative rarity is that the service has a number of express components. For example one section is express from Hoppers Crossing to Werribee Plaza. Traditionally express bus routes in the greater Melbourne area are the result of running rights over another operator's territory. It will be interesting to see whether this is extended to other services.
- The booklet includes Westrans Altona routes 413 Werribee Plaza to Laverton and 416 Hoppers Crossing to Aircraft. (Michael Marshall, Craig Halsall, Steven Haby)

## ***Queensland—Brisbane***

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### **Brisbane City Council**

The following TT in TransLink format all dated 20 February 2006 have been released:

- Routes 193, 195-197, 199
- Routes 344, 345 (the 345 is now a BUZ route)
- Route 367 – previously this was released in the CityTrans pocket format and now all off peak services travel via the Great Western Shopping Centre in Keperra.
- Route 393 Bulimba Ferry – Bowen Hills – QUT – Roma Street - a new cross-town route. (David Hutton)

## ***South Australia—Adelaide***

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New TT have come into effect dated 26 February 2006 for the following routes:

## **Air**

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### ***Domestic***

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#### **Qantas & Jetstar**

- Services to Hamilton Island will cease for the second time from 26 March 2006. (T. J. Tottenham)
- Brisbane – Mackay services will cease from 26 March 2006 and will be replaced with

- 205 Group; 222; 224 and 224F; 225 Group; 228 Group; 229 and 229F; 411 Group; and T500 and T501
- New routes 420A and 420C Mawson Lakes loop operated by **Southlink**
- 222 Group for the Go Zone services (Michael Marshall)

## ***Queensland—Country***

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### **Brisbane2Byron**

A small coach operator that has operated a service between Brisbane and Byron Bay for a couple of years. A new undated TT was collected from Roma Street Interchange in DL card format with a Mitsubishi Rosa bus on the cover.

Services operate each day with departures Mondays to Saturdays at 0800 arriving Byron Bay at 1000. The return service departs at 1100 and arrives at Roma Street at 1300 then the airport at 1330. An afternoon service ex Brisbane operates weekdays and Sundays only departing Brisbane airport at 1215, Roma Street at 1300 then arriving Byron Bay at 1500. The return service departs Byron Bay at 1600 with arrival back in Brisbane at 1800 (Roma Street) and 1830 at the airport.

This operator also has a website at [www.brisbane2byron.com](http://www.brisbane2byron.com). (Steven Haby)

### **Byron Bay Shuttle**

Apparently this is a new operator providing a service between Brisbane, Byron Bay, Ballina and Lismore. An undated DL card TT shows services departing Lismore for Brisbane at 0515, 0725 and 1340 and ex Brisbane at 0945, 1215 and 1800. It is assumed that these services operate daily although no days of operation are shown. Clearly competition for traffic is fierce between this operator, **Brisbane2Byron**, **Greyhound** and other operators. The company also has a website at [www.byronbayshuttle.com.au](http://www.byronbayshuttle.com.au). (Steven Haby)

services operated by **Qantas Link**.

Interestingly **Jetstar** have also cancelled their services to Mackay in favour of **Qantas Link**. (T. J. Tottenham)

### **O'Connor Airlines**

- A twice daily Adelaide – Port Augusta service commenced from 13 February 2006. (T. J. Tottenham)

## OzJet

From 14 March 2006 **OzJet** will fly to Perth from Melbourne. A daily 2000 departure ex Melbourne and 2240 ex Perth will be the initial service level. (Tony Bailey)

## International

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### Air Nauru

Further to the January 2006 article in *TT* regarding the possession of this airline's only plane, it is revealed that the airline also, on behalf of **Qantas** operated a weekend Brisbane – Norfolk Island – Sydney – Norfolk Island – Brisbane service. **Jet Connect** (a subsidiary of



## Ferry and Shipping

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### New South Wales

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#### Sydney Ferries

The following TT and guides have been updated:

- Rose Bay/Watsons Bay dated December 2005
- Taronga Zoo dated November 2005
- Mosman dated December 2005
- Guide to Sydney Ferries dated November 2005 (Michael Marshall)

### Tasmania

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#### TT-Line (Spirit of Tasmania)

A number of services will be altered during the off-season due to regular maintenance programs for Spirit of Tasmania (SPOT) I, II and III vessels.

SPOT III will operate on the Melbourne – Devonport run from 17 to 28 July, 31 July to 11 August and 14 August to 17 August 2006. SPOT will be then dry-docked on 20 August and resume services on Sunday 27 August 2006. Due to dry-

**Qantas New Zealand**) is now providing this weekend service. (T. J. Tottenham)

### Qantas

Three additional Brisbane – Auckland services will operate from 29 March 2006 taking the number of flights between the two cities to ten. The new services are operated by Boeing 737-300 aircraft and will enable a morning and evening service on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. (Tony Bailey)

### Singapore Airlines

Adelaide – Singapore services will now operate daily rather than five times a week. (T. J. Tottenham)

docking of the other SPOTs the following services will not operate on the Melbourne-Devonport run:

- 16 July sailing ex Melbourne
- 29 July sailing ex Devonport
- 30 July sailing ex Melbourne
- 12 August sailing ex Devonport
- 13 August sailing ex Melbourne

The following services on the Devonport-Sydney run will not operate:

- 22 July sailing ex Devonport
- 23 July sailing ex Sydney
- 5 August sailing ex Devonport
- 6 August sailing ex Sydney
- 20 August sailing ex Sydney
- 26 August sailing ex Devonport

Meanwhile due to healthy patronage figures an extra 14 sailings between Devonport and Sydney have been scheduled throughout 2006 despite continuing losses made by **TT-Line**. (Tony Bailey)



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## **Members' News** - March 2006

**Sydney Division.** Meetings this year will be held on the third Saturday of May, August and November at the usual location, the Roseville Uniting Church, 2 Lord St Roseville. Our meeting on Saturday 18th February had another good roll up with 21 attending; quite pleasing considering the extreme heat on the day. The number of timetables brought in by members and visitors is providing much interest with 5 or 6 long tables full. A big thanks to all who collect the timetables, bring them in and look after them. The large offering not only provides a solid base for the Sydney meeting but it also feeds into the national distribution system so ultimately all members round the country benefit. The meeting was the last hosted by Chris London, who's stepping aside because of work commitments and travel plans. Chris has been a wonderful convenor for some years, providing a welcoming atmosphere and conducting meetings that have encouraged all to participate in and enjoy. A big thanks from all of us Chris for your efforts. Next time we get together Len Regan will tell us more about his European discoveries a year or so ago. The particular focus this time will be on English regional bus and light rail systems and their timetables.- **Ian Abbottsmith** ([westwyn@dodo.com.au](mailto:westwyn@dodo.com.au))

**Melbourne Division** The schedule of meetings for the remainder of 2006 is:

Wed 3 May 2006	David Hennell's Quiz night	Wed 5 Sept 2006	Guest Speaker TBA
Wed 5 July 2006	Guest Speaker TBA	Wed 1 Nov 2006	Guest Speaker TBA

All meetings will be at the home of David Hennell, Unit 29 Croydon Rd Surrey Hills (Very short walk from Chatham Station) visitors are always welcome—**Stephen Ward**

**Brisbane Division** A Brisbane meeting was held on Sunday 26 February. Five members attended and an apology was received from another member who indicated that touring Tasmania was a higher priority!! The next Brisbane meeting is scheduled for Sunday 4th June at Brian Webber's residence, 8 Coachwood Street, KEPERRA. The Annual General Meeting of the Association is to be held in Brisbane on SAT 2nd September. We hope many members will decide to attend and experience Brisbane's interesting transport systems. It is likely a steam train will run on SUNDAY 3rd September around the suburbs. Any enquiries to Brian Webber - 07 3354 2140.

**Canberra Division** meets at 1830 on the second Tuesday of each month at the Canberra Tradesmen's Union Club (the "Tram Club"), Badham Street, Dickson ACT. Contact **Victor Isaacs**, 02-6257 1742, [abvi@webone.com.au](mailto:abvi@webone.com.au) or **Ian Cooper**, 02-6254 2431, [iancooper@goldweb.com.au](mailto:iancooper@goldweb.com.au)

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