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Martyr's Warburton – Melbourne Passenger Service

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On 1st August 2005, Melbourne's Route 683, Martyr's Bus Service Chirnside Park-Lilydale-Warburton, was extended to East Warburton for a trial period, stated to be six months. A new T.T. was introduced on 1st December 2005 and the extensions continued. Another new T.T., introduced on 2nd October 2006, will give the extension de-facto permanent status. East Warburton is a region stretching from about 4 to 6 kms from Warburton and there are as many as seven designated bus stops in East Warburton, compared with only one tabled stop in Warburton itself (although, in reality there are five Warburton stops). East Warburton is a growing area of hobby farms, holiday homes, weekenders and retirement housing. Ironically the East Warburton Post Office and General Store closed some decades ago.

The 1st December 2005 T.T. shows: three of the 13 school day buses from Lilydale to Warburton are extended to East Warburton (there is also an extra bus on Friday); two of the 12 non-school Monday-Thursday buses go the extra distance; two of the non-school Friday services follow suit; two of the eight Saturday buses are extended; none of the four Sunday buses make the extra journey; there is also one Saturday only Warburton-East Warburton bus which leaves Warburton at 0905 (the first Lilydale-Warburton bus arrives soon after at 0920).

The 2nd October 2006 T.T. will see only minor adjustments to the East Warburton services (even the Saturday local will remain). However, the number of Friday (school day) Lilydale-Warburton services will increase from 14 to 20 with similar improvements on all weekdays. Saturday services increase from 8 to 14 whilst Sunday increase is from 4 to 12.

This service ostensibly connects at Lilydale with trains to/from Melbourne but only the last bus on each day, in each direction, makes a semi-guaranteed connection (buses will wait up to 10 minutes if trains are running late). Some of the waits are extraordinarily long - on the 1st December 2005 T.T. there was a tabled wait of 34 minutes between the train and the first bus to Warburton on Sundays (ie. 1011 to 1045). As there is a 40 minute memory rail service at this time on a Sunday, the T.T.s showed an extreme lack of coordination. The 2nd October 2006 T.T. shows the bus leaving at 1020, giving a reasonable nine minute connection.

A little background information may be of interest. The lines to Whittlesea and Warburton (both now on the outer fringes of Melbourne) were the only two country corridors where rail and bus competition was permitted under the Victorian public transport regulations of 1928. In both cases, in the late 1950s/early 60s, the respective bus operators lobbied for a discontinuance of the passenger rail services on account of competition and in both cases they were successful. On the Warburton corridor, Harry Martyr had commenced a bus service from Melbourne in 1927. However, during the 1930s he not only had competition from two daily rail services each way, but also from a Victorian Railways bus which provided a third Warburton 'rail' service. The railway line officially closed on 29th July 1965 but the A.R.H.S. ran an official last train on 1st August; passenger services had ceased in 1964. At that time there had been three services each way Monday-Saturday, operated by a 153hp Walker rail car and trailer which coordinated with electric trains at Lilydale. (A similar rail car also operated the Monday-Saturday Lilydale-Healesville service.) On Sunday, there was one day return only from Melbourne, operated to both Warburton and Healesville, with an 'E' Set as rolling stock. The 'E' Set consisted of country cars (usually a rake of BPLs) which ran through the electrified area with a two-car Swing-door Electric set providing the motive power. At Lilydale, the electric motors were replaced by a steam locomotive. VR had a long history of uncoupling sets to run on different lines but of not re-attaching them. This was the case here where the Warburton and Healesville sets ran as one train Flinders Street-Lilydale where they were split. However, the return evening trains ran separately right through to Flinders Street, with usually an hour between the trains beyond Lilydale.

In 1964 when the rail passenger service ceased, Martyrs Bus Service was running about five buses daily Monday-Saturday, many of them at times that saw them in direct competition with trains. Therefore, the 2nd October 2006 T.T. which will see 20 buses on Friday (19 Monday-Thursday) actually represents an improvement of nearly 400% on the 1964 situation. In particular, there are now more early morning Up buses and more evening Downs.

Another unusual feature of the present Route 683 is that suburban fares apply as far as Allsops Road (between Woori Yallock and Launching Place), and hence there are country fares. However, just to complicate matters, Seniors Daily and Seniors Sunday Passes, both suburban tickets, are valid for the whole of the route.

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General News

National

The Ghan Timetable changes:

From 1 April 2007, altered times will be as follows:

Northbound			Southbound		
Adelaide	dep	1220 Sun & Wed	Darwin	dep	1000 Wed, 0900 Sat
Alice Springs	arr	1345 Mon & Thurs	Katherine	dep	1820 Wed, 1645 Sat
Alice Springs	dep	1800 Mon & Thurs	Katherine	arr	1340 Wed, 1240 Sat
Katherine	arr	0900 Tue & Fri	Alice Spr.	arr	0910 Thur, 1115 Sun
Katherine	dep	1300 Tue, 1430 Fri	Alice Spr.	dep	1245 Thur, 1515 Sun
Darwin	arr	1730 Tue, 1830 Fri	Adelaide	arr	1310 Fri & Mon

Victoria - Melbourne

A celebration of Melbourne's trams

This year marks the 100th anniversary of continuous service of electric trams in Melbourne. To celebrate, Yarra Trams is hosting the Tram It 2006 Family Fun Day at Harbour Esplanade, Docklands, on Sunday 8 October from 11am to 4pm.

Tram It 2006 is a family-friendly event that will feature a display of trams from Melbourne's past and present, with a range of entertainment for people of all ages. The tram featured in the Australian cult movie classic *Malcolm* will be on show as will the Centenary Art Tram, tramway memorabilia, roving performers, children's rides, prizes and stalls. There will also be giveaways for children who present a valid Metcard at the event.

Tram It 2006 is directly accessible via Yarra Trams routes 48, 70 and 86. The City Circle tram will operate along Spencer Street on the day of the event. (Yarra Trams/GM)

Queensland – Brisbane and South East Queensland

New QR Citytrain timetables

Date:	Monday, 18 September 2006
Operator:	QR Citytrain
Region:	South East Queensland
Route (s) and description (s):	New Citytrain timetables affecting all services will be available from Friday 15 September 2006. Passengers can collect new timetables from all attended Citytrain stations. The new timetables only have minor changes, although there is an extra service to the city departing Mitchelton station at 6.56am.
Train connections:	Use the Journey Planner to find out how these timetable changes affect departure and arrival times. NOTE: Remember to change the date setting on the journey planner to 18 September 2006, for new timetable information.

Bus connections:	Some bus timetables will also change so services can continue to meet rail connections. For more information click here .
New timetable (s):	New train timetables are here .
Notes:	

Rail and bus timetable changes

- effective Monday 18 September 2006

QR wishes to advise that new Citytrain pocket timetables (with peak hour only services) and full line timetables will be available from Friday September 15, 2006. Passengers can collect their new timetables from all attended Citytrain stations.

Due to the alterations in Citytrain timetables, the bus connections below have also been affected.

Date:	18 September 2006
Operator:	Kangaroo Bus Lines, Logan City Bus Service, Veolia Transport, Westside Bus Services, Pinkenba rail bus and Brisbane Bus Lines (Samford)
Region:	various SE Queensland
Route (s) and description (s):	<p>Kangaroo Bus Lines routes 661 / 662 One morning and one afternoon outbound train service from the City will be altered. This will result in slightly longer waiting times between train arrivals and connecting bus departures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To connect with the 11.55am bus service at Caboolture station, passengers from Central station will now need to catch the 10.38am train service (arriving Caboolture station at 11.37am). To connect with the 5.28pm bus service from Morayfield bus station, passengers from Central station will now need to catch the 4.22pm train service (arriving at Morayfield station at 5.09pm). <p>Westside route 506 (Leichhardt to Ipswich) One connecting train service altered from 6.53am to 6.51am. In order for bus to meet earlier train departure time, route 506 will depart Leichhardt (May St) at 6.30am, instead of 6.35am.</p> <p>Veolia Transport route 258 (Toondah Harbour to Cleveland Stn) The 7am service Toondah Harbour to Cleveland train station will now arrive at timetabled stops one minute earlier, in order to meet altered Citybound train departure from Cleveland station at 7.10am.</p> <p>Logan City Bus Service route 560 (Loganholme bus stn to Browns Plains) Bus service unaltered. Connecting rail services, 6.25am and 7.25am, from Loganlea station will now leave at 6.23am and 7.38am respectively. Bus services may not provide timely rail connections.</p> <p>Logan City Bus Service route 562 (Beenleigh to Loganholme bus station) Outbound train service from Central altered from 4.30pm to 4.05pm to meet 5.15pm bus service at Beenleigh station.</p> <p>Logan City Bus Service route 563 (Bethania to Loganholme bus station) Timetable amended to show best train-bus connection service departing Central station at 4.30pm and connecting with 5.24pm bus service from Beenleigh station.</p> <p>Pinkenba rail bus 303 & 304 Inbound and outbound Doomben train will be altered to provide more timely connections with rail buses. Please pick up a new timetable from attended AR Citytrain stations.</p> <p>Brisbane Bus Lines route 399 (Samford Valley to Ferny Grove station) Inbound morning bus services (currently at 6.20am and 7.05am) will depart at 6.15am and 7.00am from origin (Mt Glorious Rd cnr Mt O'Reilly Rd, Samford Valley). This ensures arrival at Ferny Grove station to meet with the altered train departure times of 7.05am and 7.37am respectively.</p>

Public transport news

The start date for the next round of service changes is to be October 15 although details were not revealed at the time of announcement. An extra \$10 million was to be allocated in the State Budget to lift public transport capacity by more than 5000 passengers a day. Details of the extra bus, train and tram services were to be decided during September. Some of the extra services will be introduced by the end of this year and all will be in place by March. In June, the Adelaide Advertiser revealed a Torrens Transit draft plan that had targeted more than 30 of the company's routes to be "discontinued" or "cancelled".

(The Advertiser/RWilson)



Rail

New South Wales

Cityrail Timetable changes

Cityrail has made some timetable adjustments taking effect from 3 September. These mainly comprise minor time adjustments together with additional stops. Full details are available on the Cityrail website. (GM)

Victoria - Melbourne

V/Line Echuca service

An enhanced timetable is to be introduced on the Bendigo – Echuca line in February 2007. Trains will depart Echuca at 07:35 on weekdays, 07:15 and 16:15 Saturdays and 09:10 and 16:15 Sundays. Services from Melbourne extended from Bendigo to Echuca will be at 16:53 weekdays, 09:15 and 17:15 Saturdays, 09:35 and 17:15 Sundays. At present there is only a Friday and Sunday service.

W A - Perth

Armadale Line

From Friday 25 August, the 5.47pm Perth to Armadale service were to be increased to a 4-car set to meet passenger demand. (Len Regan)

W A - Country

Bunbury Line

The two daily return services on this line are to continue. There had been a proposal to reduce the service to one a day and introduce a coach-rail service via the new Mandurah line. The plan was reported to have created a massive community backlash. The train is used by about 400 people per day and a patronage of about 153,000 passengers per annum. (Tony Bailey)

A comprehensive plan for station upgrades on the line is currently being developed. It is not clear whether this includes intermediate stations (such as Rochester). (GM)



Tram - Melbourne

New late night tram services

Friday and Saturday night tram services have been extended with three additional trips departing the city every 20 minutes between midnight and 0100 approx. Although Metlink states each route will have the extra services, the

last trams on Route 82 remain as 2230 Fridays and 2330 Saturdays ex Footscray. As well as the late night services, routes 24, 30, 109 and 112 received some timetable changes effective from 6 September. (GM)

New South Wales - Sydney

Cashless Buses

A pre-pay cashless bus service between Bondi Beach and the city will be introduced in October in what is being billed as the way to help speed up travel times. Passengers will be able to use weekly, periodical or other pre-paid tickets, but will not be able to pay in cash. The new Route 333 will use 16 dedicated recently purchased articulated buses and provide a 10 minute frequency. It will duplicate the 380 route (which will remain but will be less frequent) but will not use all the 380 stops. The 380 is patronised by 9 million passengers per annum, about 40% (double the average) paying cash fares probably partly because of the number of tourists using it.

(SMH, R Wilson, Steven Haby)

New South Wales – Country

Deane's Buslines

Deane's has produced a Bus Guide effective 11th September 2006 being a guide to the bus services operating in the Queanbeyan area and intertown services between Queanbeyan and Canberra City (Civic) and Woden. Changes include a new Route 834 Queanbeyan to Canberra International Airport and alterations to Routes 831 and 835/836. (Victor Isaacs)

Forster Coaches

Forster-Tuncurry Bus Guide effective 21 August 2006. Incorporates routes 303 Stockland Forster – Forster – Tuncurry via Cape Hawke Hospital and Legacy Village; 304 Stockland Forster – Forster – Tuncurry via RSL Club, Bowling Clubs and Cape Hawke Hospital; 305 Stockland Forster – Forster – via One Mile; Forster Golf Club and RSL Club; 306 Stockland Forster – Forster Keys; 307 Coomba Park – Forster; 308 Forster – Gloucester via Failford and Nabitac. (Steven Haby)

Nimbin Tours

Operates a service between Byron Bay – Nimbin – Uki and back to Byron Bay as a day loop service 7 days a week. TT is undated and published as a folded A4 brochure. (Steven Haby)

Victoria - Melbourne

Extended operating hours

In a program starting September 2006, around 250 Melbourne bus routes will be upgraded to operate to new extended operating hours, as follows:

7am to 9pm Monday to Friday

8am to 9pm Saturdays

9am to 9pm Sundays

On most public holidays the upgraded bus routes will operate to a Saturday timetable, except for Good Friday and Christmas Day when they will operate to a Sunday timetable (as per metropolitan trains).

The following routes will be upgraded from Monday 18 September 2006:

418 St Albans - Caroline Springs (via Taylors Road). This route is being extended from Centro Keilor Shopping Centre to Caroline Springs via Taylors Road and Keilor Plains Railway Station.

419 St Albans - Watergardens Railway Station (via Taylors Lakes)

425 St Albans - Watergardens Railway Station (via Delahey)

The following routes have already been upgraded so far in September:

307 City - Mitcham (via Eastern Freeway & Doncaster Road)

481 Sunbury Railway Station - Mount Lion*

485 Sunbury Railway Station - Wilsons Lane*

486 Sunbury Railway Station - Goonawarra

487 Sunbury Railway Station - Killara Heights*

577 Mill Park Lakes - Epping Plaza Shopping Centre

701 Bentleigh - Oakleigh

893 Cranbourne - Dandenong Railway Station / Dandenong Plaza Shopping Centre. *Passengers please note: These routes will finish around 8pm on Saturdays and/or Sundays – check timetables for details.

Doncaster Park+Ride

An updated timetable for the Park+Ride 303 service to the city became effective 4 September. (L Smit)

Other Melbourne Timetables

New timetables for Routes 830/831 Frankston to Dandenong routes, effective 21 August, were issued in pocket format style. No time changes but the cover incorrectly shows Peninsula as the operator instead of Grenda's. (L Smit/Craig Halsall)

Cardinia Transit has issued Metlink pocket timetables for 840 Berwick – Narre Warren circuit dated 7 August 2006; and 841 Narre Warren North – Cranbourne dated 28 August 2006. (Craig Halsall)

Ventura routes 733, 737, 738 & 767 will gain additional trips extending the hours of operation, mainly in the evenings. The 737 Sunday frequencies will change from hourly to 40 minutes whilst 738 and 767 will gain new Sunday services. The changes are to commence on October 9. (Steven Haby)

Victoria - Country

Tourist Region bus link

A new coach service from the Great Ocean Road to the Grampians was to start on 26 September.

The new service departs Warrnambool Station at 08:20am on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday running via Port Fairy, Macarthur, Byaduk, Hamilton, Dunkeld, Halls Gap, Pomonal and Moyston, arriving at Ararat Station at 12:00pm (connecting with 12:15 train to Melbourne on weekdays).

Return services leave Ararat Station at 3:00pm (presumably connecting with the 12:08 train from Melbourne on weekdays) also on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday, arriving in Warrnambool at 6:50pm.

Despite the Minister of Transport's media release claiming connections with The Overland train at Ararat and train services at Warrnambool, an overnight stay would be required. Also any connection out of The Overland from Adelaide would only be possible on Fridays, and the connection time is 2 minutes. (L Smit/GM)

Central Mallee Region bus services

A new Thursday return bus service from Sea Lake to Swan Hill via Ultima commenced in July last. (The small township of Ultima, once terminus of a Victorian Railways passenger service, lost it's

weekly bus service to Bendigo in the September timetable changes).

At the same time, a "pioneering" trial program providing access to spare capacity on school buses for seniors (on application) was introduced from Woomelang, Nandaly, Berriwilllock, Culgoa and other surrounding areas to Sea Lake. (GM)

Torquay services enhanced

A new Bellarine Peninsula bus timetable booklet dated 3 September has been published. Services between Geelong and the Torquay area have been considerably improved, being approximately hourly to 20:00 on weekdays. In addition to the V/Line coach service, seven trips are provided on Saturdays, three on Sundays and three on Public Holidays. There is a separate timetable for local trips between the Torquay suburbs of Wombah Park and Jan Juc. (LSmit/Bradley Matthews/GM)

Transit Southwest

A new booklet for Warrnambool and district has been issued, dated 6 August 2006. It incorporates the recent improvements to weekend and evening services and it is in standard Metlink format but branded Viclink. The Warrnambool industrial service has trips at 0530 and 0630 servicing the city and then to Midfield meats and is operated as an 'on demand' service. Intending passengers are invited to contact Transit Southwest for bookings. (Steven Haby)

Queensland – Brisbane

Redlands buses

Improved bus services between Redlands and central Brisbane commenced on 17 July. At the same time the operator Connex changed it's business name to Veolia Transport. The improvements including earlier morning services to Brisbane CBD, extended network coverage and improved connections follow improvements last December which resulted in a 14.2% increase in bus patronage. (Tony Bailey)

New Translink timetables

All timetables are dated 26 August 2006.

- 100 Forest Lake to City cityxpress
- N100 Fortitude Valley to Forest Lake Night
- 110 Inala to City cityxpress
- 115 Calamvale to City cityxpress

111	Eight Mile Plains to City busway service	330	Bracken Ridge to City cityxpress
N111	Fortitude Valley to Eight Mile Plains Night	N330	Fortitude Valley to Bracken Ridge Night
133	Sunnybank to City busway service	331	Bracken Ridge to City rocket
160	Garden City to City busway service	385	The Gap to City buzz
162	Eight Mile Plains to City rocket	N385	Fortitude Valley to The Gap Night
129	Algester to City rocket	382	The Gap (Settlement Rd) to City rocket
130	Algester to City buzz	383	The Gap (Payne Rd) to City rocket
N130	Fortitude Valley to Algester Night	384	The Gap to City city precincts
131	Algester to City rocket	390	Mitchelton to City all stops
132	Algester to Garden City local	N390	Fortitude Valley to Ferny Grove via Mitchelton Night
133	Sunnybank shuttle	412	Uni of Qld (St Lucia) to City (via Sir Fred Schonell Dr) cityxpress
136	Algester city precincts	N412	Fortitude Valley to Uni of Qld (St Lucia) Night
184	Garden City via Cavendish Rd to City all stops	407	City to Uni of Qld (St Lucia) rocket
N184	Fortitude Valley via Cavendish Rd to Garden City Night	402	Toowong to Uni of Qld (St Lucia) (via Sir Fred Schonell Dr) all stops
185	Garden City via Cavendish Rd to City all stops	460	Forest Lake to City cityxpress
199	New Farm (Bulimba Ferry) to City to West End BUZZ	461	Forest Lake to City rocket
N199	New Farm (Bulimba Ferry) to City to West End Night	N464	Fortitude Valley to Forest Lake Night (David Hutton)
197	New Farm (Merthyr) to City to Fairfield Gardens all stops		
196	New Farm (Merthyr) to City to Fairfield Gardens all stops		
195	New Farm to City to West End all stops		
193	Teneriffe to Merthyr Village shopper service		
200	Carindale to City buzz		
N200	Fortitude Valley to Carindale Night		
201	Carindale Heights to City rocket		
206	Carindale to City city precincts		
207	Carina to City express		
214	Cannon Hill to City cityxpress		
215	Carindale to City cityxpress		
216	Tingalpa to City rocket		
220	Wynnum to City cityxpress		
221	Wynnum to City rocket		
N226	Fortitude Valley to Wynnum Night		
310	Brighton to Sandgate to City cityxpress		
N310	Fortitude Valley to Sandgate Night		
315	Redcliffe to City cityxpress		

WA - Perth

Perth Updates from Alan Gray.

Bus		
Southern	116	23/7/2006
	117	23/7/2006
	121	23/7/2006
	130	23/7/2006
S/Eastern	1	20/8/2006
	2	20/8/2006
	3	20/8/2006
	6	20/8/2006
	7	20/8/2006
	8	20/8/2006
	11	20/8/2006
	13	20/8/2006
	14	20/8/2006
Western	45	20/8/2006
Southern	129	20/8/2006
Northern	74	20/8/2006
	77	13/8/2006
	70	10/9/2006
Eastern	103	10/9/2006
	105	10/9/2006
Train		
Armadale		20/8/2006
Fremantle		20/8/2006

Domestic

Qantas

Qantas is increasing frequencies between Adelaide and Perth from 27 to 31 flights per week. The new services – on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – will commence on October 29.

From the same date, Qantas is axing its Perth to Kununurra services following poor sales.

QantasLink

Melbourne – Mildura: The introduction of another 50-seat Dash-8 aircraft has increased capacity by 168 seats every week. The extra flights will depart Melbourne at 3.35pm each weekday, returning from Mildura at 5.15pm.

The Queensland network is expanding with the launch of flights between Brisbane and Hervey Bay (32 per week) and Biloela (20 per week) using 32 seat Dash-8 aircraft. The routes were to start on October 29, subject to regulatory approval. However, following the demise of Sunshine Express which will cease its schedule operations at the end of September, QantasLink will begin the services on October 1.

The Sydney – Dubbo route received a capacity boost from September 11 with 36 of the 54 services being operated by the larger 50 seat Dash-8 Q300 aircraft.

QantasLink to Lord Howe Island

QantasLink said that it would commence a new weekly seasonal service between Port Macquarie and Lord Howe Island from February 2007.

Qantas Group General Manager Regional Airlines, Mr Narendra Kumar, said Port Macquarie would become the third mainland port to have direct QantasLink services to Lord Howe Island.

Mr Kumar said QantasLink would operate the 36-seat Bombardier Dash 8 aircraft on the route every Saturday in the autumn season from 17 February until 19 May 2007.

“QantasLink began flying to Lord Howe Island in 1991 and currently operates up to 11 return services each week from Sydney and two return services each week from Brisbane during the peak season,” he said.

“World Heritage-listed Lord Howe remains an

extremely popular destination and QantasLink has worked closely with the Port Macquarie-Hastings Council and the Lord Howe Island Board and Tourism Association to make this new service a reality.

“The increasing business synergies between the Port Macquarie and Lord Howe Island communities and a growing demand for leisure travel from the mid-north coast of New South Wales will provide a new opportunity to further increase visitors to the island.”

“The Dash 8 offers a comfortable, pressurised cabin as well as an onboard restroom, and our services include complimentary refreshments, such as tea, coffee, water, juice and snacks,” Mr Kumar said.

“Customers on the new services will also have access to seamless transfers onto other Qantas and QantasLink flights, and will be able to earn and redeem Qantas Frequent Flyer points.”

QantasLink currently operates more than 1,850 flights each week, serving 48 destinations throughout Australia. This includes 33 return services each week between Port Macquarie and Sydney.

Flight schedules and air fares for the new Port Macquarie to Lord Howe Island services will be announced in coming weeks.

Brindabella Airlines

Due to have taken over two of the routes - Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie – formerly operated by Sunshine Express Airlines which was to cease scheduled operations at the end of September, becoming a charter carrier from Brisbane.

(all items Tony Bailey)

Skywest

Skywest re-introduced Broome – Bali flights on 29 July with a Perth – Broome - Port Hedland – Bali route.

(David Whiteford)

International

Air New Zealand

Air New Zealand announced significant changes to its international network in July. The airline is suspending operations to Singapore (presently daily from Auckland) as from 2 October. Boeing 777-200ER aircraft will be introduced on flights via Los Angeles to London. Non-stop 777 services to Shanghai three times a week will commence on 6 November. The airline is also preparing for a second daily service to London via Hong Kong in October.

Austrian Airlines

Australia will no longer have a European carrier flying into the country from continental Europe after Austrian Airlines withdraws from the end of next March following 18 years of service from Vienna.

Air France

AF has announced an expansion of its code-share agreement with Qantas to include Cairns, offering 5 flights per week using Qantas to/from Singapore. This commenced on 31 July.

Airlines PNG

Papua New Guinea's newest international airline has introduced a service between Brisbane and Port Moresby using a Boeing 737 leased from Oz Jet.

Garuda

Two extra flights between Perth and Bali on a Friday and Saturday commenced from August 25 due to "overwhelming demand".

Japan Airlines

JAL will suspend its flights between Australia and Osaka from March 27 next year. Both JAL and Qantas have reported falling passenger numbers between the two countries despite the Australian Government's attempt to arrest the slide with the recent "Where the bloody hell are you" campaign.

Singapore Airlines

From October 29, SIA will fly three times daily between Perth and Singapore. The extra flights will provide a late night departure from Singapore and a morning departure from Perth, improving connections to China, India and the US West Coast. The airline will also increase flights to Shanghai from March 2007.

Qantas

A code-share agreement beginning 6 September with Indian airline Jet Airways will result in increased services to and from Mumbai and add Delhi to the Qantas network.

Qantas has also announced a code-share deal with Air China. Daily flights between Australia and Beijing are likely in the run up to the 2008 Olympics.

Seasonal services between Australia and Korea will be operated in January 2007. The 12 return services between Sydney and Seoul on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday each week will use 767-300 aircraft.

Jetstar

Jetstar will commence daily operations on the Cairns-Darwin-Singapore route from 29 October, replacing the current five weekly Qantas B767 services.

The start of Jetstar services to Honolulu from 27 December will include flights from Sydney on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and from Melbourne on Monday and Friday. Qantas will operate Sydney Honolulu services on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

South African Airways

South African Airways will operate five additional services between Perth and Johannesburg this summer due to strong demand. The flights have been scheduled for December 13 and 20, 2006 as well as January 3, 10 and 17, 2007. Fares start at \$1,499 plus taxes.

New Airport for Bangkok

Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport will be opened on 28 September. Located approximately 40 minutes drive South East of the former international airport, Don Mueng, it will be served by a new 26.6 kilometre high speed rail line, due to be completed in November 2007.

(all items Tony Bailey)

World's busiest airline routes

The Official Airline Guide reported that the busiest route by total number of weekly flights is Barcelona – Madrid. Second is Sao Paulo – Rio de Janeiro whilst **third is Melbourne – Sydney.**

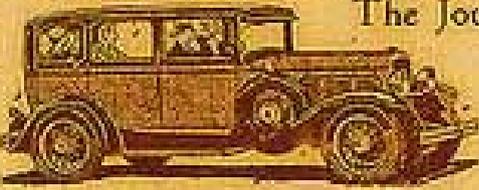
(Steven Haby)

Warburton bus services – the early days

H. Martyr **SEDAN SERVICE** *To Melbourne*
 SERVICE TWICE DAILY
 The Journey

TIME TABLE	
Leave Warburton	Leave Melbourne
Week days	Week days
8.15 am	26.45 am
5.00 pm	3.30 pm
Public days	Public days
8.15 am	1.30 pm
4.00 pm	4.45 pm
Public days	Public days
8.15 am	10.45 am
6.15 pm	3.00 pm

Don't Carry that Luggage. We Come to The Door



City by Car - Save Time - and Money!

Occupies 1 1/2 Hours including 5 Minutes at Warburton

BOOKING OFFICES: MELBOURNE - Wilson's Travel Bureau and Robinson's Shop, 114 Flinders Street, Phone - Cass 5171. WARBURTON - Harwell's Garage, Main Road, Phone - Warburton 21.

Returning from Melbourne NEXT DOOR STATE THEATRE

PHONES Warburton 21, 22

Fares 10/- Single, 15/- Day Return
 BOOK EARLY TO SECURE YOUR SEAT

From Martyrs Bus Service web site (history) www.martyrs.com.au



H. Martyr's Service
 An International K5 'side-loader' typical of the coaches operated on country routes in the 1940s and '50s. Luggage was carried on the roof rack, access to which was usually via a ladder at the rear.
 Photo: G Mann collection courtesy Martyr's.



The Warburton train. A Walker 153hp railcar at Mt Evelyn.

13 December 1960

Photo: Geoff Mann

TIME TABLE

Cars Leave Melbourne Majestic Theatre, 166 Flinders Street.			Cars leave Warburton Maxwell's Garage, Main Road		
WEEK DAYS	SAT.	SUN.	WEEK DAYS	SAT.	SUN.
10.45 a.m.	1.30 p.m.	10.45 a.m.	7.45 a.m.	7.45 a.m.	7.45 a.m.
5.30 p.m.	6.45 p.m.	9.0. p.m.	2.0 p.m.	4.0 p.m.	6.15 p.m.

FARE 6/- Includes Reserved Seat
Cars leave La Le 5 minutes earlier.

Booking Offices: **WHIGHT'S TOBACCONIST, 166 Flinders Street.** Central 9875.
MAXWELL'S GARAGE, Warburton. Warburton 34

Patrons are requested to use our Booking Office, Waiting Room and leave Luggage, Parcels, etc., Free of charge.

There was competition between the bus operators in the early days.

Maxwell's Warburton Motor Service operated a service to Melbourne presumably prior to Martyr's being granted sole rights when regulation was introduced in 1928

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A Short Note...

A little bit of catch up this month and Geoff Mann is again the stand in editor. Last months Table Talk was prepared at short notice and some items were held over. However, please keep the news updates flowing.