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# About *Table Talk*

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## TOP TABLE TALK

### Infrastructure Australia: Melbourne Metro top recommendation

Just as in the last round of Federal government funding, where Victoria was the big winner with funding for the Regional Rail Access line entering Melbourne from the west, so in the latest recommendations from Infrastructure Australia (IA), Victoria again tops the list - this time for the proposed Metro for suburban trains from the western suburbs. This is only a recommendation at this stage. IA is a Federal government advisory body.

IA assessed submissions and issued its recommendations on 30 June. IA received many submissions from governments and other organizations. Of those that they assessed as worthy of further consideration, IA divided submissions into four categories:

1. **Ready to Proceed:** Initiatives meeting all of IA's criteria.
2. **Threshold:** Initiatives with strong strategic and economic merit, and not ready to proceed due to a small number of outstanding issues.
3. **Real Potential:** Initiatives clearly addressing a nationally significant issue or problem, and there has been a considerable analysis of potential solutions.
4. **Early Stage:** Initiatives addressing a nationally significant issue or problem, but identification or development is at an early stage.

Railway or public transport infrastructure initiatives in the first category are:

- **Melbourne Metro Stage 1** from the western suburbs to the CBD. Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) 1.5, Cost \$4.9 billion. Proponent: Victorian government. Detailed feasibility studies are currently underway.

*Also see the article "Melbourne Metro station locations" on page 6 of this issue.*

- **Adelaide Rail Freight – Goodwood and Torrens Junction** for the elimination of two at-grade railway crossings. BCR 1.5. Cost \$418 million. Proponent: SA government.
- **Integrated Transport Corridor Development along Tram route 88** in High St Darebin, Melbourne involving high density residential development and measures to improve the speed and reliability of the tram service. BCR 4, Cost \$28 million. Proponent: Victorian government.

Non rail projects in the top category are:

- Pacific Highway Corridor Upgrades. BCR 1.5. Cost \$6 billion. Proponent NSW government.
- Federal Highway link to Monaro Highway – Majura Parkway. BCR 4. Cost \$220 million. Proponent: ACT government.
- National Broadband Network.
- Reforms to water security and pricing.

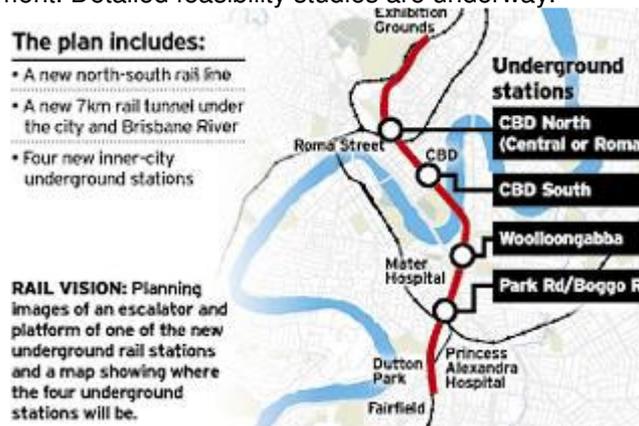
Railway and public transport projects in other categories are:

#### Category 2:

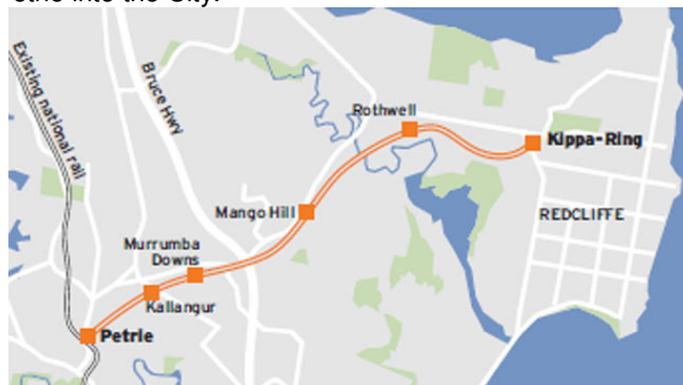
- South West Rail Link, Glenfield-Leppington, 11 km. Cost \$2.4 billion. Proponent: NSW government. Construction has, in fact, commenced with State government funding.
- Brisbane Eastern Busway Stages 2b & 3. Cost \$825 million. Proponent: Queensland government.
- Moorebank, Sydney Intermodal Terminal. Cost not yet determined. Proponents: Federal and NSW governments.

**Category 3:**

- Brisbane Inner City Rail Capacity Upgrade (north-south underground). Cost \$14 billion. Proponent; Queensland government. Detailed feasibility studies are underway.



- Melbourne Metro Stage 2 from the CBD to Caulfield. Cost to be determined. Proponent: Victorian government.
- Moreton Bay Railway from Petrie-Kippa-Ring, 15 km. Proponents: Moreton Bay Regional Council and Queensland government. On 27 and 28 July, during the Federal election campaign, first the government and then the opposition announced they would provide funding for this project, along with the State government and Moreton Bay Regional Council. Construction would commence in 2013, with opening in 2016. The 12.6 km line will be double tracked and electrified. It will start at Petrie and have stations at Kallangur, Murrumba Downs, Mango Hill, Rothwell and Kippa-Ring. A Translink transit authority study showed the line would be so popular that services would have to run express from Petrie into the City.



Maps from Courier-Mail 7 and 27 July

- Darra – Springfield Rail and Road project, 11km. Cost \$2.4 billion. Proponent: Queensland government. Construction is currently underway with State government funding, for completion in 2013.
- East West Rail Freight Corridor. Cost to be determined. Proponent: ARTC. Some upgrading works are already underway, as reported in *Table Talk*.
- North South Rail Freight Corridor including the Sydney Northern Freight Line. Cost to be determined. Proponent: ARTC. Some upgrading works are already underway, as reported in *Table Talk*.
- Eastern Goldfields, WA Railway Upgrade. Cost \$75 million. Proponent: West Net.
- Advanced Train Management System using satellite communications. Cost \$500 million. Proponent: ARTC.
- Western Melbourne Interstate Freight Terminal. Cost \$2.314 billion. Proponent: Victorian government.
- Green Triangle, SE SA Rail and Road project. Cost \$340 Million. Proponents: SA and Victorian governments.

**Category 4:**

- Melton Railway Duplication and Electrification, 15 km. Cost \$1.3 billion. Proponent: Victorian government.

- Sydney's Future Public Transport Network. Cost to be determined. Proponent: NSW government. This is the Central to Westmead Metro that the NSW government has now withdrawn.
- Gold Coast Rail extension Varsity Lakes-Coolangatta and triplication Kuraby-Kingston. Cost \$2.875 billion. Proponent: SE Queensland Council of Mayors.
- North West Sydney to CBD Railway. Cost \$7 billion. Proponent: Australian Infrastructure Solutions.
- Port of Hastings including Peninsula Rail Freight Link. Cost to be determined. Proponent: Victorian government.
- Port of Bunbury Road and Rail Access Upgrades. Cost \$756 million. Proponents: WA government & local authorities.
- Australian Digital Train Control System. Cost \$20 million. Proponent: ARTC.
- Mount Isa – Townsville Railway Upgrade. Cost \$788 million. Proponent: Queensland government.
- Transcontinental Railway Mildura, Vic–Menindee, NSW including standardization Geelong-Mildura. Cost \$400 million. Proponent: Mildura Development Corporation.

More information is at [www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/files/Report\\_to\\_COAG\\_2010.pdf](http://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/files/Report_to_COAG_2010.pdf)

## RAIL AND TRAM NEWS

### Freightlink takeover

On 26 July, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission removed the last obstacle to takeover by Genesee & Wyoming (Australian Railroad Group) of Freightlink from Tarcoola to Darwin. The ACCC announced its approval of the deal, finding that the acquisition was unlikely to result in a substantial lessening of competition.

### ARTC & QRNational

On 1 July 2010 the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) Board resolved that ARTC will commit to take up an equity interest in Queensland Coal Industry Rail Group. ARTC will become a party to a Subscription Agreement with other QCIRG consortium members. This means that the Consortium's offer for Queensland coal network infrastructure is strengthened. This is opposed to the Queensland government proposal for the sale of QRNational, mainly comprising the Queensland coal network, as an integrated network of infrastructure and train operation. The coal industry's (and with it ARTC's) position is that this would be unfair to operators other than QRNational. ARTC's decision represents a significant escalation in the contest for the future model for Railway ownership and operation in Queensland. The Federal government has made clear its support for the Consortium's approach. Federal Resources Minister, Martin Ferguson, said on 5 July that "The Commonwealth government welcomes and supports that bid. I hope the Queensland government gives the bid by the coal companies the proper consideration it deserves because I very much support the competitive model proposed by the companies."

### QRNational & Queensland Rail websites

The websites for the two new Queensland railway entities are:

[www.qrnational.com.au/Pages/Home.aspx](http://www.qrnational.com.au/Pages/Home.aspx)

[www.queenslandrail.com.au/Pages/Default.aspx](http://www.queenslandrail.com.au/Pages/Default.aspx)

The Queensland Rail site has public timetables for Traveltrain long distance passenger trains. However, for Brisbane suburban timetables, there is merely a link to the Translink (SE Queensland transport co-ordination and publicity authority) website, [www.translink.com.au/busestrainsferries.php](http://www.translink.com.au/busestrainsferries.php) (The Translink site is an excellent source for timetable news for all modes in SE Queensland.)

An overview of the Queensland railway system infrastructure information for access seekers (and railfans) is on both websites. Coal network detailed information is on the QRNational site. SE Queensland and other non coal network lines detailed information is on the Queensland Rail website.

### QRNational: Coppabella duplication

Duplication from Coppabella to Ingsdon, 10.5 km, on the Goonyella coal network, was brought into use from mid-July.

### Queensland Rail cattle train

The first cattle train in more than a year departed Quilpie on 1 July, but there are still concerns about the State government's plans for rail services. The line west of Charleville was washed away by flooding earlier this year and it took three months to repair.

## **GSR Southern Spirit**

Great Southern Railway's premium train, Southern Spirit, will depart from Adelaide to Brisbane on 29 January, 12 and 26 February, and return from Brisbane to Adelaide on 9 and 18 February and 4 March 2011. The full journeys are 6 days/5 nights, but there is an option of joining or departing in Melbourne.

## **CityRail & V/Line: Capacity on peak trains**

The CityRail website now provides interesting graphs showing the extent of loading on all lines during the am and pm peak periods. See [www.cityrail.info/about/our\\_performance/service\\_capacity.pdf](http://www.cityrail.info/about/our_performance/service_capacity.pdf)

Such is the importance of commuter travel on the Geelong line, it now has its own sub-section of the V/Line website. Particularly interesting is a table of the average loadings on peak hour trains. It shows trains with an average 100% loading in red and those almost full in yellow. Other peak period trains are indicated in green. See [www.vline.com.au/community/home/howbusy.html](http://www.vline.com.au/community/home/howbusy.html)

## **CityRail: Train Crewing Timetables**

Another type of timetable issued by CityRail has come to light. These are Train Crewing Timetables. They are the same as the Public timetable booklets, but with the addition of run numbers and minus the advertisements and map. They are for weekday services only. Copies of February 2010 issues for the Inner West and South, Western, North Shore, Illawarra, Bankstown and Southern Highlands lines are available from the AATTC August Distribution List.

## **CityRail Working Timetable 10-10-10**

A draft of the CityRail Working timetable of 10 October 2010, to inaugurate improved services on the duplicated Cronulla line, was prepared in early July. Electronic copies are available from the August AATTC Distribution List.

## **CityRail: Hunter line alteration 12 July**

Since 12 July the 1004 Dungog-Newcastle has departed Dungog at 1000. It runs four minutes earlier until the cross with the down XPT at Kilbride.

## **CityRail: SW Line**

Construction of flyovers as part of the South West Rail Link has started. A flyover south of Glenfield will carry the future railway from Leppington over the Main South line and the Southern Sydney Freight line. A flyover north of Glenfield will connect with the East Hills line. Work is also underway on the Glenfield Transport Interchange and adjacent multi-storey carpark. There will be 110,000 homes in the South West Growth Centre and the new Leppington Town Centre. More information can be found at [www.tidc.nsw.gov.au/Our-Projects/Current-Projects/South-West-Rail-Link/South-West-Rail-Link/default.aspx](http://www.tidc.nsw.gov.au/Our-Projects/Current-Projects/South-West-Rail-Link/South-West-Rail-Link/default.aspx)

## **Countrylink to the Bathurst car races – 10-10-10**

A special Countrylink service will operate on Sunday 10 October from Sydney to the Bathurst 1000 car races. It will depart Sydney at 0514, arriving Bathurst at 0915, departing Bathurst at 1825 and arriving Sydney at 2237.

## **RailCorp: Working Timetable 10 July 2010**

RailCorp has published a Working Timetable of Freight services within its area of Greater Sydney, dated 10 July 2010, to coincide with the ARTC Working Timetable of the same date. Electronic copies are available from the AATTC August Distribution List.

## **Sydney Light Rail extension**

The final report detailing construction of the Sydney Light Rail Inner West Extension is at [www.transport.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/file/publications/SLRE-Stage-1-Product-Definition-Report.pdf](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/file/publications/SLRE-Stage-1-Product-Definition-Report.pdf) The 5.6 km extension along the disused freight railway from the existing terminus at Lilyfield will have stations at Leichhardt North (Norton St), Hawthorne (Allen St), Marion St, Taverners Hill (Parramatta Road), Lewisham West (interchange with CityRail), Waratah Mills, Arlington, Dulwich Grove, Dulwich Hills (interchange with CityRail). Preliminary works commenced on 2 August with completion possible by 2012.

## **Pacific National: Tamworth freight**

Freight services have returned to West Tamworth, NSW. A weekly Pacific National service loads grain and timber in containers.

## **ARTC: Sunshine-Brooklyn line**

The direct standard gauge line from Sunshine to Brooklyn, Vic., 6 km, was commissioned on 14 July. It provides a direct connection from the Sydney line to the Adelaide line, avoiding the need for trains to have

to go into Melbourne for the locomotive to run around. Although this was not common, it was very time consuming.

## Melbourne Metro station locations

On 12 July the Victorian government released details of the location of stations on the proposed Melbourne Metro, Stage 1. They are at:

- Arden St, North Melbourne,
- Parkville (near Melbourne University and the Royal Melbourne Hospital),
- Melbourne Central (CBD, interchange with the underground loop station, and RMIT University), and
- Flinders Street (CBD, and interchange with existing station)
- Domain Road and St Kilda Road.

For more information follow the links from [www.vic.gov.au/news-detailmelbourne-metro-rail-tunnel-stations-announced.html](http://www.vic.gov.au/news-detailmelbourne-metro-rail-tunnel-stations-announced.html) Also see the article "Infrastructure Australia: Melbourne Metro top recommendation" starting on page 2 of this issue.

## Metro no go

On 27 July the Melbourne metropolitan system experienced a catastrophic failure. Just before the morning peak at 0455 overhead catenary broke at Southern Cross station and power failed at the centre of the system. Power was restored at 0755, but all peak Metro trains and all peak V/Line trains were either cancelled, truncated or delayed. The system did not return to normal until well into the afternoon.

## V/Line NE SG passenger service

V/Line passenger trains will be introduced gradually to the Victorian North East Standard Gauge line. Initially, there will only be an up train in the morning and a down train in the evening not running at full speed. Other services will remain as buses. After a couple of months, the full service of three trains every day will be introduced. *This report is unconfirmed.* The first N set carriages for the service has been refurbished and is in service temporarily on Broad Gauge services. The Wodonga deviation was commissioned from 2 August after a ten day closedown of XPT services.

## V/Line: Maryborough passenger services restored

Passenger train services between Maryborough and Ballarat were restored from Sunday 25 July, operated by VLocity DMUs. The timetable is:

		Monday-Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Maryborough	dp	0725	0700	0805
Creswick		0806	0741	0846
Ballarat	arr	0822x	0757x	0902x
Ballarat	dp	0838	0813	0917
Melbourne	arr	0949	0923	1045
Melbourne	dp	1605	1608	1608
Ballarat	arr	1719	1730	1730
Ballarat	dp	1725	1735	1735
Creswick		1741	1751	1751
Maryborough	arr	1825	1835	1835

The up trains each day connect at Ballarat with trains from Ararat. The down trains run through. Stops will be introduced at Clunes later. The Donald-Maryborough-Ballarat & v.v. V/Line bus is unaltered.

On Saturday 24 July special shuttle trips operated at Maryborough as publicity for the new service. A copy of the circular for these is available from the AATTC August Distribution List.

*Our front cover picture is an exterior view of the ornate Maryborough railway station – one of Australia's great stations. It is equally lavish inside.*

## V/Line: Western line timetable 25 July 10 - Wendouree wins

From Monday 26 July two additional trains serve Wendouree. The 0540 ex Ballarat now originates at Wendouree at 0532 (arriving Melbourne Southern Cross at 0653). The 1637 (was 1636) "super-express" Melbourne SX to Ballarat (due 1740) has been extended to Wendouree (arriving at 1751). Since Wendouree opened on 14 June 2009, about 24,118 passenger trips have been made, or about 150 people each weekday.

The 0745 Bacchus Marsh-Melbourne SX now departs one minute later and arrives SX four minutes later. A couple of other weekday times are changed by one or two minutes.

New Public timetables have been issued for:

- Melbourne-Ballarat-Wendouree
- Melbourne-Maryborough
- Melbourne-Daylesford
- Melbourne-Ballarat-Horsham-Nhill
- Melbourne-Ballarat-Hopetoun-Ouyen
- Maryborough-Bendigo
- Mildura-Bendigo-Ballarat-Geelong
- Mildura-Donald-Maryborough-Ballarat-Geelong-Melbourne
- Adelaide-Ballarat-Geelong.

These are available on the V/Line website, [www.vline.com.au](http://www.vline.com.au) and also from the AATTC August Distribution List.

The following V/Line bus services have been altered:

- The 0650 Donald-Maryborough-Ballarat Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays now departs at 0645, and runs earlier to Maryborough,
- The 0700 Bendigo-Daylesford-Ballarat-Geelong now departs at 0645, and runs earlier as far as Creswick where it now calls at the Railway Station,
- The 1152 Geelong-Ballarat-Daylesford-Bendigo now departs at 1140, and runs earlier as far as Creswick where it now calls at the Railway Station (This is curious, because it means the bus no longer has a connection from the 1100 train from Melbourne, but instead a lengthy connection from the 1000 train; yet the bus has a lengthy stop at Ballarat en route, which presumably could have been shortened),
- All bus departures from the Clarendon St bus terminal in Maryborough now depart 5 minutes earlier.

### **V/Line: Geelong peak train**

One of V/Line's oldest carriage sets will be replaced this month following the addition of more carriages and seats to the network. The 16:55 Melbourne SX to Marshall will be replaced with a five-car VLocity train after delivery was taken of the newest three-car VLocity. This makes an additional 7400 seats to the network in four years. Featuring a new livery and other safety features the new carriages are the first of 11 new trains (32 carriages) to be in service by October 2011, adding a further 2360 seats.

Works have also finished to extend Marshall Station car park, adding a further 400 spaces.

### **V/Line & Metro Trains Melbourne: Sunbury choice**

Sunbury passengers will be able to travel on either Metro suburban electric trains or V/Line trains when electrification is completed to Sunbury in 2012. This was announced by the Victorian Premier, John Brumby, on 14 July. There had been local unhappiness that, despite the much greater frequency which will be offered with suburban trains, they provide less comfort.

### **TasRail: Hooray for chocolate!**

The Bell Bay line will be re-opened from the end of September for the transport of imported cocoa for Cadbury Kraft from Bell Bay to their Hobart factory and to get block chocolate back to Bell Bay for shipping interstate, New Zealand and Asia. (See Shipping news p. 14).

Tasmanian Railway has revived the name TasRail, and it now has a website, [www.tasrail.com.au](http://www.tasrail.com.au)

### **WA Grain transport**

Grain handler CBH Group is evaluating competing bids for hauling WA's grain crop after the current provider, Australian Railroad Group, and several other rail providers submitted tenders.

### **Veolia Auckland: Sunday trains**

Following completion of duplication on the Auckland Western line, the hourly Sunday service from Auckland Britomart was extended to operate beyond New Lynn to Henderson from 20 June. On Sundays trains still do not run on the outer end of the line from Henderson to Swanson and Waitekere, which is relatively sparsely populated.

### **European timetables**

**SBB, Swiss Federal Railways**, is discontinuing sales of its CD-ROM timetable, following a big drop in sales. SBB is maintaining its paper timetable, which is sold in three volumes – one for rail and two for buses, and its two websites, [www.sbb.ch](http://www.sbb.ch) which allows for point to point searching and [www.fahrplanfelder.ch](http://www.fahrplanfelder.ch) which provides PDFs of timetables. As reported in *Table Talk*, February 2009, the second site also provides Working Timetables (click on Archives, then Graphic Timetables). Both websites

are in various languages, including English. As well as the official timetable, there a number of privately published, less elaborate, paper timetables published in Switzerland, either national or local.

**SNCF, French Railways**, no longer produces its CD-ROM timetable.

**DB, German Railway's** CD-ROM remains as a very popular item. It is widely consulted as an authoritative source for timetables throughout Europe. There are unconfirmed reports that DB may resume publication of their system timetable book.

For current timetables of **CFM Moldovan Railways** by AATTC member Samuel Rachdi see [www.fahrplancenter.com/CFM%20Mersul%20Trenurilor%202009-2010.pdf](http://www.fahrplancenter.com/CFM%20Mersul%20Trenurilor%202009-2010.pdf)

## Asian timetables

A useful website for point to point timetable searches for **Chinese** trains is [www.cnvol.com](http://www.cnvol.com)

**Pakistan Railways** book timetable, formerly published twice a year, has not appeared since April 2009.

For current timetables of **IR Iraqi Railways** by Samuel Rachdi see [www.fahrplancenter.com/IraqiRailways.html](http://www.fahrplancenter.com/IraqiRailways.html)

For current timetables of **CFS Syrian Railways** by Samuel Rachdi see [www.fahrplancenter.com/CFS.html](http://www.fahrplancenter.com/CFS.html)

## American timetables

**Amtrak** has not produced its usual system timetable book this year.

For current timetables of **South American** trains by Samuel Rachdi see [www.fahrplancenter.com/FahrplanLatno.html](http://www.fahrplancenter.com/FahrplanLatno.html)

## African timetables

For current timetables of **SNCF Tunisian Railways** by Samuel Rachdi see [www.fahrplancenter.com/horairesSNCFThiver.html](http://www.fahrplancenter.com/horairesSNCFThiver.html)

For current timetables of **SNTF Algerian Railways** by Samuel Rachdi see [www.fahrplancenter.com/SNTFEntry.html](http://www.fahrplancenter.com/SNTFEntry.html)

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# BUS NEWS

## New South Wales - Sydney

**Sydney Buses:** Metrobus route 40 commenced on 18 July 2010 between Chatswood Interchnage and Bondi Junction. A brochure carrying that date is now available.

**New Metrobus Routes for Western Sydney:** The Metrobus network is being expanded with a particular focus on servicing Western Sydney, with the number of routes increasing from five to thirteen. The first services have started, with the remainder coming on-line over the next 12 months. The expanded network will reach: Parramatta, Bankstown and Liverpool in the west; Hornsby in the north; Castle Hill and Baulkham Hills in the north west; and Hurstville and Sutherland Shire in the South.

The fifth of the already announced Metro Bus routes, M50, between Drummoyne and Randwick via Sydney CBD, is due to start in October:

The new Metrobus network, announced in July, will include:

- M41 – between Hurstville and Macquarie via Burwood
- M52 – between Parramatta and Sydney CBD via West Ryde was due to commence on 8 August. It will be limited stop between the City and Ryde replacing L20 and many 520 services.
- M54 – between Parramatta and Macquarie via Epping will commence in October 2010 in conjunction with the new CityRail timetable.
- M60 – between Parramatta and Hornsby via Baulkham Hills (operator CDC) is due to commence in February 2011 replacing Route 600 between Parramatta and Castle Hill.
- M61 – between Castle Hill and Sydney CBD via Baulkham Hills (replaces X610).
- M90 – between Liverpool and Burwood via Bankstown (Veolia).

- M91 – between Hurstville and Parramatta via Bankstown.
- M92 – between Sutherland and Parramatta via Bankstown.

Metrobuses run seven days a week, with a 10 minute frequency during peak periods, every 15 minutes during the weekday off-peak, and 20 minutes in the evening and on weekends. Metrobus will be supported by bus priority measures including bus lanes and the Public Transport Information Priority System that turns traffic lights green if a bus is running late.

The first new route will be Metrobus 52, which starts on 8 August between Parramatta and the Sydney CBD along Victoria Road, providing 40,000 extra passenger spaces a week. Metrobus 52 will benefit from: the conversion of transit lanes to bus-only lanes between Gladesville and Ryde; and the introduction of bus-only lanes through Ermington; and • The Inner West Busway between Drummoyne and Rozelle.

Route 426: A version 1.3 timetable has been sighted on the Sydney Buses website which contains a number of additional Route 426 trips weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

**Sydney Private Bus Timetables:** Punchbowl Bus Co. From Monday 5 July bus routes 450 & 946 are running to new timetables. Timetables were dated 28 June 2010, but amended to 5 July 2010. Another news item on their website advises of wheelchair accessible changes as from the above date. A look through their website reveals another three timetables have been changed – however these retain the date 22 March 2010 but on the back have updated version numbers with date 5 July ie Routes 953/954/955 version 2, 5 July, route 446 version 2, 5<sup>h</sup> July and route 940 version 4, 5<sup>h</sup> July 2010.

### **Sydney Bus Routes History website launched**

A new website has been launched covering the history of private bus routes in Sydney. *Sydney Bus Routes* presents brief histories from 1925 to the present of the routes and operators of private bus services in the metropolitan area of Sydney, NSW, Australia. The website is the work of bus historian and AATTC member Robert Henderson, who says it is his first attempt at compiling such a total history of the topic, even though he has been collecting the information for many years.

The website also has a potted history of how the route number system has developed over the years since 1925.

The extent of the Sydney metropolitan area has gradually grown over the 85 years between 1925 and 2010. In the 1920s, the area covered by the website extended to about Palm Beach, Berowra, Blacktown, Liverpool, Sutherland and Cronulla. But by 2010, the area covered has expanded to the Hawkesbury River, Camden, Picton, Waterfall and the Blue Mountains as far as Mt Victoria.

In the period covered by the website, there have been two permanent series of route numbers for private bus routes in Sydney. The first commenced in 1925 and the second (referred to as the Sydney Region Route Number System) started in 1981. During the years from 1981 to 2004, there was a gradual renumbering of routes from the 1925 system to the newer system.

Robert says that the website is a work in progress and invites input from readers in the interests of a more complete and accurate record. The Sydney Bus Routes History website may be viewed at [www.sydneybusroutes.com](http://www.sydneybusroutes.com)

## **Queensland – Brisbane**

**Brisbane Transport:** From Monday 26 July 2010, the following changes to Brisbane bus services were introduced to improve efficiency and reliability:

66 (Woolloongabba to Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital): Three additional services departing RBWH at 1526, 1536 and 1546.

100 (Forest Lake to City): Three additional inbound services departing Forest Lake at 0645, 0905 and 0950, two additional outbound services departing Queen Street busway station at 0715 and 0845, one additional outbound service departing Cultural Centre busway station at 1521 (operating school terms only)

109 (City to University of Queensland via Eleanor Schonell Bridge): Three additional outbound services departing the city at 0730, 0830 and 0935 (operating UQ semesters only), nine additional inbound services departing UQ Lakes at 1610, 1620, 1640, 1650, 1710, 1720, 1730, 1740 and 1750 (operating UQ semesters only)

118 (Forest Lake to City): Two additional inbound services departing Forest Lake at 0620 and 0750. Two additional outbound services departing the city at 1610 and 1630

130 (Parkinson to City) Four additional inbound services departing Calam Road, Sunnybank Hills at 0727, 0737, 0747, and 0757. Five additional outbound services departing the city at 1537, 1557, 1607, 1627 and 1707.

134 (City to Griffith University) Seven additional inbound services departing Griffith University (Nathan) at 1515, 1545, 1615, 1630, 1715, 1730 and 1800. Two additional outbound services depart the city at 0745 and 0845.

140 (Browns Plains to City): Two additional inbound services departing Illaweena St stop, Drewvale at 0715 and 0805. Two additional outbound services depart the city at 1542 and 1612.

150 (Browns Plains to City): One additional inbound service departs Gowan and Compton Rd stop, Runcorn at 0901. Three additional outbound services depart the city at 1510, 1600 and 1610. One additional outbound service departs the city at 1700 (Saturday only).

156 (Stretton to City): Three additional inbound services depart Stretton at 0726, 0741 and 0756.

P179 (Garden to City pre-paid): Two additional inbound services, creating a 10 minute frequency from 0635 to 0735. Two additional outbound services, creating a 10 minute frequency from 1644 to 1744.

180 (Garden City to City): Extra inbound services creating a 10 minute frequency from 0610 to 0730. Extra outbound services creating a 15 minute frequency from 0725 to 0855, and 10 minutes from 1610 to 1800. Extra Sunday services departing Garden City at 0710 and 0740; depart the city at 0755 and 0825.

199 (New Farm (Teneriffe Ferry) to City to West End): One additional service departs Teneriffe Ferry at 0750.

200 (Carindale to City): Two additional outbound services depart the city at 1613 and 1713.

209 (Carindale to University of Queensland via Eleanor Schonell Bridge): Three additional outbound services depart UQ Lakes at 1558, 1658 and 1758 (operating UQ semesters only).

333 (Chermside to City): One additional inbound service departing Kedron at 0813. One additional outbound service departs the city at 1507.

345 (Aspley to City): One additional outbound service departs the city at 1706.

359 (Albany Creek to City): One additional inbound service departs Albany Creek at 0655.

385 (The Gap to City): Two additional inbound services depart Waterworks stop, The Gap at 0735 and 0745. Two additional outbound services departing the Cultural Centre busway station at 1525 and 1713.

412 (St Lucia and University of Queensland to City via Toowong): Extra services to create a frequency of: 10 minutes Monday to Friday (peak), 15 minutes weekdays off-peak, weekends and public holidays. Five minute running times outbound during morning peak, and inbound during afternoon peak (UQ semesters only).

428 (Chapel Hill to University of Queensland): One additional services departs Indooroopilly at 1105 (operating UQ semesters only). Two additional services depart UQ Chancellor Place at 1552 and 1605 (operating UQ semesters only).

444 (Moggill to City): Three additional outbound services depart the Cultural Centre busway station at 1457, 1527 and 1604.

460 (Forest Lake to City): One additional outbound service departs Indooroopilly at 1525 (school terms only).

Also from Monday 26 July, some timetable and stop changes took place to improve efficiency and reliability on the following routes:

77 (Chermside to Eight Mile Plains)

123 (Griffith University to Garden City)

132 (Parkinson to Garden City)

150 (Browns Plains to City)

152 (Garden City to Stretton)

170 (Garden City via Newnham Road to City)

P179 (Garden City to City pre-paid)

199 (New Farm (Teneriffe Ferry) to City to West End)

200 (Clarindale to City)

333 (Chermside to City)

359 (Albany Creek to City)

385 (The Gap to City)

444 (Moggill to City)

There will also be some minor changes to district routes 820, 852, 870, 890, 891 and 893 departing the Garden City Interchange:

**Bus Queensland Lockyer Valley** route 539 Forest Hill, Gatton, Grandchester, Grantham, Helidon, Laidley, Lanefield, Lawes, Rosewood - New timetable 27 April 2010

**Mt Gravatt BS** route 260, 261, 262, 299 Alexandra Hills, Brisbane City, Brisbane Technology Park, Buranda, Burbank, Capalaba, Eight Mile Plains, Garden City, Greenslopes, Griffith University, Holland Park West, Mackenzie, Metropolitan South TAFE, QEII Hospital – New timetable 12 April 2010

## Queensland – Regional

**Sunshine Coast Sunbus:** New timetables from 28 June 2010 apply on  
route 600, 601 Caloundra, Currimundi, Kawana Waters, Maroochydore, Mooloolaba, Tewantin.  
route 616, 617, 618 Alexandra Headland, Buderim, Maroochydore, Minyama, Mountain Creek, North Buderim, University of the Sunshine Coast.  
route 622 Bli Bli, Coolum Beach, Kawana Shopping world, Maroochydore, Peregrine Springs.  
route 632 Cooran, Cooroy, Noosa Heads, Noosaville, Pomona, Tewantin.

## Victoria – Melbourne

**Outer Eastern suburbs:** List of bus upgrades to commence in August (29<sup>th</sup>):

New Route 696 (Olinda – Monbulk): One year trial of new route, will operate on weekdays, with hourly services from 0900 to 1500.

Route 663 (Belgrave – Lilydale): Weekday and Saturday service to operate till 2100, and introduce Sunday services for the first time, meaning services will operate till 2100, seven days a week.

Route 670 (Ringwood – Lilydale): Will be extended from Lilydale Station to Swinburne University. The frequency of services will be increased to approximately every 15 minutes at peak times. This means there will be 360 extra trips between Lilydale and Swinburne University each week.

Route 688 (Croydon – Olinda): Will be extended to from Olinda to Upper Ferntree Gully to replace and improve Route 698.

Route 698 (Olinda - Upper Ferntree Gully): Will be combined with Route 688, and will be known as Route 688. This will mean boosted weekday services, and weekend and public holiday services for the first time. There will be 346 extra trips on this route each week.

**New Route 768** (Box Hill – Deakin University) commenced on 19 July 2010. This route was previously designated as 767A (refer Table Talk May). Operates 11 trips Mon-Fri (Deakin Trimesters 1 & 2 only) at irregular intervals commencing at 0946 from Deakin with last trip at 1849 from Box Hill.

### **Bus improvements for Cardinia, Casey and Greater Dandenong:**

Six new routes and improvements to ten existing routes will begin in late 2010 following the State Government review in these municipalities. Timetables and routes maps will be available when start dates are confirmed.

New Route 846 (Eden Rise – Berwick Station via Bryn Mawr Boulevard) – new route servicing the currently un-serviced residential developments in Berwick South and Berwick, along Marsh Drive, Bemersyde Drive (south), Bryn Mawr Boulevard and Fairholme Boulevard. Service will operate until 2100, seven days per week.

New Route 847 (Casey Central – Berwick Station via Glasscocks Road and Berwick Springs) – new route replacing former Route 839 between Berwick Station and South Berwick (Berwick Springs). Former large one-way loop (via Centre Road) will be replaced with an improved bi-directional operation. Weekday service frequency will be improved from every 40 mins. to every 30 mins., and weekend frequencies will be improved from every 80 mins. to every 60 mins. The new route will extend into the currently un-serviced residential developments in Narre Warren South along Glasscocks Road, servicing the new Alkira Secondary College enroute to Casey Central shopping centre.

New Route 891 (Lynbrook – Fountain Gate via Hampton Park, Hallam Station and Hallam Gardens) – new route servicing the currently un-serviced residential development along Paterson Drive in Lynbrook South. Will connect Hallam Gardens residents with Hallam Station for the first time. Service will operate until 2100, seven days per week.

New Route 898 (Cranbourne Station – Archersfield Drive) – new route servicing the currently un-serviced residential development along Broadoak Drive and Bradford Drive in Cranbourne East. Off-peak and weekend services will extend to Cranbourne shopping precinct. Service will operate until 2100, seven days per week.

New Route 924 (Sandalwood – Pakenham Station) – new route servicing the currently un-serviced residential development along Webster Way, Pakenham South. Service will operate until 2100, seven days per week.

New Route 925 (Botanic Drive [Lakeside] – Pakenham Station via Pakenham North [Balmoral Way] and John Street) – new route servicing the currently un-serviced residential development along Botanic Way, Lakeside, and John Street. Will operate until 2100, seven days per week.

#### **Improvements to ten existing routes**

Route 836 (Bridgewater – Casey Hospital via Beaconsfield and Berwick Stations) – will be restructured to improve service coverage for The Chase estate and Bridgewater, and will be extended to Wurundjeri Boulevard and Eden Rise Shopping Centre. Section of the route between Berwick Station and Casey Hospital will be replaced by modified Route 839.

Route 837 (South Berwick – North Berwick via Berwick Station) – will be restructured and extended to the Panorama Estate via Beaconsfield-Emerald Road, Fieldstone Boulevard, Timberside Drive and O’Neil Road.

Route 839 (South Berwick – North Berwick via Berwick Station) – will be restructured and extended to Casey Hospital, Kingsmere in South Berwick, and to the currently un-serviced residential development north of Ernst Wanke Road along Whistler Drive.

Route 894 (Narre Warren South – Hallam Station – Fountain Gate) – will be restructured and weekday off-peak frequency will be improved from every 75 minutes to every 45 minutes, and Saturday frequencies will be improved from every 75 minutes to every 60 minutes. Will operate on Sundays and public holidays for the first time, and services will operate until 2100 daily.

Route 895 (Narre Warren South – Hallam Station – Fountain Gate) – will be restructured and extended to Fountain Gate via Narre Warren Station. The Pound Road/Harold Keys Drive area will receive a peak hour service for the first time. Weekday off-peak frequency will be improved from every 75 minutes to every 45 minutes, and Saturday frequencies will be improved from every 75 minutes to every 60 minutes. Will operate on Sundays and public holidays for the first time, and services will operate until 2100, seven days per week.

Route 897 (Cranbourne Station – Central Parkway) – will be extended into the currently un-serviced residential development east of Central Parkway. Weekday peak and off-peak frequencies will be improved, with 25 additional trips daily. Will operate on weekends and public holidays for the first time, and services will operate until 2100, seven days per week.

Route 926 (Pakenham Station – Fountain Gate via Lakeside and Beaconsfield) – will be extended to Beaconsfield Station, and from Blackwood Drive in Lakeside via the currently un-serviced residential development along Shearwater Drive, with provision to extend into the new Cardinia Road Railway Station and for the route to operate through the Arena Estate.

Route 927 (Pakenham Station – Pakenham North) – will be restructured and extended further north into the currently un-serviced areas of Ahern Road North and Kennedy Road.

Route 928 (Pakenham Station – Pakenham South via Henry Road) – will be restructured and extended further west along Henry Road into the currently un-serviced areas of Mackellar Street and Livingstone Boulevard.

Route 929 (Pakenham Station – Army Road) – will be restructured and extended into the currently un-serviced areas of Leigh Drive and Windermere Boulevard.

#### **New timetable issues:**

Melbourne Airport (Skybus) – 1 May 2010

Avalon Airport (Sita) - May/June 2010

510/512 (Moreland) – 6 June 2010

630 (Eastrans) – 6 June 2010

663/691/693 (Invicta) – 6 June 2010

683 (Martyrs) – 6 June 2010

742 (Ventura) – 6 June 2010

781/784/785 (Peninsula) – 6 June 2010

811/812/823 (Grenda) – 6 June 2010

857 (Grenda) – 6 June 2010

250/251/253 (National Bus) – 1 November 2009 v1 (Apr10). The timetable no.15 is no longer shown.

503/506 (Moonee Valley) – These are now in separate timetables both dated 28 June 2010 v1 (Jun 10)

517 (Dysons) – 1 November 2009 v1 (Jan10)

509 (Hope St) – 14 October 2008 v2 (Jul09)

More new **Metlink local guides** have been reported for the following areas.

Bayside

Glen Eira

Stonnington  
All are dated March 2010.

## Victoria - Regional

**Bendigo:** Free Sunday bus travel in Bendigo commenced on Sunday 4 July and will run on the first Sunday of every month until December, when it will run every Sunday. Passengers simply board the bus; there is no need to buy a ticket or touch on or touch off. The car-less Sunday promotion aims to encourage residents to use buses more. The initiative is a key part of the City of Greater Bendigo's 2009-2012 Bendigo City Centre TravelSmart Travel Plan.

## Western Australia - Perth

City Beach services and Wellington Street Bus Station stand changes: Routes 80, 81, 84, 85, 91, 92, 95, 213, 220, 401 and 940 (from 1 August 2010).

Beaufort Street Service Improvements: Routes 21, 22, 67, 68 and 69 to improve services travelling along Beaufort St as part of Transperth's ongoing commitment to provide quality, integrated public transport (from 1 August 2010).

Route 587 services operating between Mandurah Station, Mandurah Senior College and Frederick Irwin Anglican School will be renumbered to display School Days Only Route 586 to align with existing short services operating the same route (from 1 August 2010).

Routes 43, 48 and 55: service and timetable changes to improve the frequency of Guildford Rd services on Sundays (from 1 August 2010).

Perth CAT: There will be major upgrades to operating hours of Blue, Red and Yellow CAT services (from 1 August 2010)

A new Joondalup CAT 13 trial service operates between Joondalup Station and Edith Cowan University (Joondalup Campus) from 26 July 2010. Transperth implemented changes to bus routes 34, 36, 40, 286, 287, 288, 293, 295, 296, 320, 330 and 343 to ensure better on-time reliability. (Effective 25 July 2010) new fares schedule applies to Transperth services.

## Western Australia - Regional

**Greyhound's Perth - Broome service** has been assured continuance until at least September according to WA Transport Minister Simon O'Brien. Greyhound Australia requested a \$650,000 annual subsidy to maintain the service. An article in the *West Australian* of 20 May does not say what, if any, subsidy has been paid by the Government to the company, which claims it is a loss making route.

**Busselton and Dunsborough:** The Public Transport Authority has advised that its SmartRider smartcard ticketing system was introduced on the Busselton and Dunsborough fare paying town and school based services operated by South West Coach Lines in late December 2009. This follows the successful roll out of SmartRider in Geraldton last year. Busselton, Dunsborough and Geraldton are the first regional towns in Western Australia to have SmartRider introduced.

The Busselton issued smartcards are valid in Geraldton and the Perth Metropolitan Area. The introduction of SmartRider also heralded the new TransBusselton name and the use of standard green and white or silver and green bus liveries as used in Perth and Geraldton.

There is no fee for the first SmartRider but a \$5 replacement fee will be charged for any subsequent issues. Secondary students, if from a participating school, will be issued SmartRiders by the school while others apply through MonitorWA.

**Thanks to** Tony Bailey, Craig Halsall, Victor Isaacs, Michael Marshall, Len Regan, Lourie Smit, David Whiteford, Bob Wilson and various department and operator websites for Bus news.

# AIR NEWS

## International

For a **Qantas** domestic and international PDF timetable in point-to-point format go to [www.qantas.com.au/flightinfo/qf\\_pdfTimetable.pdf](http://www.qantas.com.au/flightinfo/qf_pdfTimetable.pdf)

**V Australia** is to be brought under the direct control of Virgin Blue in an attempt to change the fortunes of the loss making company.

**Air Mauritius** recommenced flights from Sydney on 7 July.

**Garuda Indonesia** discontinued one of its Perth-Denpasar flights from 23 July, reducing from thrice to twice daily. Further changes to the schedule are expected soon.

**Air China** will commence twice weekly Beijing-Melbourne direct flights in December and increase the frequency of its Beijing-Shanghai-Pudong-Melbourne service from four to five a week from October. It will also provide an additional weekly flight to Sydney from 16 September.

**Strategic Airlines** will commence Port Hedland-Denpasar flights from 3 August. Flights from Karratha to Denpasar will follow. The flight will depart Port Hedland on Tuesday at 1415 arriving Denpasar at 1615. The return flight will depart Denpasar at 0800 each Wednesday, and arrive at Port Hedland at 1005.

Indonesian carrier **Batavia Air** will soon commence daily services between Perth and Bali on a date to be announced. It will be the sixth airline on the route joining Pacific Blue, Jetstar, AirAsia, Strategic Airlines and Garuda. Flights will arrive in Perth at 0705 and depart an hour later, arriving in Bali shortly before midday. Batavia also has plans to operate to Sydney and Melbourne.

**Jetstar** will commence daily Auckland-Melbourne flights from 13 December and thrice weekly Cairns-Auckland service from 12 April 2011. It has received approval to increase flights to Bali and will consider launching flights to Singapore from Sydney and other Australia ports as it continues to build its Asian network. Direct flights to China from Australia are also on the radar. But chief executive Bruce Buchanan said its primary focus was on growing its short haul network within Asia from its Singapore hub.

## Domestic

**Jetstar** will double frequencies between Sydney and Launceston to twice daily from 2 December and services between Melbourne and Launceston will increase from three to four daily from 10 December. This follows the withdrawal of Melbourne-Launceston services by **Tiger**.

**Virgin Blue** and **Skywest** have doubled the number of routes in their codeshare agreement, giving Virgin passengers an expanded WA network including Albany, Esperance, Geraldton, Exmouth, Carnarvon, Monkey Mia and Kalbarri. Ports already covered are Broome, Kununurra, Karratha and Kalgoorlie. The deal includes the integration of Skywest flights into Virgin's Velocity program.

**Thanks** to Tony Bailey for Air news.

## SHIPPING NEWS

### Bass Strait service

**Agility Shipping** will launch a service between Melbourne and Bell Bay, Tasmania in early August. The thrice-weekly service will be by Australian-flagged and Australian crewed vessels, with the first being the MV Tassie Bridge. Depending on customer demand a second vessel might be added later in the year. An agreement has been reached between Agility and Tas Rail for an intermodal service from Bell Bay to Hobart in the last quarter of 2010. (See Rail news p. 7).

**Thanks** to Tony Bailey for Shipping news.

## AND FINALLY

*The new Working time table for all three divisions of the [Indian] South Western Railway, namely Hubli, Bangalore and Mysore divisions was released in Hubli on Monday. According to a release, it would come into force from July 1.*

Perhaps this is not momentous news, but *The Hindu*, India's second biggest English-language newspaper, and the 32<sup>nd</sup> biggest newspaper in the world, with a circulation of 1.3 million, thought it important enough to carry an article informing its readers.

**Thanks** to Geoff Lambert for this item.



# ***Members' News*** **- August 2010**

## **Australian Association of Timetable Collectors**

### **PASSING OF JACK McLEAN**

**Jim Stokes writes:** I was very sorry to hear of Jack's death. I knew him for 40 years and he was the kindest and most helpful of people. He first sought me out when he came over to Tasmania for the TGR centenary celebrations in 1971. Unfortunately I was overseas, but it started a correspondence and exchange of information that went on for many years. I still have many of his letters written on the characteristic back of recycled life insurance printout, including the first one that he ever wrote me which eventually caught up with us in Austria. We also exchanged copies of many WTTs, particularly relating to our shared love of the railways of western Canada.

Only a couple of months ago I was going over his notes of his 1940 and 1947 visits to Tasmania looking for information on the TGR B-class 4-4-0s for a piece I was writing for *Tas Rail News*. Jack's two visits and John Buckland's two visits in 1945 gave a comprehensive record of rail operations in Tasmania at a time when not much else was being recorded. And of course Jack's interest in safeworking made the notes of his travels particularly interesting and useful. It was a pleasure and a privilege to have known him because he gave so much to all of us.

**Jim Fergusson writes:** I first made contact with Jack in the early 1980's in response to his plan to establish a timetable collectors' society. I replied enthusiastically to his suggestion, became one of the first members, and remain, I think, the only UK member. We started corresponding on many matters, some regarding unadvertised workmen's services in Australia, but mainly on our mutual interest in the 3 rival railways across the Canadian Prairies and Rockies, exchanging copies of timetables from this period, also the railways of Prince Edward Island. Jack also tried to get me to form a UK timetable collectors' society, but without success.

It was almost 20 years before I met Jack. In 2002, the opportunity arose for me to provide consultancy advice on Perth's new railway to Mandurah. After four weeks in Perth, I took 2 weeks leave, travelling by rail to Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney. I well remember that day in Melbourne. After an early morning start at Albert Isaacs' shop, I eventually made it to Jack's front door about midday. His first comment: "you look nothing like I thought you would!" I replied similarly! What was planned to be a couple of hours chat turned into a 9 hour marathon, briefly interrupted by a quick dash to the shops to get some food. I spent much of the time going through his extensive collection, whilst Jack attempted to get me interested in the Wingrove Railway (Jack soon realised that was not my scene!). It shows the character of the man that he lent me some items on Cuba and Central America, which I duly took home, copied and returned to him in due course.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 16 OCTOBER**

Our AGM will be on **Saturday 16 October** in **Sydney**. It promises to be the usual very convivial occasion. Details will be notified as they are arranged.

### **COLLECTORS' CORNER**

Frank Goldthorpe is seeking any old timetables for Ruttly's Bus Service Figtree service. Please contact him at 11/26 Enfield St Marrickville NSW 2204 or on 042 994 3223.

### **HISTORIC INDIAN RAILWAY TIMETABLES**

Reproductions of Indian Railway timetables of various dates are available on the website of the Indian Railways Fan Club at [www.irfca.org/docs/timetables.html](http://www.irfca.org/docs/timetables.html)

## 1861 TIMETABLE QUERY

The AATTC was recently able to assist a PhD student seeking help with an 1861 Victorian Railways timetable. He is studying the tragic Burke and Wills expedition. News of the death of the explorers was brought back to Melbourne, the last leg on the railway which had recently opened between Woodend and Melbourne. He was seeking to find out exactly what time the news would have reached Melbourne.

## DIVISION MEETINGS

**Adelaide:** Inquiries to convenor Roger Wheaton at [rogertw@adam.com.au](mailto:rogertw@adam.com.au) or 08-8331 9043.

**Brisbane:** The next meeting will be at Brian Webber's residence, 8 Coachwood Street, Keperra at 2pm on **Sunday 29 August**. Inquiries to [bwebber@tpg.com.au](mailto:bwebber@tpg.com.au), or 07-3354 2140. All welcome!

**Canberra:** The Canberra Division meets at 1830 on the second Thursday of **every** month at the Ainslie Club, Wakefield Avenue, Ainslie. Good conversation and a meal are features. Enquiries to Ian Cooper, GPO Box 1533, Canberra ACT 2601, [iancooper@goldweb.com.au](mailto:iancooper@goldweb.com.au) or 02-6254 2431.

**Melbourne:** Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of odd months from March to November. Remaining meetings in 2010 will be on Wednesday 1 September and Wednesday 3 November. All meetings commence at 2000 at the home of David Hennell, 3/29 Croydon Road, Surrey Hills, which is a short walk from Chatham Railway Station on the Lilydale/Belgrave line.

**Sydney:** Sydney meetings are held at 1400 on the first Saturday of February, May, August and November at the church hall, Roseville Uniting Church, 2 Lord St, Roseville. This is a very short walk from Roseville Railway Station on the North Shore line. All members and non-members are welcome. Large grab tables for the exchange of timetables, and cake, are always features. Inquiries to the Sydney convenor, Geoffrey Clifton, GPO Box 1963, Sydney NSW 2001, [G.Clifton@itls.usyd.edu.au](mailto:G.Clifton@itls.usyd.edu.au)

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