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PANORAMA
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Eltham to Warrandyte
Eltham to Research
Routes 578, 579, 581

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Bus 578 Eltham-Warrandyte
Bus 579 Eltham-Warrandyte
Bus 581 Eltham-Research

Main Road Services

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Bus 570 Greensborough-South Lower Plenty
Bus 571 Greensborough-Eltham
Bus 572 Greensborough-Eltham
Bus 573 Northland-Eltham
Bus 574 Eltham-North Research
Bus 575 Eltham-Panton Hill
Bus 576 Eltham-Warrandyte
Bus 577 Eltham-Allendale
Bus 578 Eltham-Montsalvat

Eltham District

metlink

Effective July 2006

Monday to Friday Eltham to Warrandyte Eltham to Research																	
Stops	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM
Trains from City	6.21	-	-	6.51	6.51	6.51	-	7.39	7.39	8.04	-	8.04	-	-	8.04	8.04	8.33
Eltham	6.25	-	-	7.20	7.35	7.40	-	7.50S	8.00S	8.10	-	8.20S	-	-	8.25S	8.35	8.45S
Beard Street	6.27	-	-	7.23	7.37	7.43	-	7.53S	8.03S	8.13	-	8.23S	-	-	8.28S	8.38	8.48S
Research	6.30	-	7.20	7.27	7.40	7.47	7.50S	7.57S	8.10S	8.15	8.20	8.27S	-	-	8.32S	8.42	8.52S
Eltham College Kangaroo Creek-Warrandyte Rd	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.00S	8.15S	8.18S	-	8.30S	8.30S	8.30S	8.35S	8.45S	8.55S
Floods Road Kangaroo Creek-Warrandyte Rd	-	6.48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.35S	-	-	-	-
Stony Creek Road Research-Warrandyte Road	6.37	-	7.28	-	7.48	-	7.55S	-	-	-	8.28	-	-	-	-	-	-
Warrandyte Bridge	6.40	6.53	7.38	-	7.58	-	8.00S	-	-	-	8.40	-	8.40S	-	-	-	-
Warrandyte Reserve	-	6.55	7.40	-	-	-	8.02S	-	-	-	8.45	-	8.45S	8.45S	-	-	-

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Sydney

The new CityRail timetable is still on target for 4 September. The Working Time Tables were distributed in early July.

Melbourne

Connex Trains.

Dandenong Line One extra train runs in both the morning and evening peak periods from Monday, 4 July 2005 (weekdays only). The AM peak service departs Dandenong at 0706 and stops all stations to Caulfield and then runs express from Caulfield to South Yarra. This train runs direct to Flinders Street Station and does not go through the City Loop. Passengers for Parliament, Melbourne Central, Flagstaff and Spencer Street

stations need to change at Richmond. The PM train departs Spencer Street at 1711, Flinders Street Station at 1716 and runs direct to Richmond and then express from South Yarra to Caulfield and then stops all stations to Dandenong. The State Government and Connex have added the extra services to meet growing demand along the Dandenong rail corridor. Usually adding extra trains is complex and the whole timetable needs to be rewritten. These trains could be added without having to change any other services. In the short term, however, they have to run direct to and from Flinders Street Station – no pathways were available for them to go through the City Loop.

New AM train to Flinders Street
Dandenong 7.06am
Yarraman 7.09am
Noble Park 7.11am

Sandown Park 7.13am
Springvale 7.15am
Westall 7.17am
Clayton 7.20am
Huntingdale 7.22am
Oakleigh 7.25am
Hughesdale 7.27am
Murrumbeena 7.28am
Carnegie 7.30am
Caulfield 7.34am
South Yarra 7.40am
Richmond 7.43am
Flinders Street 7.47am

New PM train to Dandenong
Spencer Street 5.11pm
Flinders Street 5.16pm
Richmond 5.19pm
South Yarra 5.22pm
Caulfield 5.30pm
Carnegie 5.32pm
Murrumbeena 5.34pm
Hughesdale 5.36pm
Oakleigh 5.38pm
Huntingdale 5.40pm
Clayton 5.43pm
Westall 5.46pm
Springvale 5.49pm
Sandown Park 5.51pm
Noble Park 5.53pm
Yarraman 5.55pm
Dandenong 5.58pm

A two-sided DL sized leaflet was published regarding the new Dandenong peak train services. One side announces the introduction of the two new services while the rear shows the times at each station they service.

V/line

Temporary Bendigo Lines (Stage 3) commenced from Saturday 2nd July and will continue to late 2005. Trains run from Melbourne and Watergardens to Sunbury. A mixture of express and stopping coaches operate from Sunbury to Bendigo and Echuca. Trains continue from Bendigo to Swan Hill. A blue temporary Bendigo Line pocket size timetable is available from the Spencer Street Station Info desk and other V/line and Metro Premium Stations. Passengers are advised to allow an extra 30 - 60 minutes for the coach journey.

A major Regional Fast Rail upgrade has been completed and saw the return of normal train services between Geelong and Melbourne on Monday 4 July. V/Line thanked passengers for their cooperation and support during these important works.

V/Line ran extra coaches to and from Melbourne on Sunday 3 July for the fourteenth round of the AFL Football season.

Once services returned to normal, V/Line passengers no longer received the complimentary Zone 1 Metcard ticket.

A 27/2/05 pocket TT for Mt Gambier has been sighted. In addition to changes to the Warrnambool train times, a number of additional coach stops are now shown for the Ballarat route.

A Warrnambool pocket timetable effective 27/2/05 was spotted some time ago - it shows trains stopping at Marshall and altered times, neither of which commenced until 26/4/05.

V/line pocket timetables with some minor changes:

- * Albury/Wodonga - Melbourne dated 27/2/05
- * Yarram/Leongatha - Melbourne dated 20/3/05

Perth

A Transperth media release announces that the new MetroRail project has reached another milestone on its journey to delivering a world-class rail network with the completion of the new Thornlie Station and Thornlie Line.

The introduction of Thornlie train services on 8 August 2005 will result in a number of benefits for our passengers across the newly-expanded Transperth train network, as well as changes to connecting bus services.

Service changes as of 8 August 2005 will include:

- Thornlie Line - new services and stopping pattern
- Armadale Line - time changes and stopping pattern changes
- Joondalup Line - time changes
- Midland Line - time changes and extra services
- Perth Train Station - platform changes
- Bus services - time or route changes to many bus feeder services along all train lines

As a result of these changes many train and bus services across the Transperth network will have new timetables.

International

Bhopal, India : West Central Railway is bringing out a railway timetable in Braille for the visually challenged. "The timetable will be out in a couple of months," said Anil Jain, public relations officer of West Central Railway. The railway is taking the help of an NGO in designing the Braille timetable, which will be available at railway platform bookstalls. "We realised it was difficult for the visually challenged to go to railway stations to check the arrival and departure timings of trains. A Braille timetable would help them," said Jain. At its Habibgunj railway station here, the West Central Railway has also put up a Braille timetable.

Melbourne

The Route 78/79 (North Richmond - Prahran/St Kilda Beach) tram timetable has been reprinted dated June 2005. Other than correcting the error in the previous edition where the routes on the cover were shown as operating via La Trobe St (!) instead of Chapel St, there are no obvious changes.

A new 109 (Box Hill - Port Melbourne) Yarra Trams Timetable, dated May 2005, is available. This is still in the old-style format. This timetable appears to be another reprint of the September 2003 Timetable, without any timetable changes, only some minor reformatting.



Yarra Trams Route 75 commenced a new timetable on Sunday 24th July, with the opening of the Vermont South extension. 9 minutes allowed for the extension. A good spread of services on route 75 from Camberwell Depot operating:

- 0419-0127 Weekdays
- 0423-0130 Saturdays
- 0609-0112 Sundays

The new Route 75 booklet timetable, dated July 2005, in the full Metlink format. Cover indicates "Connecting with Knox Transit Link Bus Service to Knox City". Bus connections to Knox City are only shown in the outbound timetable, with row heights reduced to fit in the extra row (orange background). The timetable only shows services between Market St and Vermont South, due to the Flinders St overpass removal. The route map provided shows the temporary termination at Market St, and shows the 'Shuttle Bus to Knox'. Travel times aren't shown beyond East Burwood.

Updated Network and City Saver maps are provided, both effective July 2005. These no longer make reference to Sunday-only Route 68 (last run next weekend). The CBD is still shown as normal operation, without alterations applying until Nov 2005. The network map sadly doesn't show the Knox Transit link bus, and the CBD inset still shows Route 75 as City to East Burwood and 55 running Mon - Sat.

At Vermont South terminus a different version of the network map is displayed, also effective July

2005 - this shows the Zone 2/3 overlap commencing at Springvale Rd. The one in the timetable doesn't show the overlap starting point.

An updated Route 75 Metlink frequency leaflet shows the new "temporary" route map.

Monday to Friday Vermont South - City		Route 75 via Burwood > Hawthorn > Richmond	
Stop	AM	AM	AM
75 Vermont South	4:53	5:13	5:33
74 East Burwood	5:02	5:22	5:42
68 Burwood Hwy & Middleborough Rd	5:05	5:25	5:45
69 Callard St & Burwood Hwy	5:07	5:27	5:47
68 Burwood (Jaspers & Burwood)	5:10	5:30	5:50
58 Warrigal & Torrak Rds	5:11	5:31	5:51
48 Camberwell Junction	5:20	5:41	6:01
39 Camberwell Depot	5:29	5:51	6:13
32 Charlton & Plover Rds	5:32	5:54	6:16
24 Hawthorn (Power & Waller)	5:35	5:57	6:19
24 Hawthorn (Church & Burwood)	5:37	5:59	6:21
24 Westbank Terrace	5:40	6:02	6:24
14 Hurl Road & Wellington Parade	5:43	6:05	6:27
13 Simpson St	5:46	6:08	6:30
8 Hinders & Spring Sts	5:49	6:11	6:33
7 Hinders & Exhibition Sts	5:52	6:14	6:36
6 Hinders & Swanston Sts	5:55	6:17	6:39
4 Hinders & Elizabeth Sts	5:58	6:20	6:42
3 Hinders & Queen Sts	6:01	6:23	6:45
2 Hinders & Market Sts	6:04	6:26	6:48

Yarra Trams are changing timetables for their **Essendon Depot** routes as of Sunday 7 August. Changes include:

- Sunday route 68 (West Coburg - Elizabeth St City) will no longer run. Instead Route 55 via William St will now run 7 days a week
- Shuttle route 50 (City - North Melbourne) will cease, with current services incorporated into Route 57
- Timetable changes on Routes 55, 57, 59 and 82

Sydney

Busabout introduced a new route 851 timetable (Liverpool - Miller) commencing Monday 25 July.

Routes 446 and 447 are now operated by **Punchbowl Bus** instead of Pleasure Tours; html format timetables for these routes have appeared on the Punchbowl website.

Sydney Buses

New website timetables are as follows
Effective July 2005:

- 155-156-158 Manly to McCarrs Creek - v 2
- 191-192-193 Avalon - v 2
- 200 Chatswood to Bondi Junction - v 4
- 353 Eastgardens to Bondi Junction - v 6
- 409 Hurlstone Park to Burwood, v 3
- 443 Pyrmont - v 4
- 471-472 Rockdale to Five Dock - v 7
- 487 Canterbury to Bankstown, v4,
- 492-494-499 Drummoyne to Rockdale/Hurstville - v 6
- 518-X18 Macquarie Uni - City - v 5

Effective 17 July 2005

- 412, v 8
- 413, v 10
- 422, v 8
- 423/L23, v 9
- 426, v 8
- 428/L28, v 9
- 435-440, v 5
- 461, v 7
- 480, 483, v 8

Effective 18 July 2005

- 267 Chatswood to Crows Nest, v 4

Printed copies of all of these timetables have also been published. The only timetable effective 17 July 2005 not available on the STA website is the Newtown to City combined time table (422-423), which is version 7 and effective 17 July 2005. No new timetables have been issued for the 458-459 and 502-504.

Commencing Sunday 17 July 2005 - Parramatta Rd, Mortlake/ Chiswick and Concord Rd Services: departure times of some trips on routes 435, 436, 437, 438, 440, 461, 480 and 483 were slightly altered. Minor changes were made to departure times and running times, and some early morning/evening services were altered by 5-10 mins.

Commencing Sunday 17 July 2005, the timetables for routes 412, 413, 422, 423, L23, 426, 428 and L28 were also slightly modified.

Routes 412 and 413 now operate to King St Wharf. The City section points for both routes

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have been amended; operating via George Street to Wynyard, Margaret Street, York Street, Erskine Street to KSW, and outbound via Erskine Street, York Street, King Street and George Street (Strand Arcade). Terminating buses set down in Cuthbert Street and first pick up will be on Erskine Street.

In addition to these changes, alterations to the following trips on Routes 458 and 504 will also occur from Sunday 17 July 2005:

- Weekdays the 0609 Route 458 service from Ryde departs two minutes later, at 0611 and the 1900 route 504 service from Circular Quay departs two minutes later at 1902.
- Saturday the 1929 route 504 trip from Chiswick departs two minutes later, at 1931.

Service Announcement N112 advised of minor alterations to weekend Manly Wharf bus services effective Saturday 16 July, affecting routes 133, 135, 136, 139, 141, 155, 156, 159 and 169. This is a result of the change in departure time of the Manly Ferry at 0925 on weekends. Most resulted in buses running from 2 to 11 minutes earlier however one trip, the 0819 Route 155 trip from McCarrs Creek to Manly will be unable to meet the rescheduled ferry and passengers were advised to catch the route 156 service departing Mona Vale at 0818 to make the connection.

Two trips on route 267 no longer operate from Monday 18 July 2005. The buses were to be redistributed to routes where there is more demand, to better improve service. The affected trips were Monday to Friday at 0706 and 0739 departing Edinburgh Rd Willoughby, to Chatswood Station.

New South Wales

Jones, Bathurst There are no new timetables for the ex Bathurst Coaches runs yet but Jones have introduced a new 'Macquarie Mover' service, effective June 2005, with three different routes:

- 1 - University / TAFE loop service: Every hour 0900 to 1500, continuing onto route 2 service
- 2 - Base Hospital Loop service: Every hour 0925 to 1425, continuing onto route 3 service
- 3 - St Vincents Hospital Loop service: Every hour 0945 to 1445, continuing onto route 1 service

The front of Berrima Coaches MO 4483 Mercedes O405NH / Bustech is used on the timetable with a computer generated livery.

Deane's Queanbeyan: Route 834 Jerrabomberra to Canberra City from and including Monday 20

June 2005 route 834 was discontinued due to lack of patronage.

Newcastle Buses

New timetables and guides:

- 363 printed form dated April 2005 – version 8.
- routes 223 and 227 16 May 2005 version 4.
- 111 Charlestown to Newcastle - v6 effective 4 July 2005
- 224-225 Wallsend/Jesmond to Newcastle - v8 effective 4 July 2005
- Newcastle Region Guide May 2005
- University of Newcastle Callaghan Campus Express Bus guide 2005 v 1.1

Canberra

From Monday 25 July 2005, there will be some changes to route times to better reflect current times on routes 30, 31, 36, 38, 43, 46, 47, 53, 54, 56, 80, 85

Melbourne

Collected from the BAV Bus and Coach Maintenance Conference the new look Metlink Bus Timetables on glossy paper. The only copy available then was Panorama Melbourne (see illustration on page 1) Eltham to Warrandyte and Eltham to Research routes 578, 579, 581 effective July 2005.

Some observations:

- The 0750 Eltham - Warrandyte on Saturdays ran as a 579 service in the 20/9/03 TT, but is now shown as a 578. Error or TT Change?
- Hours for Metcard Helpline on rear cover are different between Metlink bus, tram and train TTs.
- There are number of empty rows at the bottom of the tables - these could've been used to show route numbers. An explanation for the lack of route numbers for each trip is possibly due to the fact the PTC format TT for these routes didn't show them either. Another option could be to show times in different colours for different routes, as per 78/79 TT.
- PM times are shown in slightly bolder font, but so minimal that it's only really evident if you compare the AM & PM columns that appear side-by-side.
- Eltham College is listed as "Kangaroo-Ground-Warrandyte Rd" when it's actually on Main Road. This has obviously come from the PTC-style TT where this was shown above the time point to indicate between 578 & 579 services.
- The route numbers (or corridors/districts) should be near the very top to allow easy identification in timetable racks - often only 20% - 25% of the cover can be seen, so

something that makes it easily identifiable from other routes is important.

Grenda Corp.

Commencing from Saturday 9th July, 2005: Route 801 is no longer going to Waverley Gardens Shopping Centre; instead goes from Jacksons Rd then into Police Rd then normal route, both directions, and reduced time by 5 minutes the arrive times in Dandenong R/S are 29 and 59 minutes past the hour instead 04 and 34 minutes past the hour. Time point change in Mulgrave (Corner of Jacksons and Police Rd instead Waverley Gardens S/C).

Route 803 route changing (Both Directions) To and From Dandenong R/S via Foster St, Railway Pde, Chandler Rd, Stackpoole St, Newman Ave, Nance St, Bloomfield Rd, Parkmore S/C, Kingsclere Ave, Corrigan Rd then normal route to Noble Park. (Buses no longer goes via Bennet St, Cheltenham Rd and Kingsclere Ave to Parkmore S/C) then from Heatherton Rd via Cleeland St, Clow St, Thomas St, Walker St and Robinson St to Dandenong (No longer via Princes Hwy, Cleeland St, Heatherton Rd, Stud Rd, Dandenong Plaza (Walker St) to Dandenong R/S).

Routes 801 and 803 route map now separated into two route maps instead of a combined one.

Timetable date is 4th July, 2005 and now available from Grenda's Bus depot, Grenda buses or at Dandenong Railway Station

Invicta has put details of the timetable changes on their website - they commence Monday 25 July.

- An additional 675 service from Mooroolbark to Chirnside Park will run departing Mooroolbark at 8.35am
- The 680 currently departing Mooroolbark at 1525 will be departing at 1520, see 680 timetable for alterations to times on this trip.
- The 680A currently departing Lilydale at 1555 will be departing at 1605.
- The 691 currently departing Stud Park to Waverley Gardens at 0637 will be departing at 0633 to arrive at Waverley Gardens at 0648.
- The 691 currently departing Waverley Gardens at 0655 will be departing Waverley Gardens at 0650, Stud Park 0702, Ferntree Gully 0729 then as normal.

As from 29th July 2005 the following service additions will apply:

- The 663 service will run later buses on Friday nights only from Belgrave to Monbulk and run more services Saturday afternoons from Belgrave to Monbulk and Monbulk to Belgrave.
- The 679 service will run a later service from Chirnside Park to Montrose on Friday nights

only and run more services Saturday afternoons from Chirnside Park to Montrose and Montrose to Chirnside Park.

Skybus has reprinted their timetable, in the same DL format. The new edition is dated 6th May 2005, and now shows all fare details on the front side. The family return fare was incorrectly shown at \$45, and has been corrected by hand to \$50. No timetable changes.

US Bus Lines made the following minor changes to two weekday 697 trips commencing 23 May 2005:

- 09:00 ex Belgrave Sth now runs at 08:50
- 14:20 ex Belgrave Sth now arrives Belgrave at 14:30

Commencing from Friday 29 July 2005 route 695 Belgrave - Gembrook was extended to Fountain Gate Shopping Centre from Gembrook on Friday late afternoon till evening and all day Saturday (Belgrave - Gembrook - Fountain Gate).

Gembrook - Fountain Gate extensions known as route 695F. Every 90 minutes services Monday to Friday instead of every 120 Minutes.

Ventura Bus Lines

767 Southland - Box Hill - From 25.7 travels direct from Wattle Park to Box Hill via Elgar Road and Carrington Road following the former 735 route

735 Blackburn South - Box Hill - from 25.7 travels direct via Station St rather than Riversdale Road and Elgar Road from Box Hill South following the 732, 700 and former 767 route.

(essentially both above routes have been transposed from Box Hill South to Box Hill)

732 Upper Fern Tree Gully - Box Hill via Vermont and Knox City SC new expanded timetable introduced from 24 July incorporating additional short workings connecting with trams from the new Vermont South tram extension (route 75) which opened on the same day. New evening services and Sunday service up until midnight/last tram which only operates from Knox City to Vermont South. Additional services from Box Hill other times.

New Metlink style timetables are available on the Ventura website for the following routes, effective 24th June.

- 732 - Box Hill to Upper Ferntree Gully
- 735 - Box Hill to Blackburn South
- 738 - Mitcham to Knox City
- 742 - Eastland to Chadstone
- 754 - Stud Park to Glen Waverley
- 755 - Bayswater to Knox City
- 757 - Knox City to Scoresby
- 758 - Knox City to Knoxfield
- 767 - Box Hill to Southland

The new 734 pocket TT can now be downloaded as well. Timetables for the above bus services have been developed using Global Positioning Systems (GPS), to ensure they better reflect real traffic conditions and meet customer requirements.

Some observations on the new Ventura timetables from PDFs:

- Back in late April Ventura announced GPS changes for 732, 734, 753 and 755 would commence with the opening of the Vermont South extension. Therefore additional routes have been incorporated into the changes, while 753 hasn't
- The new timetables, with the exception of Route 732, are produced in the new Metlink pocket timetable format. They also feature route numbers on the covers for the first time. The TT numbers follow on from the current TT numbering system in use at Nationalbus (which is now owned by Ventura). I doubt Metlink is implementing a network-wide timetable numbering system like Transperth has.
- The route 732 timetable is in the new Metlink DL format, and appears to be produced in a booklet format, given the high-level of services now offered
- The route 732 timetable shows arrivals/departures of 75 trams at Vermont South. Bus Connections are provided with every tram, with a 3 minute connection time provided in most cases. This is referred to as the "Knox City Transit Link"
- Routes 738, 755, 757 & 758 are combined in the one pocket timetable
- Rail connections at Ashburton are now shown in the 734 timetable, while no rail connections are shown in the 732 timetable for Upper Ferntree Gully.
- Timetables show a note indicating "all services in the above timetables are operated by low floor buses" however this only applies to Saturday services at present (and 732 Sundays). Low-floor times aren't shown for weekday services.
- Some timetables no longer show tight rail connections of less than 5 minutes, instead the connection shown is for an earlier/later train. Previously Ventura timetables had shown all rail connections of 3 minutes or more. Other routes' timetables however still show tight connections.
- Various minor errors are present, such as 735 TT showing old timepoint list and 767 TT not showing Zone 1 section on route map.

GPS has been used to verify the location of buses and thus produce a more accurate timetable reflecting traffic conditions.

Ventura (Mt Dandenong Bus). Two extra Route 688 Croydon - Olinda Saturday evening services commencing from Saturday 30th July, 2005. Departs Croydon Railway Station at 1900 and 2006; departs Olinda at 1932 and 2039.

Victoria

Sunbus Avalon timetable, effective 12th July - 31st July 2005. Changes to travel times at some parts of the day - 5 minutes more/less.

Brisbane

Brisbane Transport timetables:

- 170 Garden City via Newnham Rd to City cityxpress, 171 Garden City via Broadwater Rd to City rocket, 176 Garden City via Logan Rd to City rocket, 08 November 2004
- 301 Toombul to City (via Hendra) all stops 26 July 2004
- Chermside to City all stops 04 October 2004



Emirates, the Dubai-based international airline, launched a new daily connection from Sydney to Christchurch on 16 July to meet the increased demand for trans-Tasman services from Sydney.

The new air-link will be an extension of the current Dubai-Sydney non-stop daily service and will replace the airline's Dubai-Melbourne-Christchurch routing, which will instead connect Melbourne to Auckland. Also effective 16 July, Emirates' Dubai-Singapore-Melbourne-Auckland service will terminate in Melbourne.

The A340-500 aircraft used will provide more than 500 channels of entertainment.

Emirates' Sydney-Christchurch Schedule from 16th July:

- Dubai-Bangkok-Sydney-Auckland (Boeing 777-300 ER)
- Dubai-Sydney-Christchurch (Airbus A340-500)
- Flight EK 412, departs Dubai 1015, arrives Sydney 0605 (next day); departs Sydney 0750, arrives Christchurch 1245
- Flight EK 418 departs Dubai 0900, arrives Bangkok 1810; departs Bangkok 1950, arrives Sydney 0745 (next day); departs Sydney 0915, arrives Auckland 1415 (All times local)

Jetstar On 12 July 2005 launched a daily A320 service between Sydney and Ballina, the nearest airport to Byron Bay. This is the carrier's 16th route, providing nearly 2,500 seats a week to Ballina Byron Gateway Airport. The airline intended to significantly increase passenger traffic to and from the Byron Bay region.

- 380 The Gap to City via Hilder Road all stops, 381 The Gap to City via Payne Road all stops, 26 July 2004.

Queensland

A complete list of private operators new timetables is on page 11.

Adelaide

New bus timetables are due 21 August, details weren't available at time of writing but are expected around 5 August.

Perth

There will be some changes as a result of the Thornlie station opening.

Jetstar Asia is looking to secure rights to operate from Singapore to Calcutta in India and Siem Reap and Phnom Penh in Cambodia.

Australia's award winning low cost carrier, Virgin Blue has signed an agreement with the Samoan Government to operate a joint venture airline called "**Polynesian Blue**".

The announcement comes after months of detailed discussions between the two parties and involves the Samoan Government and Virgin Blue joining forces to set up a new company that will operate jet routes presently flown by Polynesian Airlines from late October 2005. Polynesian Airlines will continue to operate its existing successful turboprop aircraft and ground handling divisions.

Polynesian Blue will be 49% owned by the Samoan Government, 49% owned by Virgin Blue and the remaining 2% will be held by an independent Samoan shareholder.

The airline will operate flights from Samoa to Australia and New Zealand using state-of-the-art Boeing 737-800 aircraft and will offer the value for money fares and award winning service for which Virgin Blue and Pacific Blue have become famous. The aircraft will have its own Polynesian Blue livery; featuring a red body and a palm tree on the tail along with the familiar Virgin Blue 'boomerang'.

Polynesian Blue aircraft will be operated by New Zealand based Pacific Blue and pilots and cabin crew are being recruited from within Polynesian Airlines as well as externally.

The first Polynesian Blue flight from New Zealand to Samoa (with connections from Australia) is expected to take off in late October (subject to final Government approvals), with the carrier to start selling seats in September.

Qantas will begin flying non-stop between Sydney and Beijing on January 9 next year. Qantas will initially operate three services a week to Beijing, building to daily flights to both Beijing and Shanghai within two years. Travel between China and Australia has increased more than 40 per cent in the past three years and is expected to grow a further 20 per cent in the next 12 months. The airline previously served Beijing via Shanghai but pulled out in March 1999.

Qantas is adding Queenstown, NZ, to its year-round route network from October 1. The airline currently only operates services to Queenstown from Sydney and Brisbane during the ski season. The start of a new weekly service ex Sydney would coincide with the end of the region's ski season. The decision to extend the Sydney-Queenstown service to a permanent operation reflects the growing attraction of Queenstown as a year-round holiday destination for Australians. Qantas will operate a two-class B737-800 on the route, accommodating up to 150 return passengers a week.

Qantas is launching a new seasonal service between Australia and Korea starting on December 28. The new flights will operate between Brisbane and Seoul three times a week until February 5, 2006. Qantas said the service was launched in response to an expected increase in traffic from Korea during the country's traditional New Year peak period.

The 18 return services between Brisbane and Seoul will operate on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday using two-class Boeing 767-300 aircraft.

Qantas, which last operated services to Seoul in 1998, will continue its codeshare arrangement on Asiana Airlines' daily services from Sydney to Seoul.

QantasLink has commenced Boeing 717 operations within Western Australia, with initial services operating between Perth and Port Hedland. QantasLink would progressively replace its fleet of BAe146 aircraft with newer Boeing 717 aircraft from the Jetstar fleet. The Boeing 717s will allow QantasLink to increase capacity on a range of routes in Western Australia, the Northern Territory and Queensland. Eight Boeing 717s, operating in a 115-seat configuration, would gradually replace eight of QantasLink's 65- to 76-seat BAe146s by January 2006. QantasLink will continue to fly its remaining two BAe146 aircraft until the expiry of their leases in December 2006.

The QantasLink B717 aircraft would be operated and maintained by Adelaide-based National Jet Systems under an operating agreement that was signed on 30 June 2005.

The routes on which the Boeing 717s will operate include:

- Alice Springs-Ayers Rock
- Alice Springs-Cairns
- Alice Springs-Darwin
- Alice Springs-Perth
- Ayers Rock-Cairns
- Ayers Rock-Perth
- Cairns-Gove-Darwin
- Perth-Broome
- Perth-Kalgoorlie
- Perth-Karratha
- Perth-Paraburdoo
- Perth-Port Hedland
- Perth-Newman
- Paraburdoo-Newman

Solomon Airlines introduced a third weekly flight between Brisbane and the Solomon Islands capital, Honiara, from 3 July. The two-class B737-400 will depart Brisbane at 11:15 every Sunday, arriving in Honiara at 15.15 local time. The return flight will depart Honiara at 16.15, arriving in Brisbane at 18.15. The airline also flies from Brisbane to Honiara every Tuesday and Thursday.

Tiger Airways, a third discount carrier backed by Singapore Airlines and based in Singapore, has said it will not break even this year and wants a partner to help it set up a second base outside of Singapore. Tiger Airways is awaiting the go-ahead from the Cambodian government to launch services to Phnom Penh.

United Airlines will again fly three additional return services a week between Sydney and Los Angeles throughout the peak summer and Easter travel periods. The additional flights will operate from December 17, 2005 to April 29, 2006. United will operate the flights using a B747 aircraft configured with 14 first class seats, 73 in business, 88 in economy plus and 172 in economy.

The additional services will depart at 1400 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, arriving in LA at 0835 (same day).

The return service departs LA at 2035 on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, arriving in Sydney at 0615 (two days later).

Two of three Singapore-based budget airlines, **Valuair** and **Jetstar Asia**, have agreed to merge in a first sign of consolidation among Southeast Asia's fledgling low-cost carriers, *The Business Times* reported on 19 July.

The merger will form a larger company which will receive a capital injection of more than SGD\$50 million (USD\$29.6 million) from Qantas Airways' associate Jetstar, the paper said, quoting sources.

Valuair shareholders, including cruise operator Star Cruises and Asiatravel.com, will become



Sydney

Sydney Ferries Corporation made some **minor timetable changes** from Monday 4 July:

- Darling Harbour, weekdays, the 08:13 Darling Harbour service no longer stops at Balmain (Thames Street Wharf) at 08:28. Passengers were advised to board the 08:30 Woolwich vessel arriving at Circular Quay at 08:49.
- Manly, weekends and Public Holidays, the 09:35 service from Manly to Circular Quay departs at 09:25.
- Parramatta River, Weekends and Public Holidays, the 19:10 service from Rydalmere to Circular Quay will depart at 18:55 and will no longer call at Darling Harbour. Passengers for Darling Harbour are advised to catch the earlier RiverCat service at 18:10.
- Woolwich, weekdays, the 17:20 and 18:00 services from Circular Quay terminate at Woolwich (Valentia Street Wharf) instead of Drummoyne (Wolseley Street Wharf). Return services to Circular Quay depart at 17:40 and 18:20 from Woolwich (Valentia Street Wharf). Passengers were advised to catch RiverCat services to Drummoyne departing Circular Quay at 17:25, 17:35 and 18:10 – however these are unavailable due the wharf being closed, see below. The 08:14 Woolwich service from Birkenhead to Circular Quay will now also call at Milsons Point, arriving at Circular Quay at 08:50.

Sydney Ferries Corporation was advised by NSW Maritime Authority and wharf owners Canada Bay Council that Drummoyne Wharf will be closed for urgent repairs from 5 July until further notice. As a result the Rydalmere service due at Drummoyne at 0815 will now make an unscheduled stop at Huntleys Point at 0813, Monday to Friday.

Inserts were printed for existing timetables for these amendments.

The Manly ferry *Narrabeen* returned to service on 7 July, following completion of repairs to damage sustained in the collision of 26 May. During its absence, it was replaced by a mixture of buses, special jet-cats or by opening regular jetcat services to ferry fare passengers. A special timetable was issued (Table Talk, July).

minority shareholders of the enlarged airline. Singapore's state investment agency Temasek Holdings owns 19 percent of Jetstar. The deal is expected to be completed by the end of the year, the paper said.

Passengers tended to avoid the alternative buses, especially, the 0800 Manly-Quay service, crowding on to the 0815 ferry service instead-making a load of some 800 passengers. In response, late in the replacement period, Sydney Ferries supplemented the 0800 bus replacement with an extra jetcat service. For several days at about this time, the "jinxed" ferry *Collaroy* also broke down, leaving only one ferry to run the service. Timetable arrangement for this went unrecorded.

Upon reintroduction of the *Narrabeen*, Sydney Ferries publicly announced that the 1820 Quay-Manly service would be permanently replaced with buses and the return 1855 Manly-Quay service permanently replaced with a jetcat. Sydney Ferries blamed "crewing issues" for the change. In the event, the 1820 has often been replaced by a jetcat service rather than a bus. Rumours about the replacement had been about for several weeks, following a Manly Daily investigative story. Sydney Ferries has begun a recruitment campaign for more staff to address the "crewing issues". It has been criticized recently for becoming top heavy at the management level, while neglecting operating staff requirements.

Simultaneously with these changes, Sydney Ferries announced a permanent change to the 0935 Manly-Quay service, which was brought forward to 0925, beginning with the service on 7th July. Sydney Ferries announced that Sydney Buses timetables would be adjusted to maintain connections for this service as from 16th July. Until and including that weekend, supplementary buses would be provided to carry passengers who arrived at Manly wharf too late for the 0925 service. As at 8th July, no timetable brochure had been issued to cover these permanent changes.

These disruptions to the ferry service have caused controversy on the Northern Beaches, with Sydney Ferries public responses and the apparent withdrawal of performance indicators on its web site particularly coming under criticism.

Daily updates to Manly services have been published on SFC's website:
www.sydneyferries.nsw.gov.au

A Short Note...

More and more it seems that paper timetables are no longer the prime source of transport information. Personally I've taken the decision to stop collecting paper timetables when the same item is available electronically. In fact I'm even considering scanning as much of my collection as I can and then to offer the originals to others. At least I'll have some more space in the house!

Next month's issue of *Table Talk* will be edited by Victor Isaacs as I'll be somewhere in Scotland at the time of publication. Victor's email address is abvi@webone.com.au or by mail to 43 Lowanna St Braddon ACT 2612. Any news after 25 July 2005 should be sent to him. I'll be back in time to edit the October issue.

As I've made clear I'm not going to continue as editor of *Table Talk* in 2006 and so the AATTC's

looking for a new editor at the AGM. The role doesn't require a lot of time, probably about 8 or 9 hours a month, access to the Internet and a reasonable competence with Word (or something else), access to a PDF publisher. Please consider the role as it's a vital part of the AATTC.

Thanks to all those who contribute to the Australian Transport Discussion Board which is the prime source of news for *Table Talk*. Have a look at <http://www.busaustralia.com/forum/index.php> if you want to keep up with timetable news on a daily basis.

Regards

Duncan

Brisbane Private Timetables

The following table lists almost all of the latest timetables:

Operator	Timetable	Routes	Effective Date
Park Ridge Transit	540	Beaudesert to Brisbane City	27 June 2005
Park Ridge Transit	541	Browns Plains to Greenbank	27 June 2005
	542	Browns Plains to Park Ridge	
	543	Browns Plains to Heritage Park	
	544	Browns Plains to Forestdale	
Park Ridge Transit	545	Garden City to Browns Plains	27 June 2005
Logan City Bus Service	550	Browns Plains to Springwood	27 June 2005
	551	Crestmead to Brisbane City	
	561	Crestmead to Brisbane City	
Logan City Bus Service	552	Logan Hyperdome to Kingston	27 June 2005
Logan City Bus Service	553	Beenleigh to Trinder Park	27 June 2005
	565	Windaroo to Logan Hyperdome	
	566	Windaroo to Brisbane City	
Logan City Bus Service	554	Garden City to Logan Central Plaza	27 June 2005
Logan City Bus Service	555	Logan Hyperdome to Brisbane City	27 June 2005
Logan City Bus Service	556	Griffith University to Loganlea Station	27 June 2005
Logan City Bus Service	558	Logan Central Loop local	27 June 2005
Logan City Bus Service	560	Logan Hyperdome to Browns Plains	27 June 2005
Logan City Bus Service	562	Logan Hyperdome to Beenleigh	27 June 2005
	563	Logan Hyperdome to Bethania	
Logan City Bus Service	570	Cornubia to Logan Hyperdome	27 June 2005
	571	Cornubia to Brisbane City	
Logan City Bus Service	572	Logan Hyperdome to Springwood	27 June 2005
	573	Logan Hyperdome to Brisbane City	
	574	Logan Hyperdome to Springwood	
	575	Logan Hyperdome to Brisbane City	
Logan City Bus Service	576	Springwood to Garden City	27 June 2005
	577	Springwood to Brisbane City	
	578	Springwood to Garden City	
	579	Springwood to Brisbane City	

Operator	Timetable	Routes	Effective Date
Bribie Island Coaches	640 641 642	Bribie Island to Caboolture link Banksia Beach to Bribie Centre (former route 1) local Woorim to Bribie Centre (former route 2) local	20 June 2005
Caboolture Bus Lines	652 653 654 655	Caboolture to Beachmere (Former route 2) Caboolture to Caboolture West (former 3) Caboolture to Morayfield (former 4) Caboolture to Caboolture Hospital/TAFE (former 5)	20 June 2005
Kangaroo Bus Lines	661 662 665	Morayfield Shopping Centre to Kippa Ring (former route 1) link Caboolture to Redcliffe (former route 2) link Deception Bay to Burpengary (former route 5) link	20 June 2005
Kangaroo Bus Lines	663 664	Narangba (former route 3) link Morayfield to Narangba (former route 4) link	20 June 2005
Thompsons - Strathpine	671 672 673 674 675	Strathpine to Joyner (former route 1) link Joyner to Strathpine (former route 2) link Lawnton to Westfield Strathpine (former route 3) link Strathpine (former route 4) link Westfield Strathpine & Murrumba Downs (former route 5) link	20 June 2005
Hornibrook Bus Lines	680	Redcliffe to Brisbane City (former route 11) link	20 June 2005
Hornibrook Bus Lines	681	Mango Hill to Strathpine via Petrie Station (former route 10) link	20 June 2005
Hornibrook Bus Lines	682	Peninsula Fair to Westfield Strathpine (former route 12) link	20 June 2005
Hornibrook Bus Lines	690	Redcliffe to Sandgate (former routes 20/21) link	20 June 2005
Hornibrook Bus Lines	693 696 697	Redcliffe Peninsula (former route 50/55) local Redcliffe Peninsula loop (clockwise) (former route 40) local Redcliffe Peninsula loop (anti-clockwise) (former route 45) local	20 June 2005
Hornibrook Bus Lines	695	Rothwell to Sandgate (former route 30) link	20 June 2005
Mount Gravatt	2 4 6 9	City to Capalaba all stops Burbank to Capalaba, Burbank to Garden City all stops Capalaba to City all stops Capalaba to City all stops	24 January 2005