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CIRCULAR QUAY - ROSE BAY - WATSONS BAY LOOP SERVICE

Time Period	A Circular Quay	B Garden Island	C Darling Point	D Double Bay	E Rose Bay	F Watsons Bay Arrive	F Watsons Bay Depart	E Rose Bay	D Double Bay	C Darling Point	B Garden Island	A Circular Quay
Monday to Friday												
AM	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6.55	7.03	7.08	....	7.14
	7.00	....	....	....	7.10	....	....	7.15	....	....	....	7.25
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	8.00	....	....	....	8.10	....	....	8.15	8.23	8.28	....	8.34
	8.15	....	....	....	8.25	....	....	8.35	....	....	....	8.45
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	10.10	10.16	....	....	....	10.27	10.35	10.43	10.51	....	10.57	11.02
	10.40	10.46	....	....	....	10.57	11.05	11.13	11.21	....	11.27	11.32
	11.10	11.16	....	....	....	11.27	11.35	11.43	11.51	....	11.57	12.02
	11.40	11.46	....	....	....	11.57	12.05	....	....	....	12.16	12.21
	12.10	12.16	....	....	....	12.27	12.35	....	....	....	12.46	12.51
PM	1.10	1.16	....	1.22	1.29	1.35	1.45	*	*	*	1.56	2.01
	1.40	1.46	....	....	....	1.55	2.15	....	....	....	2.26	2.31
	2.10	2.16	....	2.22	2.29	2.35	2.50	3.00	*	*	3.06	3.11
	3.10	3.16	....	3.22	3.29	3.35	3.50	4.00	*	*	4.06	4.11
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Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays												
AM	9.20	9.26	....	9.31	9.39	9.47	9.55	10.03	10.11	....	10.16	10.21
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PM	1.15	1.21	....	1.27	1.35	1.43	1.50	....	....	....	2.01	2.06
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	2.45	2.51	....	2.57	3.05	3.13	3.20	....	....	....	3.31	3.36
	3.30	3.36	....	3.42	3.50	3.58	4.05	....	....	....	4.16	4.21
	4.15	....	....	4.24	4.32	4.40	4.50	....	....	....	....	5.05
	5.00	....	....	5.09	5.17	5.25	5.35	5.43	5.51	....	....	6.00
	5.45	....	....	5.54	6.02	6.10	6.20	6.28	6.36	....	....	6.45
	6.15	....	....	6.24	6.32	6.40	7.05	7.13	7.21	....	....	7.30

* Passengers travelling to Circular Quay must travel via Watsons Bay and/or Rose Bay. Single fare only applies.

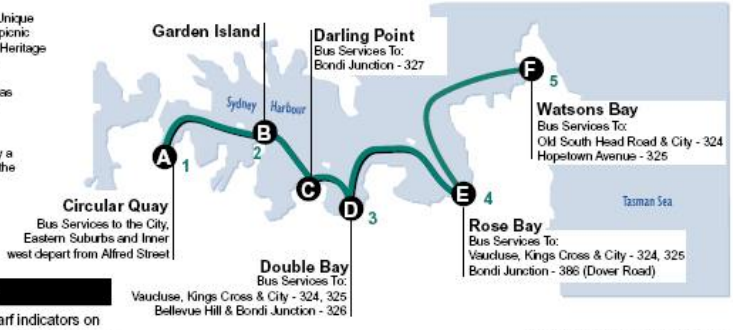
FERRY ROUTE AND CONNECTING BUS SERVICES

Things to see and do

1. Circular Quay - The gateway to Sydney, the Royal Botanic Gardens, the fabulous Opera House and historic Rocks areas. The Opera House Markets are open every Sunday 9am to 4pm.
2. Garden Island (RAN Heritage Centre) - Unique 150 year old heritage gardens and scenic picnic areas. Home to the Royal Australian Navy Heritage Centre with artefacts dating back to 1788.
3. Double Bay - Cosmopolitan Double Bay has exclusive shops, fine dining and wonderful street cafes.
4. Rose Bay - Home of the sea planes. Enjoy a fantastic picnic area with a playground for the children. Or dine at one of the superb waterfront restaurants.
5. Watsons Bay - Irresistible water views, superb seafood restaurants and majestic sightseeing from The Gap.

HOLIDAY SERVICES

There is no service on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or Australia Day. On all other public holidays the Saturday/Sunday timetable operates.



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BOARDING NOTICE

Passengers are advised to check wharf indicators on the day of travel and to be ready for boarding 5 minutes prior to the departure time.

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Rail

National

Great Southern Railway has announced that *The Ghan* will be doubling its service to Darwin from 17 March 2006. The Ghan will operate twice weekly return services from Adelaide to Darwin via Alice Springs. Tickets for The Ghan's additional service went on sale on 18 October. The additional service will depart Adelaide via Alice Springs every Friday and will return from Darwin every Monday. There was strong demand earlier this year when The Ghan's service was doubled through the peak season of May, June and July, and that has given GSR the confidence to offer the second service year round.

New South Wales

The new **CityRail** timetable underwent fine-tuning and from Monday 17 October, the following changes took place:

- Additional capacity was provided on the 0733 Campbelltown-to-Circular Quay via Granville service by increasing the train from six carriages to eight.
- Additional capacity was also provided on the 0757 Berowra-to-Central via the North Shore service by increasing the train from six carriages to eight.
- Connections on the Carlingford Line were improved by adjusting service times.
- Extra stops were added at Koolewong (0705) and Tascott (0708) on the Central Coast for school students travelling on the 0547 Central to Newcastle service.

- Changes were made to early morning Central Coast services to better meet the needs of shift workers. The 0250 Wyong to Central service now departs at 0239 and arrives at Central at 0433. On weekends, the 0245 Wyong-Central service also leaves at 0239 and makes an additional stop at Asquith to ensure consistency with the weekday service.
- Additional stops are made on the 1915 weekend Central-Newcastle service at Narara, Niagara Park, Lisarow and Ourimbah to reduce a gap in service on the line.
- Evening connections for Southern Highlands passengers via Campbelltown were improved. The last weekday train now leaves Campbelltown at 2240 instead of 2225, giving passengers the opportunity to leave the city later. Crowding should be reduced and passenger comfort improved for connecting Southern Highlands' commuters, by rearranging the use of the newly extended Platform 4 at Campbelltown.

Fifteen carriages withdrawn from CityRail fleet for inspection affecting Blue Mountains, Newcastle and Central Coast and South Coast lines. Maintenance inspections have uncovered the fact that some older CityRail intercity carriages have been affected by corrosion. With customer safety in mind CityRail has decided to withdraw these carriages from service from Monday 17 October.

The carriages concerned are V sets, manufactured for 18 years from 1970. The corrosion is a result of the trains' construction using mild steel, which was a common practice at the time. V sets built after that time were made from different materials, including stainless steel underframes. The withdrawn carriages are being overseen by the Independent Transport Safety and Reliability Regulator.

Taking 15 carriages away from intercity services means other rolling stock had to be substituted and reducing the length of some trains travelling on the Newcastle and Central Coast, South Coast and Blue Mountains lines. Some trains may be busier and some may not have onboard toilets. Station toilets will be open for passenger's convenience.

On the Central Coast Line two weekday trains will be replaced with other rolling stock and two additional trains will be reduced from eight carriages to six.

- 0625 from Newcastle, arriving Central at 0914 (six carriages)
- 0707 from Gosford, arriving Central at 0837
- 0721 from Wyong, arriving Central at 0907
- 1612 from Central, arriving Newcastle at 1848
- 1729 from Central, arriving Gosford at 1904
- 1730 from Central, arriving Wyong at 1921 (six carriages)

On the South Coast Line three weekday services were replaced with other rolling stock and two of these trains will not have onboard toilets.

- 0553 from Kiama, arriving Central at 0802
- 0625 from Thirroul, arriving Central at 0742 and Martin Place at 0748 (no toilets on this train)
- 1438 from Central, arriving Dapto at 1620
- 1508 from Central, arriving Dapto at 1710
- 1646 from Martin Place, arriving Central at 1651 and Port Kembla at 1838 (no toilets on this train)
- 1836 from Central, arriving Kiama at 2100
- 1937 from Central, arriving Kiama at 2200

Two Blue Mountains Line weekday trains have been reduced from eight carriages to six. Some trains may have fewer toilets.

- 0551 from Lithgow, arriving Central at 0846
- 1740 from Central, arriving Mount Victoria at 1959

Proposed new 2006 timetable for Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra Line and South Coast Line.

The new timetable will reduce crowding by increasing the number of services arriving at Bondi Junction in the peak hour from 13 trains per hour to 16 trains per hour.

Where possible more intercity trains will extend to Kiama, with Endeavour trains retained between Kiama and Nowra and providing some connections to Dapto and Wollongong.

A number of South Coast trains outside the busy peak periods will stop at Wolli Creek to provide improved connections to the airport.

There will additional journey times of between 3 and 8 minutes for South Coast and Illawarra services to reflect safer operating patterns

During the morning peak, customers between Thirroul and Helensburgh will have increased services comprising suburban trains commencing from Thirroul. Journey times will increase and customers might wish to interchange at Helensburgh to express South Coast trains as the local services adopt suburban stopping patterns in their run to the city.

On 12 Oct 2005, **RailCorp** began releasing updates of its current SWTT, to become effective on 6 Nov 2005, the same date as amendments to the ARTC-NSW WTT will come into effect. The new issue was promulgated as an STN amendment to version 1.2.1 and said so on the cover pages, but it would normally be expected to be named "Version 2"- or later.

The full SWTT was published on 18 Oct 2005. In order to clarify what had become a confused

situation, RailCorp published also on this date a 4-page "Status Sheet" giving the publishing history and status of every single page in the current SWTT, plus copies of all the STNs which underlay all of the changes. A PEON had to be issued to correct errors in these only a day later. Yet further amendments to the amended amendments were issued on 24 October when more than a dozen amended pages were issued.

NSW RIC announced on 21 October 2005, in STN-2082-2005, that all amendments to the recently adopted CityRail SWTT are to be collated and the entire two-volume timetable is to be completely reprinted, effective from 27/28 November 2005.

Victoria

A **Geelong - Melbourne** (Including Marshall & South Geelong) large pocket sized blue timetable dated 26th September, 2005 replaces the South Geelong to Melbourne pocketsize timetable.

A new blue Geelong - Melbourne including Marshall and Sth Geelong pocket size timetable is now available from Spencer Street Station and other V/line outlets.

A yellow pocket size **Ballarat Line** Temporary Timetable dated 'from 1 October until early December 2005' is now available from Spencer St Station and other V/line Outlets.

From October 24 the 0817 train from **Seymour** will stop at North Melbourne Station. This small change in timetabling will be a great benefit to the many V/Line passengers commuting from Seymour to work in Melbourne. The 1815 train from Spencer Street Station will also pick up passengers at North Melbourne travelling to Seymour.

Spencer St Platforms 13 and 14 will be closed from 7 November 2005 until 24 February 2006. Peak hour Williamstown services to and from Melbourne will run express, as well as some Broadmeadows inbound-services in the afternoon peak. Weekday off-peak and weekend services, where Williamstown line passengers need to change trains at Newport, will not be affected and will continue to stop at Spencer Street. Passengers are advised to change trains at North Melbourne.

Queensland

CityTrain made permanent timetable alterations effective Monday 3 October 2005:

- The 0655 Bowen Hills to Manly service has been altered to depart the Domestic Airport at 0640, International Airport (0643), Eagle Junction (0651), Bowen Hills (0657), Brunswick St (0659), arrive Central (0702) depart Central (0703) and Roma St as normal (0705). This service then runs as the current timetable all stations to Manly, arriving at 0740.
- The Ferny Grove service currently timetabled to depart Bowen Hills at 0804, will now depart at 0805 stopping all stations to Ferny Grove to arrive at 0829.
- The 0820 Ferny Grove to Cleveland service will now depart at 0822 and run two minutes later than timetabled to Roma St.
- The 0828 Airport to Robina service will now depart at 0830, and run two minutes later to Roma St.
- The 0833 Ferny Grove to Beenleigh service will now depart at 0836, and run three minutes later than timetabled to Central.
- The 0835 Doomben to Roma St service will now depart at 0837, and run two minutes later to Central.
- The 1539 Corinda to Airport service will now depart at 1542, and run three minutes later to Roma St.
- The 1620 Cleveland to Ferny Grove service will now depart four minutes later at 1624, running express to Thorneside to depart at 1636, Lota 1638, Manly 1640, then express to Buranda then running four minutes later than timetabled to Ferny Grove.
- The 1729 Ferny Grove to Beenleigh service will now depart at 1730 and will run four minutes later from Keperra to Windsor, and five minutes later from Bowen Hills to Beenleigh.

From Monday 10 October 2005 the 1407 **Cleveland to Bowen Hills** service will now stop all stations to Doomben, departing Roma St 1501, arrive Central 1503 depart Central 1505, Brunswick St 1507 and Bowen Hill 1509, arriving at Doomben at 1523.

Tasmania

In response to continuing locomotive shortages **Pacific National Tasmania** issued an amended timetable to operate from Monday 8 August for a period of around two months. Under the new timetable:

- trains 33 (Burnie to Hobart) and 38 (Hobart–Boyer–Burnie) are cancelled;
- trains 43 (East Tamar–Boyer) and 44 (Boyer–East Tamar) are reinstated;
- train 47 (Fingal–Conara) is extended to Devonport, returning to Conara then Fingal as train 46 (these numbers have since been reversed);
- a new shunt service will operate between Hobart and Rogerville as trains 66/67 to transfer Hobart loading off 43 and northbound loading for 44.

Trains 43/44 were to be operated as driver-only trains using Z class locos, while 46/47 were to be operated by ZA locos as two-man trains. Trains 35/36 and 31/32 were to be hauled by combinations of GM and ZR locos.

Late running and loco failures have become increasingly common over the last few months, resulting in a number of unusual movements and an increase in the use of non-driver only operated ZA class locos as lead units. The short tripping of the paper train to Tea Tree has become very common, with some changeovers occurring at Colebrook and at least once at Parattah. As well as causing operating problems, the continual late running may have more serious consequences as customers may turn to more reliable transport, undermining the long term viability of the rail system.

In mid-October PN threatened to withdraw all but bulk mineral haulage from the entire system.

Tram/ Light Rail

Melbourne

Yarra Trams have issued updated timetables dated August 2005 for routes:

- 5 (Malvern - Melb Uni),
- 6 (Glen Iris - Melb Uni),
- 16 (Kew - Melb Uni)
- 72 (Camberwell - Melb Uni).

The 5, 6 and 72 timetables are still in the M>Tram style internally. There don't appear to be any time changes, only minor formatting updates such as updated maps while school peak route 16 short-workings along Glenferrie Rd are now marked with an asterisk to show they run School Days only.

Bus

National

Greyhound Australia has commenced issuing DL sized card timetables with magnets for many of their routes. Collected from Central Station (Eddy Ave terminal) was an undated card timetable for Sydney - Canberra. According to the chap at the counter GA is no longer publishing their timetable book which, if true, is a retrograde step.

End of the Nullarbor Bus: A decline in passenger numbers has forced the operators of the only bus service across the Nullarbor to put an end to the service. Greyhound Australia operates the McCafferty's bus route which runs from Perth to Adelaide, via Merredin, Kalgoorlie, Norseman and Eucla, once a week.

However, the chief executive officer of Greyhound Australia, Tom Esplin, says " in recent times the 52-seater buses have been carrying fewer than 10 people on every trip. Each time the bus service operates the company loses about $5,000. We've been suffering at the hands of high fuel prices, cut price airlines and so on and in the last couple of years we've lost something like $30 million, so we have to take a good hard look at services which aren't economic, simply to stay in existence".

Roadhouse owners across the Nullarbor say stopping the service will have a devastating impact on their businesses, as well as tourist numbers in the area. Bob Bongorno, the president of the Eyre Highway Operators Association, says the service was a vital link between Perth and Adelaide and without it, many people will suffer. "It's probably the longest stretch of road in the world where there is no services whatsoever, it's our one final transport link and it's the only way that operators out on the Nullarbor can get staff out, it's the only way we can get stranded people out," he said.

Sydney

There is now a combined pocket timetable available for routes 625/626/627 in PDF format on the **Hillsbus** website dated (Version) 9/05. It hasn't been seen as a printed timetable yet nor has a printed timetable been seen for route 620 since the Citybus timetable dated 10/6/03.

Sydney Buses

New timetables:

- 308 Marrickville Metro to Millers Point, version 7, effective October 2005
- 445 Canterbury to Balmain, version 5, effective September 2005

There are new timetables for most **Northern Beaches** services. The service frequencies have not changed but trip times have minor alterations.

Some early morning services on routes 172, 176, 179 and 184 have been changed to go to the City via the Warringah Freeway, not via North Sydney. This will reduce travel times on these services. Passengers going to North Sydney can transfer

onto routes 227-230 at Neutral Bay Junction (Wycombe Road).

Route 060 between Chatswood and the House With No Steps, Bantry Bay will be re-numbered Route 137 from 16 October.

To reflect passenger demand some peak hour services on routes 227, 228, 229, 230 which operate to Milsons Point will terminate at North Sydney, effective 16 October. Milsons Point will continue to be serviced by peak hour buses operating approximately every 10 minutes.

Services in Cammeray, Cremorne, Mosman and Neutral Bay areas will operate to amended timetables from 16 October. These changes are designed to improve the reliability of services.

Route 227 will commence from Mosman Junction instead of Taronga Zoo from October 16. Passengers using the service between these points are advised to use route 247 instead.

The Northern Region timetables being amended from Sunday 16 October (all timetables and customer notices show 9 October 2005) are:

- 131, 132, 133, 171, E71 Balgowlah Heights- version 2,
- 136, 137 (ex 060), Manly to Chatswood via Frenchs Forest, version 4
- E50 Manly to Milsons Point Express
- 142, E66 Allambie Heights, version 4
- 143, E43, 144, version 4
- 151, 175-184 Warringah District, version 3,
- 155, 156, 158 Manly to Mona Vale and McCarrs Creek, version 3,
- 159, 176, E76, E77, version 3
- L60 Mona Vale to Chatswood, DL size d/s sheet,
- 169, E69, 172, E72, 173, E73, version 4
- 180, L80, version 3
- 201, 263 Crows Nest and Cammeray to City, version 9,
- 227, 228, 229, 230 Mosman to North Sydney and Milsons Point, version 2,
- 243 Spit Junction and North Cremorne to City, version 3
- 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249 Mosman to City - version 3,

Customer Notices:

- N167 - Route 238
- N164 - Route 225
- N169 - Route 191
- N168 - Routes E87, 188/E88/L88, L90
- N165 - Route 139

The L60 route diagram is very Metlink-style, with a point-to-point line diagram showing stop locations, section points, estimated travel times and roads travelled along.

The renumbering of Route 060 to 137 marks the end of '0' series route nos. being used for industrial services.

The *Daily Telegraph* has reported that the Government is planning to hand the current Parramatta to Liverpool TransitWay contract over to private operation sometime in 2006. Western Sydney Buses drivers held a short stop work meeting on the afternoon of 20 October 2005. Reportedly the operation is losing $39,500 a month. Whether a private operator will be able to make a profit on this is questionable. Certainly WSB incurs extra costs by renting space at Bonnyrigg depot and with empty running to Ryde to refuel the gas powered buses used.

New South Wales

The **Berrima Buslines** service mentioned last night has recently been advertised as operating on the last Saturday of the month as opposed to the second Saturday. The correct routes are Hilltop by Yerinbool and Tallong by Exeter.

The new **Blue Mountains Bus Co** timetable booklet is dated 05September 2005. A section containing route maps is at the back of the booklet. Here is a summarised list of the timetables included:

- 685/690 Springwood – Hazelbrook – Katoomba
- 685 Springwood – Linden – Woodford – Hazelbrook
- 685/690 Linden Rail
- 685 Hazelbrook – Nth Hazelbrook
- 685/690 Katoomba – Leura – Wentworth Falls – Nth Wentworth Falls
- 685/695 Katoomba – Leura – Sth Leura
- 689 Penrith – Leonay
- 688/689 Penrith – Leonay – Emu Heights – Penrith (Combined Weekends & Public Holidays)
- 688 Penrith – Glenleigh – Emu Heights
- 691 Blaxland – Mt Riverview
- 690 Penrith – Emu Plains – Blaxland – Springwood – Faulconbridge
- 692 Springwood – Wimmalee
- 693 Springwood – Burns Rd
- 694 Springwood – Bee Farm Rd
- 690 Springwood – Chapman Parade
- 697 Katoomba – Nth Katoomba
- 696 Katoomba – Clissold St – Ada St
- 686 Katoomba – Cliff Drive – Golf Club
- 686/696 Katoomba – Echo Point – Scenic World – Katoomba – The Edge
- 698 Katoomba – Blackheath
- 698 Katoomba – Mt Victoria

Picton Buslines (formerly Coaches) has issued a new timetable dated 5 September 2005 for routes 900, 901, 911, 912, 913 and 914.

Melbourne

On 13 October 2005 Victorian Minister for Transport Peter Batchelor announced a new bus route between Chirnside Park and Lilydale and improvements to five other bus services in the Yarra Ranges as part of a $44 Million upgrade of bus services over four years. He said: ".... our first goal is to extend the coverage of the bus network. We also need to address overcrowding on some peak hour services and to provide better evening and weekend services. These are on top of the extra and improved services on nine routes in the Yarra Ranges which commenced in July this year."

Improvements will include:

- Route 676 / 677 (Chirnside Park – Lilydale) – New routes via Switchbank Road, Lilydale Station, Swinburne University, Lilydale East and Mangans Road running Monday to Saturday
- Route 683 (Warburton – Chirnside Park Shopping Centre) - Additional services to relieve overcrowding, plus two extra weekday midday services and an extra evening service each way Monday to Saturday
- Route 685 (Healesville - Lilydale) – Improved Saturday frequency
- Route 695 (Belgrave – Gembrook) Extra evening service departing around 8.15pm [Monday to Friday]
- Route 688 (Croydon – Olinda) - new Sunday bus service on an hourly frequency between 9am and 6pm serving the Dandenongs.
- Route 670 (Lilydale – Ringwood) – new Sunday bus service on approximately hourly frequency between 8am and 5pm.

Most improvements are expected to be up and running by early next year. More details about specific routes and timetables will be released as they are finalised.

The Victorian Minister for Transport Peter Batchelor has announced $6.3 million worth of bus improvements for the Wyndham area including two new bus routes and improvements to two other local bus services. Most of the service improvements for Wyndham would be up and running by early next year and would include:

- Route 416 (Laverton – Hoppers Crossing – Werribee Plaza) – a new bus route to the developing areas of Point Cook. This bus route will introduce service to sections of Point Cook Road, Sneydes Rd, Lennon Bvd and Dunnings Rd, providing direct connections to Hoppers Crossing and Laverton Railway Stations and Werribee Plaza. Route 413 will be modified to complement the new route.
- Route 445 (Hoppers Crossing – Werribee) – a new bus route to operate via Thames Bvd, Tarneit, providing connections to Werribee and Hoppers Crossing Railway Stations and Werribee Plaza.
- Route 438 (Werribee – Wyndham Vale) – an extension of the service to Hindmarsh Drive and Manor Lakes Boulevard in Wyndham Vale
- Route 444 (Hoppers Crossing – Tarneit) – an extension of the service to operate via Baden Powell Dr and Rose Grange Bvd in Tarneit. The bus route, which currently operates in one direction only, will also be upgraded to provide two way operations.

Broadmeadows Bus Service. Route 531 Upfield - North Coburg bus timetable had been reprinted dated 12th May, 2005. Still old met dark green and white DL format with no route map. (Not Metlink).

Cranbourne Transit have reprinted their Route 892 Narre Warren South to Dandenong) timetable, effective August 2005. It is printed in the orange Metlink DL format.

Route 799 Cranbourne - Cranbourne North are also reprinted orange Metlink DL format dated August, 2005.

Routes 795 Cranbourne - Warneet Via Cannon Creek, Blind Bight & Tooradin, 796 Cranbourne - Clyde (School Days Only) & 797 Cranbourne Town Service bus timetables had been reprinted still 24th March, 2003. Blue and white DL (Not metlink). Route maps still Metlink.

A new **Invictabus** Booklet of timetables with Metlink format dated September, 2005 (including routes 683, 685, 694/698, 695 & 697) has been published. All in 68 pages of new look Orange Metlink Format. Alert observers have found many errors, some significant, in this rather large publication. These include incorrect journeys and maps showing wrong fare zones.

Changes to **Peninsula** Route 773 Grenda advises Customers that there will be changes to route 773 from Monday 3 October. The current timepoint at Brighton & Norman roads will cease to be a timepoint from this date. The bus stop will remain in place & still be used by route 773. The replacement timepoint will be in Baden Powell Drive near Parkland Close. Buses will depart from this point 2 minutes earlier than the advertised time at Brighton & Norman. All other times are unchanged as is the bus route. The Saturday service does not pass Baden Powell Drive nr Parkland Close and so will not have a timepoint in the new location. The paper timetables will be reprinted shortly.

The current **Ryan Bros** timetable for 468 (Essendon - Highpoint City) is a folded photocopy of the 22nd July 2001 timetable on light blue paper. The route map has however been updated to the Metlink style.

US Buslines made changes to the 695 & 695F timetable as from 14th October 2005. 695F will now go to Fountain Gate via Emerald and Wellington Rd.

The latest **Sunbus** Avalon Airport timetable runs from 2nd Oct - 29th Oct 2005. Standard DL format.

Westrans Sunshine new timetables:

- 419 St Albans - Watergardens Station Via Taylors Lakes
- 421 St Albans - Watergardens Station Via Keilor Downs
- 423 St Albans - Brimbank Via Cairnlea & 424 St Albans - Brimbank Via Kings Park (in one timetable together)
- 422 St Albans - Delahey & 425 St Albans - Wartergartens via Delahay (also in one timetable together).

All dated October, 2004. Still old white DL format not Metlink, and old route map also not Metlink.

Victoria

New timetables for **Latrobe Valley Bus Lines** intertown services came into effect on Monday 3 October 2005 providing residents with a considerable improvement in services between Latrobe Valley regional centres and towns - particularly on weekends.

Summaries of the service improvements are as follows:

- Traralgon - Morwell - Moe via Mid Valley SC and Latrobe Hospital Weekday trips run every 60' from 0600 to 1800 in each direction with low floors vehicles rostered for all trips except for a few trips at lunchtime. On Saturdays trips run every 60' from 0800 to 1700 in each direction except for a two hour break from 1100 to 1300 on the Traralgon - Moe service. On Sundays trips run every 90' with first trip at 0900 and the last trip at 1630 in both directions.
- Morwell - Churchill On weekdays trips ex Morwell run hourly from 0625 to 1825 with additional Friday shopping trips at 1925, 2025 and 2125. On Saturdays trips operate hourly from 0725 to 1625. On Sundays trips depart Morwell at 0825, 0925, 1055, 1355, 1525.
- Traralgon - Churchill Weekday services depart the LVBL depot in Head St at 0745, 1210 and 1615 calling in at the Traralgon Plaza 15' later and arriving at Churchill SC at 0835, 1300 and 1705. Return services depart Churchill at 0935, 1400 and 1705.
- Churchill - Boolarra via Yinnar A new service with trips ex Churchill at 0825 and 1250 arriving Boolarra PO at 0905 and 1330 returning with departures at 0905 and 1330 from Boolarra PO. This route is through routed with the Traralgon - Churchill service.

New timetables are available now and appropriate signage, etc. are to be installed over the coming weeks. A full page advertisement was taken out in the Latrobe Valley Express newspaper on Thursday 29 September 2005. All other services within Morwell, Moe and Traralgon remain unchanged at this time.

Martyrs have issued two versions of the Warburton East route photocopy timetable that commenced on 1/8/05 - one has the stops/trips shown horizontally, the other vertically. The latter is undated, but has no time changes. Neither has a route map or route description.

Brisbane

Brisbane Transport adjusted services effective 10 October 2005 (* = adjusted to better reflect on-road operating conditions)

- 100 On weekdays, the following inbound trips from Forest Lake will be adjusted – the 0615 trip will depart at 0610, the 0700 trip will depart at 0655, and the 0830 trip will depart at 0835.
- 106 The deviations to Neilson Home and Warrina Village on the 0825 trip from Mt Ommaney and the 1443 trip from Indooroopilly will no longer operate.
- 108 Timetable of service departing from Alice St at 1605 has been adjusted*.
- 112/113/114 Timetable has been adjusted*.
- 116 School day route deviation on 1502 service from Rocklea has been slightly adjusted.
- 130 BUZ Due to strong demand, additional services will be provided on weekdays. Inbound services from Parkinson will now depart every 10 minutes between 0805 and 0845 and between 0856 and 1126. Outbound services from the City will now depart every 10 minutes between 1410 and 1610.
- 131 will now service the 'Pinelands' stop.
- 150 BUZ Due to strong demand, additional services will be provided on weekdays. Inbound services from Browns Plains will now depart every 10 minutes between 0820 and 1120. Outbound services from the City will now depart every 10 minutes between 1405 and 1605.
- 151 will now service the 'Pinelands' stop, and the outbound timetable has been adjusted*.
- 155 Timetable of service departing the City at 1430 has been adjusted*.
- 162 Timetable has been adjusted*.
- 170 Outbound trip departing the City at 1515 has been adjusted*.
- 184 Outbound trips departing Coorparoo at 0801 and the City at 1435 have been adjusted*.

- 200 BUZ Due to strong demand, additional services will be provided on weekdays. Inbound services from Carindale (Cribb Rd East) will now depart every 10 minutes between 0845 and 1115. Outbound services from the City will now depart every 10 minutes between 1400 and 1600.
- 203 Outbound timetable has been adjusted*.
- 206 Timetable has been adjusted*.
- 224 Timetable has been adjusted*.
- 235 Outbound trip at 2255 on weekdays will now depart at 2305.
- 304 will be extended to service the Airport Direct Factory Outlet.
- 308 This new service will operate 7 days a week between Toombul Interchange and the Aviation Precinct at Brisbane Airport. It will provide a direct link between bus and rail services at Toombul and the Airport Direct Factory Outlet.
- 330, 333, 340 & 933 between Roma St and QUT Kelvin Grove. During QUT Terms, additional 933 supplementary services will operate between Roma St and QUT in the morning peak and between QUT and Adelaide St City Hall in the afternoon peak to provide additional capacity. Additional trips will operate from Stop 120 George St at 0709, 0722, 0739, 0755, 0820, 0830, 0840 & 0853, and from QUT at 1615, 1630, 1640, 1649 & 1703. On Saturdays, the 0653 330 service from Bracken Ridge will terminate in Adelaide St at the Reserve Bank (Stop 21), and the 0755 Route 330 service from Queen St Stop 74 will now depart from Adelaide St at Broadway (Stop 40).
- 336 & 337 Timetable has been adjusted*.
- 346 & 353 Morning peak timetable has been adjusted*.
- 360 Timetable of services departing from Brookside at 0555 and 0640 have been adjusted*. Service departing from Brookside at 1457 will now depart at 1502.
- 379 (Ashgrove) The 0710 inbound trip from Royal Parade will be extended to Stop 27 Adelaide St f/s Creek St. The 0742 and 0802 trips from Royal Parade will be extended to the Valley. An additional outbound trip to Ashgrove will depart from All Hallows at 1708.
- 382 Service departing from the Valley at 1658 will now depart at 1703. Departure times from the City and beyond remain unchanged.
- 390 Weekday services departing from Brookside at 0520, 0550 & 0625, and Saturday services departing from Brookside at 0515, 0620 and 1905, will now terminate in Adelaide St, far side of Creek St (Stop 27).
- 402 The 0720 trip from Toowong will depart at 0731. The 1810 trip from UQ will depart at 1802.
- 407 The 1625 trip from UQ to the City will depart at 1630. The 2100 trip Mon – Thur from UQ to the City will operate as a 412.
- 415 The 0712 trip from Manchester Tce will depart at 0711. The 1544 trip from the City will depart at 1547. The 1623 trip from Indooroopilly will depart at 1625.
- 417 The 0708 trip from Long Pocket will depart at 0707.
- 425 The outbound 0757 trip from Burbong West will depart at 0759. The 0825 trip from Kenmore High will depart at 0826.
- 426 Service departing from Kenmore Woods at 0726 will now depart at 0733.
- 432 The 0728 trip from Kenmore will depart at 0727. The 0828 trip from Indooroopilly to UQ will depart at 0829.
- 435 The 0655 inbound trip from Kailua St will be extended to Stop 7 Gregory Tce (St Joseph's).
- 440 The 0626 service from Moggill will now depart at 0621. The 0723 service from the City will now depart at 0720.
- 452 The 1838 service from Darra Station will now depart at 1839. The 1731 service from Darra Station will no longer operate.
- 453 An additional inbound trip will depart from Mt Ommaney Shops at 0720.
- 460 An additional outbound trip will operate from the City at 0652, arriving at Inala Plaza at 0752.
- 462 The service from Inala Plaza at 0836 will now commence its journey at Creekwood at 0842. The 1716 service from Creekwood will no longer operate.
- 470 Service departing from Toowong at 1545 will now depart at 1540. Service departing from Toowong at 1545 will now depart at 1540, and running times have been adjusted*.
- 471 The 1705 trip from the City will depart at 1707.

The following timetables were republished:

- 100/110/115
- 105/107/108
- 106
- 111/133/160/162
- 112/113/114
- 116/121
- 129/130/131/132/133/136
- 140/141/142
- 150/151/152/156
- 170/171/176
- 184/185
- 200/201/206/207
- 202/203/208
- 223/224/225
- 230/231/235/236
- 385/382/383/384
- 412/407/402
- 414/415

- 417
- 435/436
- 440/441
- 450/453/454/455/456/457/458/459
- 460/461
- 470/416
- 471

TransLink recently undertook an extensive consultation process for new Mt Gravatt Bus Services (routes 260 and 261) introduced on 1 August 2005. This valuable feedback has helped TransLink to refine these services, with the new timetables starting on Monday, 10 October 2005. Improvements to these services include:

- Route 260 (Capalaba - Garden City - Griffith University - QEII Hospital) will now travel between Capalaba bus station, Garden City bus station and Griffith University Mt Gravatt and Nathan campuses every 60 minutes Monday to Friday.
- Passengers travelling to Nathan campus will now have a direct service and will no longer need to use the Griffith University intercampus shuttle bus.
- Arrival and departure times at both Mt Gravatt and Nathan campuses have been improved to allow sufficient time to walk between the bus stops and lecture theatres.
- The new terminus will be in the Griffith University Nathan campus car park along Kessels Rd. Passengers travelling to QEII Hospital will now need to walk across Kessels Rd at the traffic lights.
- Inbound services in the mornings will now take a more direct route to Griffith University via Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Rd. Outbound morning services to Capalaba will travel via Mt Cotton Rd and through Maridale Park.
- Inbound afternoon services to Griffith University will travel via Maridale Park and Mt Cotton Rd. Outbound afternoon services to Capalaba will travel a more direct route via Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Rd.
- Route 261 (Mackenzie - Brisbane City - Mater Hill/Hospital) will now operate between Mackenzie and Mater Hill/Hospital via Brisbane City, Monday to Friday. All services will now stop at Cultural Centre, South Bank and Mater Hill busway stations.
- Inbound services in the morning from Mackenzie will travel via the Captain Cook Bridge, Brisbane CBD, Victoria Bridge, then the Cultural Centre and South Bank busway stations, before terminating at Mater Hill busway station.
- Outbound services in the afternoon will originate at Mater Hill/Hospital and then travel via South Bank and Cultural Centre busway stations, Victoria Bridge, Brisbane CBD and Captain Cook Bridge to Mackenzie.

Queensland

Duffy's Bus & Coach Service, Bundaberg - Timetable for Bundaberg city services updated dated 19 September 2005 with new Saturday services

Adelaide

Adelaide Metro has recently issued a new series of Go Zone pocket timetables (see *Table Talk October 2005)*. All effective dates are 21/8/05 except where noted.

- Coorara Ave/Magill Rd – 102, 104, 105 (Torrens Transit)
- Fairview Park Via Hancock Rd – 541 (Torrens Transit)
- Gepps Cross Via Main North Rd – 222, 224, 225, 228, 229 (SouthLink)
- Glen Osmond Rd – 161, 163, 164, 165M, 166 (Transit Plus)
- Golden Grove Via Ladywood Rd – 544, 544G (Torrens Transit)
- Goodwood Rd 24/4/05 – 210, 214, 216, 218 (Torrens Transit)
- Grange Rd – 110, 110M, 111, 113 (Torrens Transit)
- Hawker St & Torrens Rd 21/11/00 – 253 (Torrens Transit)
- Henley Beach Rd – 132, 133, 134, 137, 138, 139 (Torrens Transit)
- Hope Valley – 556, 557, 557S (Torrens Transit)
- Kensington Rd – 140, 141, 142 (Torrens Transit)
- Magill Rd – 106 (Torrens Transit)
- North East Rd – 271, 273 (Torrens Transit)
- Para Hills Via Wandana Ave & Nelson Rd – 506, 546 (Torrens Transit)
- Payneham Rd – 173, 174, 176, 177, 178, 179 (Torrens Transit)
- Port Rd – 151, 152, 153, 155 (Torrens Transit)
- Prospect Rd 2/01 – 182 (Torrens Transit)
- South Rd – 711, 719, 720 (SouthLink)
- Tea Tree Gully Via North East Rd – 542, 557 (Torrens Transit)
- The Parade – 122, 123, 124, 125 (Torrens Transit)
- Unley Rd 11/00 – 191, 192, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199 (Torrens Transit)

Hobart

Metro Hobart alterations to Hobart services - commencing Monday, 3rd October 2005.

- Route 3 and 4 services from Hobart to West Hobart will now travel via Hill St, Hamilton St, Lochner St, Newdegate St & Mellifont St to the Terminus.

- 24 services departing Glenorchy at 0716, 0739 and 0800, Monday to Friday, will now depart at 0712, 0734 and 0758.
- 24 services departing Hobart at 1517 1537, 1607, 1637 and 1707, Monday to Friday, will now depart at 1514, 1544, 1614, 1644 and 1714.
- 131 service departing Granton at 0729, Monday to Friday, will now depart at 0724.
- 126 service departing Bridgewater at 0736 will now travel via Goodwood Rd, Barren Ave, Howard Rd, Acton Cres, Goodwood Rd, Brooker Ave & Elwick Rd to Glenorchy Bus Station

Hobart Coaches alterations to services - commencing Monday, 3rd October 2005.

- The 70 service departing Garnett St at 0730, Monday to Friday, will now depart at 0725.
- 70 services departing Hobart at 1350, 1500 and 1640, Monday to Friday, will now depart at 1345, 1455 and 1645.
- The 80 service departing Hobart at 1415, Monday to Friday, will no longer travel via Groningen Rd, Fryer St, Campbell St, Fraser St & Groningen Rd after Kingston Central and before Hobart.
- The 80 service departing Hobart at 1715, Monday to Friday, will terminate at Pearsall Ave, Blackmans Bay, and will no longer travel via Maranoa Heights & Kingston Central to Hobart.
- The 93 services departing from Hobart, Franklin Square, stop P at 1110 and 1615, Monday to Friday, will now depart from Hobart, Treasury Building, Stop Q.
- The 130 services departing Burnett St, New Norfolk, at 0750 and 1720, Monday to Friday, will now depart at 0745 and 1715.

Perth

Transperth New timetable booklets: South Eastern 4, 5, 11, 18. All amended 25 September 2005

Darwin

Darwinbus complete bus timetables for all routes, A3 sheet, updated April, 2005.

Air

There has been a further delay in the opening of the new domestic terminal at Adelaide airport. It will now be on 9 November. The delay due to fuel system problems. The anti-corrosive substance applied to the fuel pipes to protect them during their transport to Adelaide had not been cleared off before their installation and the entire fuel system has been contaminated. It has to be dismantled, cleaned and rebuilt.

Air New Zealand will start direct flights between Auckland and Adelaide from March next year. Air NZ will operate three direct flights a week between the centres -- flying on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays. The airline is the first international carrier to commit to the Adelaide airport's new $260 million terminal. Air New Zealand will use its new Airbus A320 on the route.

China Southern Airlines (CZ) will introduce additional flights from both Melbourne and Sydney to Guangzhou under a new summer schedule. From November, the carrier will add a third weekly flight from Melbourne and a fifth weekly service from Sydney to the southern Chinese city. And to meet peak Christmas-New Year demand, the airline will also add a series of supplementary flights from Sydney, offering daily services in some weeks of December and January. Under the new schedule, China Southern will fly from Melbourne to Guangzhou via Sydney three days a week – the current Thursday and Sunday services and the new third weekly flight each Friday. In addition, two flights will operate from Sydney to Guangzhou every Tuesday and Saturday, taking to five the number of China Southern departures from Australia each week. During the period of daylight saving in NSW and Victoria (31 October 2005 to 31 March 2006), China Southern flights will depart Melbourne at 0820 and Sydney at 1050 - one hour later than at present.

Commencing October, **Discovery Air Tours** will fly from Sydney to Cessnock Airport providing up to 84 passengers direct access into the Hunter Valley. The flights are scheduled to provide convenient access to Cessnock Airport for groups wanting to visit this premium NSW destination. Their 28 seat DC3 aircraft offers additional travel options for conferences, conventions, weddings and tour groups, not only to the Hunter Valley but state wide. On departure from either Mascot or Bankstown airports the 35 minute flight tracks low over Sydney's magnificent harbour before heading coastal along the northern beaches to Cessnock. We wonder if these are regular services or, more likely some charter operation - note there appears to be no TT.

Jetstar Asia commenced its India operations in September with flights from Kolkata to Singapore. The entry of Jetstar Asia marks a new chapter in Indian aviation, as it is the first value-for-money airline from Singapore to establish links with India. The airline flies three times a week (Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday) with A320 aircraft between Singapore and Kolkata. The flights to Kolkata depart from Changi Airport at 1630, and land in

Kolkata at 1800. The return flight from Kolkata takes off at 1900 and lands in Singapore at 0135. the following morning.

Effective 02 November 2005, **Malaysia Airlines** will be expanding their Perth flight schedules by adding two new weekly services departing Perth to Kuala Lumpur. This will be in addition to the current 9 weekly flights. The total of 11 flights departing Perth will provide a total of 2950 seats weekly. Flight MH7316 will depart Perth every Wednesday and Sunday at 0135 arriving in Kuala Lumpur at 0635. These additional services will provide connections with flights from Kuala Lumpur to China, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia, Japan, Istanbul, London and Manchester. The return flight from Kuala Lumpur to Perth MH7317 will depart every Tuesday and Saturday at 1835 arriving in Perth at 2335.

Qantas is looking to expand its low-cost domestic carrier Jetstar into international markets. Qantas and Jetstar are working on a proposal for a two-class international carrier based in Australia, servicing holiday routes.

Qantas is also focused on developing the Jetstar brand in Asia through its Jetstar Asia operation, The recent merger of Jetstar Asia and Singapore budget carrier Valuair had provided the combined group with significantly increased scale to pursue expansion opportunities in the region.

Qantas itself is expanding presence in growing point-to-point markets, commencing services to Shanghai and Mumbai and announcing new services to Beijing and San Francisco.

Qantas said it would add a fifth non-stop service from Brisbane to Los Angeles from 28 January 2006. All Brisbane-Los Angeles services would be operated by two-class Boeing 747 aircraft featuring the airline's Skybed in Business Class. Further changes to Qantas' US schedules included moving from eight flights a week on Melbourne-Los Angeles to a double-daily service – seven operating non-stop and seven via Auckland.

Qantas services between Australia and mainland USA will increase to a record 39 a week from March 2006 when the airline commences new services to San Francisco.

Ferry

Sydney

Sydney Ferries has introduced additional peak hour services to and from **Cabarita** effective Monday 10 October 2005 to better service the growing Breakfast Point and Cabarita communities. The following services will now stop at Cabarita:
0655 Rydalmere to Circular Quay (0718 Cabarita)
1845 Circular Quay to Rydalmere (1918 Cabarita)
1920 Parramatta to Circular Quay (2003 Cabarita)

A new express service operates 1936 Rydalmere to Circular Quay. Passengers for Sydney Olympic Park and Meadowbank can use the 1940 service from Rydalmere to Circular Quay.

Improved **Rose Bay/Watsons Bay** timetable and new Garden Island service effective 5 October 2005 (see illustration on front cover). The weekday Watsons Bay/Rose Bay service now stops at Garden Island the home of the Royal Australian Navy's new Heritage Centre. Services between the morning and afternoon peak and on weekends will now also stop at Garden Island. Peak period services remain the same. On weekends ferries will run every 45 minutes throughout the day to and from Watsons Bay. The new timetable for Rose Bay/Watsons Bay (SF0169/0805) has reverted to the use of dates rather than version numbers.

Birkenhead Point wharf was closed indefinitely without advance notice on 7 October 2005. The peak hour service now terminates at Elliot Street. Passengers were advised to use Wolseley Street or Victoria Road bus services.

Just after 2200 on Monday 17th October, the 2130 Circular Quay -Manly service, run by the *Freshwater*, collided with the wharf at Manly. The *Freshwater* was taken out of service for inspection and was replaced in the off-peak period next day by pairs of JetCats, operating out of Circular Quay 2 East and 2 West. The peak hour service arrangements-when the JetCats are normally dedicated to the premium service is not known.

The Government has announced that, whatever the outcome of the investigations of recent accidents and of the Freshwater class vessels in general, all are to receive upgrades, including a GPS navigation system.

New Zealand

Strait Shipping is to add a new passenger vessel to its Bluebridge Cook Strait ferry service. The *Monte Stello* is expected to enter service in early 2006. She will be sister ship to the Strait's existing passenger vessel *Santa Regina*. .