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WE'LL DRIVE.

TOWN	CODE	MC431 DAILY TO MEL	MC495 DAILY TO CVL	GX430 DAILY TO TMW	MC950 DAILY	SP958 DAILY	MC957 DAILY	MC955 FRI & SUN	480/492 DAILY TO DBY	MC953	SP954	MC493 DAILY TO ISA	MC956	MC424 DAILY TO SYD	PICK-UP AND SET-DOWN POINT
DOMESTIC AIRPORT #	BDA	-	6.40A	-	-	10.20A	-	-	1.20P	2.20P	3.20P	-	4.50P	-	Pick up/Setdown Coach Bay Opp Qantas Departures Lounge, Road 2 in front of Terminal
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT #	BIA	-	6.50A	-	-	10.30A	-	-	1.30P	2.30P	3.30P	-	5.00P	-	Coach Pickup Area Bottom of Ramp
BRISBANE	BNE	6.30A	7.30A	8.30A	10.00A	11.00A	1.00P	1.30P	2.00P	3.00P	4.00P	5.00P	5.30P	6.30P	Greyhound Australia Terminal, Level 3, Roma Street Transit Centre
GOODNA	GNA	6.50A	7.55A	8.55A	10.25A	11.25A	1.25P	1.55P	2.25P	3.25P	4.25P	5.20P	5.55P	6.50P	Bus Stop Near Ampol/Caltex Service Station
IPSWICH	IPS	7.15A#	8.15A	9.20A	-	-	-	1.45P	-	3.45P	-	5.45P#	-	7.05P#	Transit Centre

Greyhound Australia does away with its timetable booklets – now you need a PC and web connection to access their timetables from their website in PDF format. The above screen shot is an excerpt of their Brisbane – Toowoomba services. Unfortunately there is no date on the PDF.

In this issue of *Table Talk* a number of timetable examples from the web are shown.

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General News

Nationwide

Receivers appointed to Greyhound

An article in *The Australian* 1 May 2006 reported that KordaMentha has assumed control of Greyhound. Former Howard Government minister John Moore has resigned and has been replaced by Mark Mentha of KordaMentha. The company has argued that it will continue trading however long term changes will need to occur with a focus on reviewing unprofitable regional runs. (*The Australian* (1 May 2006), Geoff Mann)

South Australia

Adelaide trains going electric?

TransAdelaide have released a tender for the investigation of converting the Adelaide suburban rail system to electric traction. Some of the proposals under consideration include:

- Extension of the Noarlunga line to Seaford as double track
- Extension from Seaford to Aldinga as single track
- Gauge conversion and the electrification of the second track to Belair should TransAdelaide rail services be fully standardised
- Duplication of the Tonsley and Grange lines

- Duplication of the Midlunga to Outer Harbour line
- Frequencies, maximum speeds and costs modelled on the TransPerth operations.

The document suggests that there will be expansion of the current network and substantial increases in frequencies.

There are no current plans for extension of services into the Barossa Valley from Gawler and interestingly patronage on Barossa Valley bus services has dropped in the last year and there is little effort to co-ordinate services with TransAdelaide trains. (*Transit Australia* (May 2006), Steven Haby)

Metroguide

A new Adelaide Metroguide dated April 2006 has been released. (Lourie Smit)

Tasmania

Future of SPOT III

Reports in the ABC in the week ending Friday 26 May 2006 stated that the future of the "Spirit of Tasmania III" that was purchased for the Sydney to Devonport run is in doubt due to continual losses and lack of patronage. TT-Line and the Tasmanian Government are looking at a number of options including sale of the ship. (ABC News Online, Steven Haby)

New South Wales

Reports into the May 2005 accident to the Narrabeen and the September 2005 accident to the Collaroy were released in March and April. The Narrabeen accident was found to be due to an error on the part of the Master and the Collaroy accident due to an electronic failure. Sydney Ferries was strongly criticised in both reports for its lack of training in emergency procedures and routine operation of the ferries, saying that crews and Masters were ill-equipped to deal with normal and adverse operations and, in effect, did not know how to run the boats. The Collaroy remains withdrawn from service and will not return to service until late May. The accident report recommended that a dedicated crew, familiar with this boat's idiosyncrasies, be rostered when it operated, but that operation of it be at all times minimised. An investigation into the entire fleet of Freshwater class vessels continues. (Geoff Lambert)

Victoria

New transport plan released

The Bracks Government's long-awaited transport plan for the next decade was released on Wednesday 17 May 2006 to mixed reviews. Some of the highlights include:

- 50 new trains
- 100 new trams
- Third track between Caulfield and Dandenong constructed "in stages"
- Third track between Footscray and Sunshine
- Yet *another* feasibility study into the possibility of constructing a railway line along the Eastern Freeway to Doncaster and Templestowe
- Signalling upgrades and changes to City Loop operations on the Clifton Hill group of lines
- Additional services to Werribee and Sydenham in the peaks
- More bus services in outer suburbs
- More tram priority plans
- Duplication of the Hurstbridge line from Clifton Hill and Westgarth

The plan has been roundly criticised by various public transport lobby groups for being too cautious and not ambitious enough to take into account critical bottlenecks such as North Melbourne and single track sections on the Werribee line between Newport and Laverton and other issues. Various rural groups have slammed the plan as not taking into consideration the dire situation regarding regional rail freight in Victoria

and the lack of co-ordination and long-term strategic thinking between VicTrack and operators such as Pacific National in regards to infrastructure and access. (Steven Haby)

Track upgrades

Work is continuing on the upgrade of the Echuca – Toolamba and Echuca – Bendigo rail lines with new track, sleepers and ballast. This work should see the return of regular Echuca passenger services before the end of the year. (Steven Haby)

Ballarat bus boost

From Monday 29 June 2006 a series of improvements to Ballarat Transit bus services will be deployed including:

- Sunday services to Creswick with two return trips
- Two additional weekday and three Saturday return trips to Creswick
- Additional late night Friday services on 12 of Ballarat Transit's routes with five routes having services extend until 2100 and another seven having departures up to 1900.

At the time of press there were no timetables available from the Kefford's Davis Bus Lines website or from Viclink. (Steven Haby)

Metlink maps

A new Melbourne public transport map has been released by Metlink dated January 2006. Some interesting points include:

- Route 218 Albion R/S - Caroline Springs still not on the route map or listing Melbourne bus routes.
- On the Outer Metropolitan Services map the proposed changes for route 456, 458 & 459 are shown. Route 456 doesn't go to Melton Station instead goes to Woodgrove S/C via High St; 458 replace part of route 456 via Melton Sth and doesn't go to Woodgrove S/C however the route 459 bus route will. These changes are to be deployed soon.
- The forthcoming new cross country 400 Laverton to Sunshine route which will serve a number of prisons is shown.
- New routes 416, 445, 488, 533, 544, 571A, 575, 768, 777, 785, 926, 927, 928 & 929 on the route map (routes 488, 533, 544, 785, 926, 927, 938 & 929 on outer metropolitan services route map) and on Melbourne Bus Routes lists.
- New route 794 Cranbourne - Pearcedale not on bus route map or route list due to trial.

- Southern Cross (Formerly Spencer Street) correctly shown on all maps (Bradley Matthews)

Western Australia

BHP-Billiton Iron Ore open access

On 22-May, the Treasurer Peter Costello, by refusing to take any action, effectively rejected the recommendation of the National Competition Council that Fortescue Minerals be given timetable access to BHPBIO's Mt Newman iron ore railway. Train planning, timetabling and capacity issues were at the heart of the 2-year process leading up to this non-decision. (Geoff Lambert)



New South Wales

Working timetables

- On 17-Feb-2006 NSW RailCorp (CityRail) published Version 1.1 of its 28-May-2006 Sydney SWTT. Amendments to this were issued on 27-Apr-2006. Paper copies of the SWTT were circulated in March, but it is not yet generally available. It is said to be fundamentally a new timetable. CityRail's SWTT dated 28 May 2006 is now available in paper and electronic form from the AATTC. (Geoff Lambert)
- On 10-Apr-2006, RailCorp issued Version 1.2 of its 28-May-2006 Freight Standard Working Timetable. Amendments to this were issued on 27-Apr-2006
- ARTC-NSW released its 28-May-2006 SWTT on 10 April 2006. Amendments were issued on 27 April 2006. This is available on the ARTC-NSW website and in AATTC's Distribution List for June 2006. (Geoff Lambert)

CityRail

New timetables

The following timetables show "Updated 28 May 2006"

- Inner West Line/South Line/Cumberland Line
- Northern Line
- Newcastle and Central Coast Line
- Airport and East Hills Line
- Bankstown Line
- North Shore Line

International

Air agreement

India and New Zealand have signed an air services agreement to allow their airlines to operate daily flights between Auckland and Bombay by each side and also allows for unlimited code sharing by the two carriers between five Indian cities (Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Hyderabad) and five New Zealand cities (Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin and Queenstown) with Australia or Singapore as intermediate points. (Tony Bailey)

- Blue Mountains Line
- Southern Highlands Line

The following timetables show "Effective 28 May 2006"

- Eastern Suburbs and Illawarra Line
- South Coast Line (Adrian Dessanti)
- Western / Cumberland Line (Adrian Dessanti)

However at the same time double sided insert to the new Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra Line with corrections has also been issued. (Geoffrey Clifton)

Countrylink

Updated timetables

- Western timetable dated 28 May 2006 (Geoffrey Clifton)

Victoria

Working timetables

In March 2006, recent or current copies of Working Time Tables and associated documents for rail operators in Victoria were made publicly available, as part of submissions made to the Essential Services Commission decision on access to the network by Pacific National and Connex.

Previously it had been thought that formal WTTs had not existed for much of the Victorian rail network since the late 1990s. These WTTs are available in AATTC's Distribution List for June 2006. (Geoff Lambert)

Victorian WTT for Pacific National and Connex are now available, as well as other supporting documentation, are available from the Essential Services Commission website at www.esc.vic.gov.au/rail6.html

Tram/ Light Rail

Melbourne

Yarra Trams

New timetables

- Routes 24 (North Balwyn to La Trobe St West End) & 30 (St Vincent's Plaza to NewQuay Docklands) dated March 2006 (Bradley Matthews)
- Route 48 booklet dated March 2006 (Matthew Gibbins)

- Route 70 frequency guide dated February 2006 reissued with corrections from the November 2005 issue. (Craig Halsall)
- Route 75 frequency guide dated February 2006 reissued with corrections from the November 2005 issue. (Craig Halsall)

Transborder Express website showing their current timetable for routes 980-982 Canberra to Yass available at www.transborder.com.au

Departure points	Monday to Friday			Monday to Sunday - every day of the year	School Days Only
Route number/name	a 981 am	a 981 am	a 982 am	980 pm	c 'Penguin' am
Yass Junction Station	b4.20	...
Yass (Orion/Laidlaw Sts)	6.40	7.10
- via Ford St to -					
Yass Depot (Rossi St)	6.50	7.20	8.45	b4.30	...
Yass (Murrumbateman)	6.52	7.22	8.48	b4.34	...

Transborder Express website showing their current timetable for routes 980-982 Canberra to Yass available at www.transborder.com.au

Bus

National operators

Greyhound Australia

Paperless timetables

From 13 May 2006 Greyhound will no longer be issuing paper-based timetables, instead relying on timetables from their website which are available as PDFs for each route. The editor believes this is a short-sighted move which will affect travellers without easy access to an internet terminal. Furthermore Greyhound stated that these timetables could be altered on a day-to-day basis. (Steven Haby)

Australian Capital Territory

ACTION

Updated timetables

- Routes 36, 39 (936, 938) version 5.3 dated 30 January 2006 (Michael Marshall)
- Routes 38 (936, 938) version 5.3 dated 30 January 2006 (Michael Marshall)

Transborder

Updated timetables

- Canberra – Thredbo dated 1 April 2006 (Steven Haby)
- Canberra – Yass dated 1 May 2006 (Steven Haby)

New South Wales—Sydney

Veolia (Connex)

Updated timetables

New timetables due on 28/5/2006 have been sighted on their website.

- 927 Bankstown - One Tree Point (is shown as an interim timetable)
- 948 Bankstown Hurstville
- 959 Hurstville – Baldface
- 961 Miranda - Barden Ridge (replaces route 960) and 962 Bankstown Miranda. Route 962 has two separate timetables. Firstly the combined one which only covers the section from Miranda to Bradman Road and Old Illawarra Road and a separate timetable which covers the full Miranda to Bankstown route. On the website the full 962 timetable only shows as Padstow – Miranda and does not include the extension to Bankstown.
- 963 Menai - Padstow
- 965 Sutherland - Woronora (This was to have disappeared but has not because of the reversal of the fire trail decision)
- 967 - Miranda - Como West
- 968 Miranda - Bonnet Bay (Note the planned 966 did not eventuate as it is included in 967 and 968).
- 969 Miranda - Sutherland (Not in plan - was to have been part of route 993 but again because of the fire trail reversal this could not happen).
- 970 and 971 Miranda - Hurstville.
- 972 Miranda - Southgate.
- 973 Miranda - Yowie Bay and 974 Miranda - Gymea Bay.
- 975 Miranda - Grays Point and 976 Sutherland - Grays Point (In plan route 976 was included as occasional trips of 975).
- 991 - Sutherland - Heathcote.
- 992 - Miranda - Engadine (Kingswood Road).
- 993 Engadine - Woronora Heights (This was to have been the route along the fire trail).
- 996 Engadine - Heathcote East.
- Besides the items mentioned above other changes from the plan are that route 948 continues to operate via Padstow instead of the proposed Revesby but will, from Hurstville return to Fairford Road via Watson Road while route 962 will operate to Bankstown via Gibson Avenue leaving no buses along the part of

Davies Road between Watson Road and Ryan Road. (Lourie Smit)

Sydney Buses

Updated timetables

New timetables have been released in the last month:

- Routes 159/176/E76/E77 version 4 dated February 2006 (Michael Marshall)
- The 168/E68 t/t is now titled "North Balgowlah to City", "North Balgowlah District" is the old title when route 141 existed (Norbert Genci)
- Routes 391/392/X92 dated 21 May 2006 in PDF format (Adrian Dessanti)
- Routes 393/394/L94/X94/399/X99 dated 21 May 2006 in PDF format (Adrian Dessanti)
- Routes 395/396/X96/397/X97 dated 21 May 2006 in PDF format (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 202-210 version 4 dated 21 May 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 252-4, 286-294 (Pacific Hwy) version 6 dated 21 May 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 252-3-4 version 6 dated 21 May 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 257, 272-3 version 4 dated 21 May 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 288-291, 294-6 version 7 dated 21 May 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 309-310 version 5 dated 21 May 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 352, version 4 dated May 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 374/X74, version 8, dated 1 May 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 401 version 8 dated 21 May 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 426 version 9 dated February 2006 (Michael Marshall)
- 458/459, version 7, dated 1 May 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- 461, version 9, dated 1 May 06 (Adrian Dessanti)
- Route 521 version 7 dated February 2006 (Michael Marshall)
- 525, v 5, effective 1 May 06
- Route 546 version 4 dated May 2006 in PDF format (Geoffrey Clifton)
- Route 623 in PDF format dated May 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)

- Route 624 in PDF format dated May 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- 890 group of timetables for University of NSW in PDF format dated 1 May 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)

Updated brochures

- 'Prepay for a faster trip / Northern Beaches'. Issued April 2006, it contains a TransitGraphic map of services departing from Wynyard Park. The map is dated 'As at 4 August 2004' (Geoffrey Clifton)
- Sydney Pass brochure reprinted dated April 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)

New South Wales—Regional

Newcastle Buses

Updated timetables and brochures

- Route 226 Charlestown to Newcastle via Waratah January 2006 version10 (Len Regan)
- Route 334 Glendale to Newcastle via Kotara South dated 27 February 2006 version 5 (Len Regan)
- Route 322 Belmont to Newcastle via Redhead February 2006 version 7 (Len Regan)
- Route 111 Charlestown to Newcastle dated 1 May 2006 version 7 (Len Regan)
- Routes 349, 350 351 Swansea to Newcastle dated 1 May 2006 version 11 (Len Regan)
- Newcastle Buses & Ferries Ticketing Guide February 2006 (Len Regan)

Premier Illawarra

Updated route network and timetables

Commencing 28 May - in association with the new South Coast Line timetable - Premier Illawarra will be introducing new routes/timetables in the Wollongong region. They are in the process of developing a new website - the PDF timetables are currently available from the Transit Graphics website at

<http://www.transitgraphics.com.au/premierillawarra>

The following changes will occur.

- Route 20 no longer operates.
- Existing Route 24 has been replaced by Route 38.
- New Route 25 will operate between Figtree and North Wollongong.
- Route 34 extends from Port Kembla to Wollongong via Steel Works and doubling of services in weekday off-peaks.
- Route 69 no longer operates.
- Route 30 no longer operates.
- Route 31 no longer operates.
- Route 41 no longer operates.
- Route 42 no longer operates.
- Route 43 extends to Port Kembla from Warrawong.
- Route 6 - Operates via University
- Route 7 - New route through Cabbage Tree Lane and Balgownie
- Route 10 - Via Braeside Close
- Routes 23 / 24 - Combined into loop service
- New Route 26 - Wollongong - Greenacre Rd - Figtree
- Route 33 - Operates all day, 7 days a week, giving Compton St. and West Dapto more direct services to Wollongong
- Route 36 - New Weekend service from Wollongong to Mt Kembla via Farmborough Heights
- Route 37 / 57 - Lakelink services running later at night
- New Route 38 - incorporated with Route 39 to give Figtree Heights more direct service to Wollongong
- Route 43 - Dapto to Warrawong now extends to Port Kembla giving Dapto & Berkeley direct beach access
- New Route 51 - Albion Park direct to Warrawong, Wollongong and University
- Route 64 / 65 - Combined into Route 65, Lake Heights now have direct Service to Wollongong and more Saturday services and now have Sunday services
- Route 70 / 76 - Services now connect with 90% of trains at Albion Park Railway Dedicated train buses for peak trains.
- New Route 73 - Giving Flinders and Shellcove increased services to and from Shellharbour Square
- Route 71 - Kiama service now operates via Shellcove and Flin
- Amended Routes 72 and 74 in Blackbutt and Barack Heights.
- Route 74 now operates Shellhabrou to Shellharbour Square. (Adrian Dessanti)

Queensland—Brisbane

Brisbane Transport

Expanded services

New timetables will operate on the following routes from 29 May 2006:

- Route 130 with 4 additional outbound trips between 1650 and 1810
- Route 133 with 3 additional inbound trips between 0700 and 0850 and 1 additional outbound trip at 1704
- Route 140 with 5 additional outbound trips between 1530 and 1815
- Route 156 with 3 additional inbound trips ex Fruit Grove between 0725 and 0825.
- Route 162 with 1 additional trip at 1715.

Timetables are available from the Translink website in PDF format. (Steven Haby)

Timetable updates

- 325 Boondall to City cityxpress; 335 Taigum via Kirby Rd to city cityxpress; 339 Taigum via Kirby Rd to City rocket dated 12 December 2005 (David Hutton)
- 330 Bracken Ridge to City cityxpress; 331 Bracken Ridge to City rocket dated 12 December 2005 (David Hutton)
- 333 Chermside to City buz dated 12 December 2005 (David Hutton)
- 374 Paddington to City all stops; 375 Bardon to City to Stafford all stops; 376 Stafford to City express dated 12 December 2005 (David Hutton)

Surfside Bus Lines

New timetables

New timetables dated 15 May 2006 have been released for the following routes:

- Routes 700 Australia Fair to Tweed Mall; 760 Pacific Fair to Tweed Mall; 765 Robina Station to Tweed Mall
- Routes 703 Harbour Town to Burleigh Heads; 706 Paradise Point to Burleigh Heads; 707 Griffith University to Burleigh Heads; 709 Helensvale to Pacific Fair
- Route 715 Helensvale Station to Southport and Seaworld link
- Route 745 Nerang to Surfers Paradise link (David Hutton)

Queensland—Regional

Garden City Sunbus

Updated timetables

New timetables were introduced from 15 May 2006 with additional trips to the University, all day Saturday services on all routes and improved frequencies on weekdays. A check on the Garden City Sunbus website at the time of press did not reveal the new timetables. (Steven Haby)

South Australia

AdelaideMetro

Updated timetables

- 102 group dated March 2006 (Michael Marshall)
- 724 group dated April 2006 (Michael Marshall)

Buses'R'Us

Updated timetable

Buses'R'Us which operate a service between Adelaide and Broken Hill have released a new timetable.

Services now appear to run only three days a week in either direction rather than the previous four times a week. An undated TT is available in PDF from their website at <http://www.busesrus.com.au/timetable.pdf> (Steven Haby)

Victoria—Melbourne

Cranbourne Transit

Updated timetables

- Routes 795/6/7 timetable is now available in Metlink format - dated 3rd April 2006. This completes the whole set of Cranbourne transit timetables now printed in the new format. Regarding Route 797, the times on the Cranbourne Transit website were revised from the new April 3rd 2006 timetable back to the 31 January 2006 timetable on April 18, meaning the changes only lasted 2 weeks. At the time of press confirmation was still required as to whether the 797 timetable shown in the printed edition is the one effective January 31 or April 3. The latter timetable saw trips running up to 10 minutes earlier. (Craig Halsall)
- Routes 789/790/791 Cranbourne West - Frankston bus timetable reprinted dated 31st January, 2006 in orange Metlink DL format (Bradley Matthews)

Goldrush Tours: The Cheapest way from Kalgoorlie to Perth! - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided...

Address: <http://www.goldrushtours.com.au/express.html>

REMEMBER, PERTH-GOLDFIELDS EXPRESS OFFER THE CHEAPEST WAY TO TRAVEL BETWEEN PERTH AND KALGOORLIE* based on full adult fares.

TIMETABLES Valid from 30th of March 2006

Pertth to Kalgoorlie/Laverton

PICKUP	POINT	Sun	Mon Tue Wed Fri	Thurs Sun
EAST PERTH	Rail Terminal	2.30PM	7.45am	7.45am
MIDLAND	Rail / Bus Interchange	2.50PM	8.05am	8.05am
MUNDARING	Tourist Centre	3.10PM	8.25am	8.25am
NORTHAM	Library (by booking only)	3.45PM	9.00am	9.00am
MECKERING	Shell Roadhouse	4.10PM	9.25am	9.25am
CUNDERDIN	Mobil Roadhouse (opp)	4.25PM	9.40am	9.40am
KELLERBERRIN	Post Office (opp)	4.50PM	10.05am	10.05am
MERREDIN	BP Roadhouse	arrive	5.25PM	10.40am
		depart	5.55PM	11.10am
SOUTHERN CROSS	BP Roadhouse	7.00PM	12.15PM	12.15PM
COOLGARDIE	Calltex	8.55PM	2.10PM	2.10PM
KALGOORLIE	Coach Terminal	arrive	9.15PM	2.30PM
		depart	Terminates	Terminates
MENZIES	General Store (opp)			2.35PM
LEONORA	Ampol Roadhouse	arrive		4.00PM
		depart		5.05PM
MURRIN MURRIN	Mine Turn-off			5.15PM
MOUNT MORGAN	Mine Turn-off (opp)			5.45PM
LAVERTON	BP Roadhouse	arrive		5.55PM
		depart		6.30PM
				Terminates

Laverton/Kalgoorlie to Perth

Goldrush Tours current timetable available from their website www.goldrushtours.com.au/express.html

Kastoria

Updated 501 timetable

Route 501 Moonee Ponds – Niddrie has been updated 13 May 2006 and issued in the standard Metlink pocket-sized format. Saturday services are now every 45 minutes instead of hourly and run until 1800. (Bradley Matthews)

Grenda's Bus Service

Updated timetables

- Route 827-828 Hampton – Berwick has been reissued dated 1 May 2006 in the standard Metlink pocket-sized format. (Craig Halsall)

Route 801 and 803 cease

Grenda's weekend routes 801 & 803 ceased on Sunday April 30, after 17 months of service. Funding for the trial from the City of Greater Dandenong to run these routes had been withdrawn, and the State Government declined to fund these routes, due to the low patronage. An average of around 330 passengers used the services each weekend. (Craig Halsall)

Ivanhoe Bus Company

New route 548 services

From 19 June 2006 new timetables in Metlink format will be introduced on route 548 from Deepdene, Whitehorse Road to Latrobe University. The route will travel via the new Springthorpe Estate and frequencies on weekdays and Saturdays have been increased. Interestingly a major letterbox drop will be undertaken to all residents. Timetables will appear on the Ivanhoe website from 5 June 2006. (Craig Halsall)

Westrans

Updated 408 timetable

Route 408 St Albans – Highpoint has been reprinted dated 1 May 2006 with some minor timing changes. A Metlink map is included however the timetable is in the old Kefford format. (Bradley Matthews)

Western Australia

TransPerth

New timetables

New timetables have been issued for the following groups of bus routes.

- Circle route dated 23 April 2006
- Southern 119 dated 14 May 2006
- Southern 121 dated 14 May 2006
- Southeastern 9 dated 21 May 2006 – new route 174 and routes 171 and 173 deleted
- South Eastern 20 dated 1 April 2006
- Eastern 86 dated 7 May 2006
- Eastern 87 dated 21 May 2006
- Eastern 93 dated 7 May 2006
- Eastern 94 dated 21 May 2006



National

Jetstar

Expansion to the Top End

Additional air services have just been announced by Jetstar boosting the frequency of direct Adelaide-Darwin flights from 2 to 5 flights per week beginning 1 July 2006. In addition to this Jetstar began its debut in the Northern Territory, offering direct services from Darwin to Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide from 1 May 2006.

It has been confirmed that Jetstar will fly 6 times weekly return flights directly between Darwin-Melbourne and Darwin-Brisbane and 2 times weekly between Darwin-Adelaide when it is launched next month. (Tony Bailey)

OzJet

OzJet returns... to Norfolk Island

Melbourne-based OzJet will begin a regular 737 service from Sydney and Brisbane to Norfolk Island from Wednesday 24 May 2006.

The new service will replace existing Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday departures formally operated by Air Nauru which was placed into receivership recently.

Flights will continue to be booked and ticketed by Qantas but will offer 'much needed' extra capacity and greater continuity under a 12 month renewable contract. (Tony Bailey)

- Eastern 101 dated 21 May 2006 with new route 338.
- Eastern 109 dated 21 May 2006
- Eastern 110 dated 21 May 2006
- Northern 69 – new route 391 dated 7 May 2006
- Northern 72 dated 7 May 2006
- Northern 74 dated 7 May 2006
- Northern 75 dated 7 May 2006 (Alan Gray)

Goldrush Tours

Updated timetable

An updated timetable on their website for their Perth – Kalgoorlie service is dated 30 March 2006 and available at

<http://www.goldrushtours.com.au/express.html>
(Steven Haby)

Qantas

Sydney – Canberra capacity increases

Qantas has announced that it would increase capacity between Canberra and Sydney by more than 12 per cent, as its sixth and seventh QantasLink Bombardier Q400 aircraft enter into service over the coming months.

Qantas Executive General Manager, Mr John Borghetti, said the arrival of the aircraft would also see QantasLink open a new crew base in Canberra.

The new Q400 aircraft are scheduled to commence flying between Canberra and Sydney in mid-August and mid-October 2006. (Tony Bailey)

Wagga Wagga service changes

From 26 April 2006 QantasLink introduced a revised timetable for its Sydney – Wagga Wagga service which now uses Dash-8 Q300 aircraft with additional capacity. Four instead of five weekday trips are now flown and a new Saturday afternoon return flight will run. (Tony Bailey)

International

Air Pacific

Extra flights to Nadi from Melbourne

Air Pacific has introduced an additional Melbourne- Nadi direct service beginning from 10

June 2006, as a response to the growing demand from the market. This will bring the total of the number of flights to five weekly from the Victorian and southern states region.

The new flights will be operated by Boeing 747-400 aircraft and will depart Melbourne at 2350, arriving Nadi the next day at 0620. There is a two-hour time difference. Air Pacific's other Melbourne-Nadi services that depart each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, are operated by Boeing 767-300 aircraft. (Tony Bailey)

Extra flights to Nadi from Brisbane

Air Pacific will increase its Brisbane-Nadi direct services to eight weekly from June 23. The new service will operate on a Friday and depart Brisbane at 2355, arriving Nadi at 0625 the next day local time. There is a two-hour time

difference. A return flight will operate on the same day, departing Nadi at 2040 and arriving Brisbane 2255. Air Pacific flies from Brisbane to Nadi daily and from June 23, twice on Friday. The services are operated by Boeing 767-300 and 737-800 aircraft. (Tony Bailey)

Emirates

Additional flights

Officials from Emirates will formally lodge a request to Canberra for extra flights to Australia within the next two months. This comes after the airline has expressed interest in doubling its capacity into Australia and Qantas warning that it will lobby to prevent such a request occurring. (Tony Bailey)



Ferry

New South Wales

Sydney Ferries

On 23 or 22 May 2006 Manly ferry "Collaroy" was returned to service, but had to be taken out of service again the next day due to electrical faults. As of Thursday 25 May, the "Collaroy" was running as part of the regular roster, despite transport safety investigators having recommend it only be used in normal service as a last resort. The "Collaroy" was used for terrorist training exercises in early May, leading to much mirthful comment from the media. Manly services continue to be disrupted on a daily basis, partly because of a shortage of qualified engineers. (Geoff Lambert)

Late Arrivals

Sydney Buses

- Routes 505/538/539 version 6 effective April 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)
- T80 Liverpool - Parramatta T-way timetable, effective 12 March 2006 (Adrian Dessanti)

Adelaide Metro

- 540 Group dated April 2006 - includes new route 512 (John Rd – Golden Grove Village (Michael Marshall))
- 820 Group dated 18 April 2006 (Michael Marshall)

Benders Busways (Geelong)

Changes from April 23 2006 with indirect Route 17 loop to Belmont, Grovedale & Deakin

Victoria

The Punt

Weekday trial service ceases

"The Punt" which operates a bike/pedestrian ferry service across the Yarra River between Spotswood and Fishermens Bend will cease weekday trips on Friday 2 June 2006 after not being able to sustain appropriate levels of patronage. Since December 2005 a weekday trial of the service has been supported by the Hobsons Bay City Council. (*The Advertiser* (24 May 2006), Steven Haby)

University will be replaced by Routes 16 & 19, as per Saturdays. Both 16 & 19 will run every hour from 0900 to 1700 (16) and to 1800 (19). In addition, timing changes have been made on all other Benders services within Geelong (Routes 10, 12, 16, 19, 30, 35, 50 & 55.) but the frequencies & operating hours are unchanged. Benders Busways have released a 4 page B&W A5 timetable "**New Sunday Timetable - Benders Busways**" effective 23 April 2006 which shows the new Sunday timetables for all routes. (Craig Halsall)