



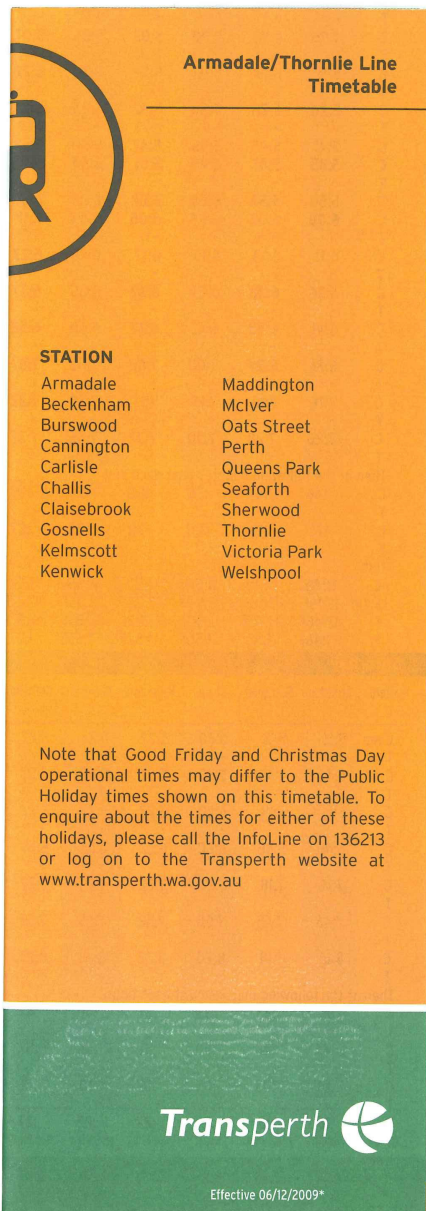
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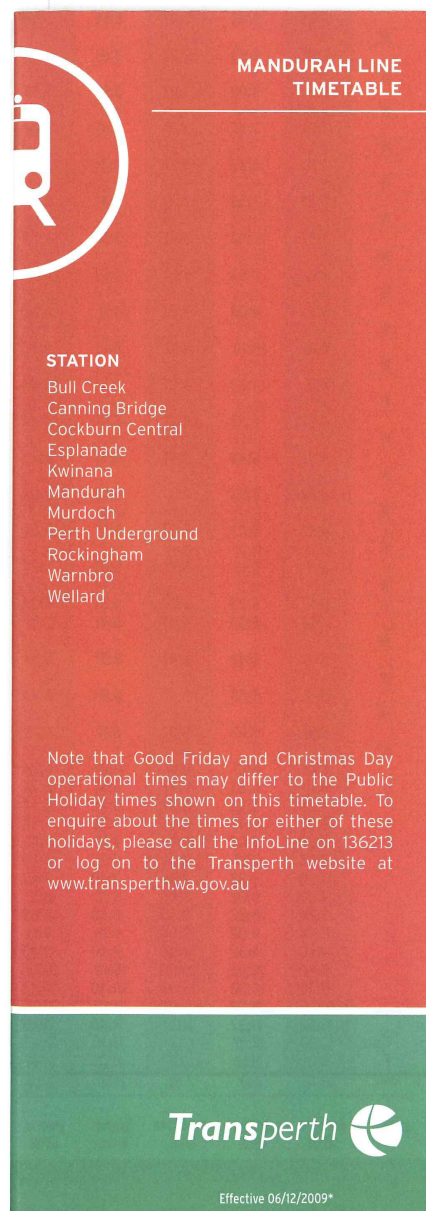
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Armadale	Maddington
Beckenham	McIver
Burswood	Oats Street
Cannington	Perth
Carlisle	Queens Park
Challis	Seaforth
Claisebrook	Sherwood
Gosnells	Thornlie
Kelmscott	Victoria Park
Kenwick	Welshpool

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**MANDURAH LINE  
TIMETABLE**

**STATION**

- Bull Creek
- Canning Bridge
- Cockburn Central
- Esplanade
- Kwinana
- Mandurah
- Murdoch
- Perth Underground
- Rockingham
- Warnbro
- Wellard

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## TOP TABLE TALK

### Sydney one-stop customer information centre

On 31 May NSW Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian announced the opening of an integrated transport information centre at Circular Quay, as an expansion of the former CityRail information office. "This rebranded information centre is a microcosm of our move towards a fully-integrated public transport system where trains, buses and ferries will no longer operate in silos. This expanded and improved information office, combined with better signage at the station, illustrates our determination to ensure customers are the focus in public transport. The rebranded information office - which is the first thing many tourists see when they arrive at the Quay - will make information about trains, buses and ferries more easily available to the thousands of customers who pass through the interchange each day. Customers will find everything they need to help plan their journey, from maps and brochures to the latest updates from Transport Info 131500. The centre will also offer customers a Wi-Fi hotspot, allowing them to catch up with the latest news, browse their favourite websites, check their email or get the latest transport information at Transport Info [www.131500.com.au](http://www.131500.com.au). Once deemed a success, it will help shape customer service improvements at other key transport interchanges," she said.

## RAIL NEWS

### Queensland : Flood recovery

QR National reopened the Rangal-Rolleston line on 8 March after severe flood damage in January. This completed reconstruction of the coal network.

Queensland Rail's Western mainline beyond Rosewood reopened on 28 March. It was closed by severe flood damage on 10 January. The reopening was three months earlier than originally estimated. The Westlander passenger train Brisbane-Charleville was expected to resume from 19 April, but ironically this was delayed by further flooding until 21 April. While the line was closed, coal was transported by road from Jondaryan to Brisbane port. Coal from Columboola was stockpiled, although some employees there were sent on leave or redeployed to other mines.

Currently no freight trains are operating beyond Charleville to Quipie or Cunnamulla.

### Countrylink: new website

Countrylink has introduced a new website, [www.australiabyrail.com.au](http://www.australiabyrail.com.au). In fact, its various sections only lead to sections of the existing Countrylink website. However, its name may be helpful in attracting custom.

### Countrylink: Special trains

Countrylink is demonstrating some initiative in operating special trains. On Friday 10 June, a special Xplorer DMU will operate from Sydney to Wauchope (with bus connection to Port Macquarie) for the Wintersun Rock 'n' Roll Festival, with return empty working to Sydney. The return passenger train will operate ex Wauchope on Monday 13 June.

On Tuesday 26 May a special Explorer train, the "Festival Express", with full catering, ran from Sydney to Dungog for the town's iconic Film Festival. The train carried film "royalty" notably Sigrid Thornton, Rhys Muldoon and playwright David Williamson.

On Saturday 18 June, a special XPT will operate from Sydney to Thirlmere and return as a "Starlight Express". The line from Picton to Thirlmere (7 km) is controlled by the NSW Rail Transport Museum.

### NSW & Victoria: Openings and closings

In **NSW** the Camurra-North Star wheat line was closed on 24 December 2010 and reopened on 12 January 2011.

The operating licence of the Australian Railway Historical Society, ACT Division, from Queanbeyan to Michelago (48 km), has been terminated (vide ARTC Safe Notice 2-1487 of 29 April).

The ARTC freight line from Ingleburn to Glenfield is currently out of use, because of construction work for the South West CityRail line at Glenfield.

Kootingal, between Tamworth and Armidale, was closed as a crossing loop from 19 April. There is currently only one train daily on the line, Countrylink's NW Explorer.

In **Victoria** the Toolamba-Echuca line was reopened on 13 March 2011 for freight trains from Tocumwal while the direct line was closed for viaduct reconstruction near Murchison East.

The Echuca-Deniliquin line reopened from 29 January 2011.

Victorian flood damaged lines were:

- Batchica-Hopetoun closed on 28 January, reopened 2 February 2011;
- Dunolly-Korong Vale-Quambatook closed on 15 January 2011;
- Quambatook-Robinvale closed 10 January 2011; Lalbert-Manangatang reopened 28 January (using a stranded locomotive); Borung-Lalbert reopened 7 February;
- Korong Vale-Mittyack closed on 15 January 2011;
- Maryborough-Yelta closed on 15 January 2011; Maryborough-Sutherland reopened 20 January; Sutherland-Yelta reopened 28 January; 509 km-Yelta again closed on 5 February; 509 km-Yatpool reopened 11 February; Yatpool-Yelta reopened 22 February.

The Geelong Racecourse siding, once the terminus for special raceday trains, was abolished on 1 March 2011.

## **Sydney: NW railway**

The New South Welsh government has called for tenders to finalise design and operations options for the Sydney North West Rail Link. The successful tenderer will undertake development design studies such as rail systems, tunnelling assessments, station infrastructure planning, and rail safety and risk assessments. Further tenders are being prepared for master planning and urban design services, geotechnical advisory services, geotechnical site investigations and land survey.

Current plans of the NSW government would require all trains from the new line to run through Chatswood and onto the North Shore line. According to the *Sydney Morning Herald* (18 May) on Transport NSW's figures, this would allow it to run as few as two trains an hour from the north-west to the city before it had to start cutting other services on the north shore.

Early plans for the link, a 23-kilometre stretch of track from Rouse Hill to Epping, allowed for trains to run from Epping to the city both via Chatswood and south through Strathfield. This would spread the load across the crowded CityRail network. But the call for tenders shows the present plan is to run all trains via Chatswood. The tender documents describe plans for a 15.5-kilometre tunnel straight from Epping station almost as far as Kellyville. If the tunnel does not also resurface at Epping, trains would then be simply funnelled onto the underground Epping to Chatswood line. They would not have the opportunity of diverting to the main northern line to Strathfield. The former government's submission to Infrastructure Australia last August included plans for trains to surface near Cheltenham, north of Epping. This would have allowed four trains an hour to run from the north-west to Strathfield and four to Chatswood.

According to the *Daily Telegraph* (27 May) the government now plans for the line to extend further west to Cudgong Road, and for this line and the Epping-Parramatta line to be built simultaneously.

## **CityRail: 8 May timetable changes**

It seems that the only printed public document detailing the CityRail timetable changes of 8 May (see *May Table Talk* pages 4-5) was a DL size pamphlet relating to the South Coast line. The full alterations were however on CityRail's website. The South Coast pamphlet did, confusingly, refer to infrastructure changes on the Hunter network.

## **ARG: NSW wheat traffic**

QR National has contracted with Glencore Grain Australia for wheat haulage in NSW. The three year agreement commenced in April from various regional NSW locations to Port Kembla. Operations are based in Cootamundra and Moss Vale. Rollingstock was redeployed from QRN's WA operations.

## **Victorian rail freight**

The Victorian government will continue the \$5 million Rail Freight Support Package in 2011/12.. Minister for Public Transport Terry Mulder said the Package kept freight on rail and off Victoria's roads. "Victoria's broad or standard gauge freight trains haul containers from Horsham, Merbein, Mooroopna and Warrnambool as well as Tocumwal in NSW. The Victorian government wants to work in partnership with container terminal operators such as Wimmera Container Terminal at Horsham (who will move to Dooen), Wakefield's at Merbein, Gray's at Tocumwal and Wettenhall's at Warrnambool who shift about 35,000 containers each year in total by rail. The government's aim is to increase the amount of freight carried by rail in Victoria" he said.

## **V/Line: 8 May Timetable stuff-up**

It is reported that when the 8 May timetable was introduced, with almost every train altered, neither new Working timetables, nor new Public timetables were available, although they were on the website. It is believed that Public timetables were printed but were then found to include mistakes. By late May all pocket timetables had been reissued dated 8 May 2011 with the following changes:

- Donald – Melbourne is now St Arnaud – Donald – Melbourne
- Nhill – Dimboola – Horsham – Melbourne & Halls Gap – Melbourne Grampians Link are now separate timetables.

The regional booklets are yet to appear.

## **V/Line: Albury passenger trains resume**

V/Line passenger trains from Melbourne to Albury will recommence on Sunday 26 June with operation of the 06:35 from Albury to Southern Cross and the 12:00 from Southern Cross to Albury. Trains will have five passenger carriages (370 seats). V/Line expects to resume running the morning train from Southern Cross to Wangaratta and the early afternoon train from Wangaratta to Southern Cross in August. These trains will have temporary coach connections to or from Albury due to Australian Rail Track Corporation rerailing works that will continue until the end of September 2011. V/Line expects to complete the return of its trains on the Albury line by November with the evening train from Southern Cross to Albury and the late afternoon train from Albury/Wodonga every day. Until this occurs passengers can continue to travel at V/Line fares on Countrylink's two daily return XPT trains between Southern Cross and Benalla, Wangaratta and Albury. The first

V/Line standard gauge passenger train, a test, ran to Albury on 1 June. It is two and a half years since broad gauge trains were withdrawn.

**Countrylink's** XPT trains will stop at Broadmeadows and Seymour in each direction.

## Rails to Rowville?

The Victorian government has initiated another study of a railway from Huntingdale to Rowville, 12 km, in the SE suburbs. Transport planner William McDougall will lead a team of engineers from Sinclair Knight Merz, on a \$2 million feasibility study, according to the *Age* (30 May). Transport Minister Terry Mulder released a "conceptual alignment drawing" of the line. He said the most stations were Rowville, Waverley Park, Springvale Road and Monash University. The first stage of the study, which will examine construction, operational, land use and environmental considerations, will finish in 2012 and a second stage in mid-2013. The study will examine how the line could be built, where it would travel along the surface of Wellington Road, and where it would need to incorporate either tunnelling or elevated train tracks.

Mr McDougall led a team at Sinclair Knight Merz in 2007 on a study for a new rail tunnel under central Melbourne. These plans re-emerged in Labor's 2008 Victorian Transport Plan. The Baillieu government has since all but abandoned it. A rail line to Rowville was proposed in 1969, and has been discussed many times since. Labor promised to consider building the line when it was elected in 1999 but soon withdrew its support, saying the project would be too expensive and that improved bus services would suffice. A 2004 Knox City Council report found the line could be built for between \$353 million and \$413 million, and that the trip from Rowville to Parliament station would take 30 minutes.

Public Transport Users' Association President Daniel Bowen said that it was good the rail study was going ahead. "The amount of traffic on Wellington Road and the Monash Freeway shows there are thousands of potential passengers who could be using the train line every day instead of driving," About 28,000 students attend Monash University's Clayton campus.

Last week, the government increased the number of bus services from Huntingdale railway station to Monash University: from July, route 601 buses will leave Huntingdale every four minutes between 07:00 and 19:00.

## Victorian Budget

The Victorian State Budget, presented on 3 May, included:

- \$3 million over two years to plan for an Avalon Airport railway;
- \$6.5 million over two years to plan for the Doncaster railway;
- \$2 million over two years for a feasibility study, already underway, into a railway to Rowville;
- \$6.5 million for a two-year feasibility study into a Melbourne Airport railway;
- \$2 million to investigate reviving passenger trains between Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo;
- \$80,000 for a pre-feasibility study of a plan to extend electrification from Frankston to Baxter;
- \$10 million over four years to establish the Victorian Public Transport Development Authority;
- \$4 million over four years for an inter-capital high-speed rail planning unit within the PTDA;
- \$4.7 million to re-open Talbot station to plan and develop new stations at Southland and Grovedale, and to extend Bendigo trains to Epsom and Eaglehawk with a new station at Epsom;
- \$10 million for a rail passing loop on the Marshall to Warrnambool line; and
- \$1.6 million over four years to extend an additional 68 Ballarat trains each week to Wendouree.

## Federal Budget

The Federal government Budget, delivered on 10 May, announced new projects affecting railways:

- Improving the freight rail network through Sydney's northern suburbs to Newcastle - Federal contribution: \$840 million,
- Undertake the Scone, NSW, Level Crossing Study (up to \$2 million).
- Modernising the rail lines at Geelong, Vic, Port - Federal contribution: \$50 million;
- Constructing the new Wimmera Intermodal facility at Doon, Vic - Federal contribution: \$6.5 million.
- Modernising and electrifying the Gawler, SA, Rail Line - Federal contribution: \$293.5 million,
- Extending the rail line from Noarlunga to Seaford, SA - Federal contribution: \$291.2 million,
- Modernising the rail freight lines at Rhyndaston, Tas - Federal contribution: \$24 million,
- Upgrading and modernising the Fingal freight line, Tas - Federal contribution: \$5.7 million,
- Upgrading and modernising the Boyer freight line, Tas - Federal contribution: \$1.1 million ,
- Sinking the railway line through Perth's CBD, a central component of the Perth City Link project to unite the City's retail district with the Northbridge entertainment precinct - Federal contribution: \$236 million,
- Planning for the Kewdale Intermodal Rail Supply Chain and commencement of the construction of the first phase, a rail passing loop outside of Fremantle Port, part of the Perth Urban Transport and Freight Corridor Upgrade Project - Federal contribution: \$350 million,
- Upgrading road and rail access to Esperance, WA, Port - Federal contribution: \$60 million,
- Upgrading the grain line rail between Avon and Albany, WA (Stage 1) - Federal contribution: \$30 million,
- Establishment of a new national rail safety regulator in Adelaide with oversight of the country's urban passenger rail networks and interstate freight operations. The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) will become the national investigator of rail accidents.

The following projects, announced last year, are expected to be completed in the next 12 months:

- Reducing the severity of curves at 58 locations between Newcastle and the Queensland border by realigning the existing track, to allow trains to run at higher speeds - Federal contribution: \$170 million,
- Replacing all the old timber and steel sleepers with one million new concrete sleepers between Broken Hill and Parkes, 691 km - Federal contribution: \$253 million,
- Extending seven existing passing loops between Melbourne and Adelaide - Federal contribution: \$76 million.

## Metro trains Melbourne: 8 May timetable

Not previously reported in our coverage of Metro Train Melbourne's new timetable of 8 May, is that in the morning peak at 06:31 and 06:55 trains now originate from Middle Brighton station. These trains are entering traffic from the recently re-instated sidings at Brighton Beach. This is probably the first time that trains have originated from Middle Brighton. Two trains originate from Berwick at 06:57 and 07:30. There are no equivalent evening downs on either line.

Following the introduction of the timetable of 8 May, Metro Trains is operating 2,536 additional train kilometres each weekday, which is 636,586 more annually. 44% of the extra train kilometres are in peak periods.

## Victoria: Major rail closedown in July

During the July school holidays, 1-18 July, major closedowns will occur. The following lines will be closed:

- V/Line Melbourne-Ballarat
- V/Line Melbourne- Bendigo
- Metro Trains between Albion and Footscray railway stations

During this time, construction works will take place for Regional Rail Link and the Sunbury Electrification Projects, as well as maintenance works. The following will take place:

- Sydenham line tracks will be realigned between Tottenham and Sunshine to provide the contractor with a safer working environment and greater flexibility in 2012, Diggers Rest and Sunbury stations will be upgraded, a new crossover installed at Watergardens with associated signal system upgrade and new overhead line equipment installed between Sunbury and Watergardens
- Metro Trains Melbourne will undertake drainage works at Footscray and West Footscray stations, platform renewal at Middle Footscray, station painting at Middle Footscray, Tottenham, Keilor Plains, Watergardens and pit renewals at St Albans, St Albans and Ginifer stations; and maintenance works across the corridor including: points and crossing works, level crossing refurbishment works, removal of track faults, sleeper renewal, bridge safety barriers, overhead foundation strengthening and wire maintenance.
- V/Line will undertake track maintenance, tamping of tracks, minor works on bridges, culvert cleaning works along both the Ballarat and Bendigo lines, undertake culvert renewal between Kangaroo Flat and Harcourt, culvert renewal, renewal of Potts Road level crossing (between Malmsbury and Elphinstone), embankment stabilisation at Ingliston bank, stabilisation works and drainage improvements at Fiskin cutting.

The school holidays was chosen as a quieter time on the rail network and because buses are available. During the rail closure, travel times will be extended and there will be significant disruptions to rail passengers.

**Metro Trains:** From Monday to Friday from first train to 21:00: Express buses will run between Albion and Flemington Racecourse stations, and between Sunshine and Flemington Racecourse stations where dedicated trains will take passengers via North Melbourne to CBD stations. (At least, this provides an opportunity to travel on the Racecourse line). Buses stopping all stations will also run between Sunshine and Footscray stations where passengers can connect to Werribee, Williamstown or Laverton trains to get to CBD stations.

After 21:00 and on weekends: Buses will run from Watergardens (Sydenham) to Footscray, stopping all stations. Special Sydenham line trains will run between Footscray and CBD stations.

**V/Line:** During the rail closure, travel times will be extended and there will be significant disruption to rail passengers. Buses will replace trains from Bendigo and Ballarat to Southern Cross Station. A combination of express buses to Ballarat, Bendigo, Castlemaine and Bacchus Marsh stations will also run in addition to stopping all stations buses. V/Line trains will continue to run between Ararat/Maryborough and Ballarat and connect with buses to Melbourne. Trains will also run between Swan Hill/Echuca and Bendigo and connect with buses to Melbourne. Details of bus replacement services are currently being finalised and more detailed information will be available from mid-June.

## Yarra Trams services

Yarra Trams is planning to reduce the number of services along St Kilda Road and Swanston St. It wants to drastically alter the destinations of some lines, in a bid to spread out services across the CBD, to reflect the soaring numbers of commuters wanting to go to the city's west and Docklands. Swanston St-St Kilda Road is Melbourne's most congested tram line, with 10 of the city's 30 routes now feeding into it. In the past five years, tram passenger numbers have boomed, rising 20%. Simultaneously, as more businesses have moved to the west of the CBD and at Docklands, more people want to catch trams to the west side.

Yarra Trams outlined the proposal to councils and the Department of Transport in May. Under the changes, which Yarra Trams spokesman Colin Tyrus stresses are only at the concept stage, some routes would be diverted from St Kilda Road to Kings Way or a new route through South Melbourne. Trams from Malvern would run to Docklands instead of Melbourne University. The 112 route from Preston to St Kilda would be split and Preston trams redirected to Docklands. Toorak trams that now run to Moreland would divert at the Domain interchange and run to the west of the CBD via 300 metres of new track in Park Street, South Melbourne. Port Phillip Council has been lobbying the state government to build this section of track for a decade. Mayor Rachel Powning said it would drastically improve travel options from South Melbourne.

Public Transport Users Association secretary Tony Morton said the proposal seemed "not unreasonable". But it was more important that the government put in place a public transport authority that made the process transparent, he said. "Planning public transport is a state secret under the current system, and the people who run the system want it to stay that way."

The move has been met with scepticism by the Rail, Tram and Bus Union, which questions whether it is instead a bid to cut services.

## Yarra Trams map

On 13 April Yarra Trams released a new map of Melbourne's large tram network. The map is very clear. New features include indications of buildings of interest, railway stations (ending the long Melbourne tradition of tram and rail maps ignoring each other) and, to make navigation easy, indicating the destination point of each route at the each end of the route. Unfortunately, the map does not reproduce well in black and white. The map can be downloaded at [www.yarratrams.com.au](http://www.yarratrams.com.au) or see a reprint in the June edition of *Transit Australia* magazine.

## ARTC: Hunter Valley infrastructure

Construction has commenced on the Maitland to Minimbah third track. This \$362.8 million project will lay two new sections of track, Branxton to Minimbah and Telarah to Greta, totalling 23 kilometres, recondition 9 kilometres of track, Branxton to Greta, erect six bridges and upgrade one station. When completed in late 2012, it will double capacity between Minimbah and Maitland to 200 million tonnes per annum (MTPA). The present capacity of the Hunter Valley rail network averages around 146 million MTPA. However industry forecasts indicate that demand will increase to over 200 MTPA by 2014.

## ARTC: Callington, SA crossing loop

A new crossing loop at Callington, east of Mt Barker on the Adelaide-Melbourne mainline, suitable for 1800 metre trains, opened in early May.

## GSR: Southern Spirit

Great Southern Railway's upmarket premium Southern Spirit will operate from Adelaide to Brisbane and vice versa between 5 November 2011 and 23 February 2012, with a short break over Christmas. Their glossy brochure provides no more timetable information than this.

## Adelaide Metro: Seaford line timetable

According to "New Connections", a publicity brochure issued by the SA government, the following is the likely service pattern on the Seaford line when it opens in 2013:

- Every 7.5 minutes on average at peak times: Seaford-Seaford Meadows-Noarlunga-Hallett Cove Beach-Hallett Cove-Brighton-Oaklands-Adelaide (and reverse). Duration 35 minutes.
- Every 15 minutes: Seaford all stations to Woodlands Park, then Adelaide. (and reverse). Duration 44 minutes.
- First and last four services of the day: Seaford stopping all stations to Adelaide (and reverse). Duration 52 minutes.

Another quote from the "New Connections" is: "The first electrified services will run on the Seaford line in 2013 and subsequently on the Noarlunga and Gawler lines later that year, with electrification of the Outer Harbour line to be complete in 2015."

The Seaford extension is expected to be the testing ground for the new electric trains. There is no mention of the Grange line nor of the Tonsley line, although there is a study for extension to Flinders University and upgrade.

The Brighton-Noralunga line is expected to re-open on 29 August after rebuilding.

## TransPerth: New timetable appearance

TransPerth timetable reprints and new editions have had a new appearance from April, although the examples on our front cover are dated December 2009. The issue date is now at the bottom of the cover making it difficult to see when the tables are in racks. (*See our front cover*).

## TransPerth Fremantle line: Now where did that ship go?

Here is a new reason for disruption to rail services. On Tuesday 3 May a ship collided with the Fremantle rail bridge at the start of the morning peak around 07:00. Train services were suspended between Fremantle and Showgrounds for the rest of the day and the next day.

## WA Budget

The WA Budget presented on 19 May provided \$164 million over five years for an additional 15 three-car train sets.

## Auckland passenger train extensions

The branch from Puhinui to Manakau, 2km, is expected to open in February 2012. This is seven months later than expected. Auckland Transport, the overall authority, says this is because they have to give priority to implementing other infrastructure improvements in the lead-up to the rugby world cup later this year and electrification. After the rugby, driver training will start, followed by the annual Christmas/January closedown for electrification works. Manakau is the major population centre in southern Auckland.

The opening of the Manakau line will coincide with the introduction of a network wide timetable change which will include six trains an hour at peak time on the refurbished and duplicated Western Line.

A NZ government review has rejected the case for a City loop rail tunnel from Britomart to Mt Eden. It concluded that the case for funding and building the rail link has not yet been made and the mix of options for meeting transport needs in the CBD have not been sufficiently explored. The review says more work needs to be done to determine the full future transport needs of central Auckland before proceeding with a project like the CBD Rail Link. However, it suggests that in the meantime, it makes strategic sense for Auckland Council to move to protect the route.

A working party has recommended a daily passenger train from Hamilton to Auckland. This could use the Silver Fern railcars, currently unused.

Strand station, the former main Auckland station, is being refurbished for emergency use during the rugby cup, and as a possible terminus for the Hamilton service.

A new station will be built at Parnell by August 2012.

## Thomas Cook European Timetable

The *Thomas Cook European Timetable*, June edition, is the 1,500th edition since its foundation in 1873. It includes a brief history. It also includes sample pages of "Beyond Europe" railway timetables. From August, each edition will include timetables from one of six non-European areas. This follows the closure of the *Thomas Cook Overseas Timetable* from November 2010. Coverage will be:

**South East Asia, Australia and New Zealand:** August and February editions

**China:** September and March

**Japan:** October and April

**North America:** November and May

**Africa and Middle East:** December and June

**India:** January and July.

Also from the August edition, coverage of **Turkey, Russia** and **Ukraine** will be expanded.

## Jamaica: Passenger services re-introduced

On Saturday 16 April 2011 a passenger train ran from May Pen, through Spanish Town to Linstead. In 1992 Jamaica Railways passenger services were withdrawn because the government could no longer support the deficit. Since then several governments have tried to sell the railway. Only Bauxite traffic remained from a mine west of Linstead to Port Esquivel. Last year the government decided to rehabilitate the network. Three locomotives and 8 passenger carriages have been refurbished. Early in June 2011 scheduled services may commence with three pairs every weekday serving Spanish Town, Angel, Bog Walk and Linstead, 20 km. September will see reopening of the 66 km line from Spanish Town via Bushy Park, May Pen, Clarendon Park and Porus to Williamsfield when track works are completed. In December 2011 passenger traffic may resume from Spanish Town to Grange Lane and Gregory Park, another 8 km of track who needs relatively great track works. During mid-2012 the final section of 11 km from Gregory Park to Kingston may open, after complete reconstruction of a larger bridge over a river. The project also foresees public freight transport, the use of car-carriers and the opening of more sections of the network.

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# BUS NEWS

## ACT - Canberra

The ACT budget is to provide funding of \$21.4 million over four years to make ACTION buses more accessible and effective. Services to Gungahlin and the Inner North, Fyshwick, Kippax (expansion of the Blue Rapid Intertown Service) and the Canberra Hospital are being improved. A dedicated mini bus will increase transport options for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Capital funding of around \$20 million is provided for public transport infrastructure, including \$3.7 million to upgrade the Woden bus depot, \$2.5 million for the forward design of the Northbourne Avenue Transitway, \$4.4 million for fuel depots and \$1 million for bus stop upgrades. The ACTION radio system is being replaced with \$4.5 million in funding being provided.

## New South Wales - Sydney

### Sydney Buses

A new Sydney Buses CBD PrePay Only Guide has been published which consolidates all the previous issues in one. DL sized folding out to eight pages each side. It contains five maps covering the CBD from The Rocks to Railway Square. It lists all the ticket outlets, details all the tickets available but makes no mention of any other operators' pre-pay services. A reader of this document would be surprised to find that Forest's 194 and 270s from QVB are cashless between 16:00 and 19:00 weekdays.

One additional journey on Route 502 (Bayview Park to Circular Quay) has been extended from Bayview Park. The trip departs Bayview Park at 06:09 and passes through Five Dock at 06:25 to arrive at Circular Quay at 06:53. This means that the 06:20 trip from Lyons Road, Five Dock, now operates five minutes later through to Circular Quay.

### UniNSW - Green Square express bus service

This service is currently on trial and subject to review in July. Buses depart approximately every 8 minutes from Green Square Station between 08:00 and 10:00 and from Gate 9 UniNSW between 16:00 and 18:00.

## Queensland - Regional

### New Cairns Network

The new Cairns bus network detailed in the April *Table Talk* was implemented on 23 May. In addition to the routes already listed, there is 113 Cairns City-Sunbus Depot via Yorkeys Knob (Monday to Friday peak service) and 120N a Monday- Friday demand responsive evening service covering stops on 113 and 120.

Features of the new services are easy to read timetables and bus stop displays, increased frequencies in high demand areas, new express services, consistent timetables seven days a week, enhancing timetable predictability, extra services to James Cook University, 15 minute frequencies to Westcourt Shopping Plaza (DFO), and additional morning and evening services to Gordonvale

Qconnect wallet timetable leaflets for the new network are (services from Cairns City or connect to/from Cairns City):  
110/111 Palm Cove & Kewarra Beach

112/113/120 Machans Beach, Holloways Beach, Yorkeys Knob  
121/122 Redlynch & James Cook University  
123/133 Brinsmead & Mooroolbool  
130/131 Edge Hill & Whitfield  
140/150 Edmonton & Gordonvale  
141/143 Bayview Heights & White Rock  
142 Bentley Park.

## South Australia - Adelaide

Transfield Services has won a \$567 million contract to run metropolitan public bus services in Adelaide. It will replace existing operator Torrens Transit on the routes from 2 October 2011. Transfield Services' Light-City Buses has won the right to operate two of the city's six public bus regions -the Outer North East contract area, which includes the O-Bahn, and the North South region -for the next eight years. The company has a four-year option to extend the contract, subject to State Government approval. The Transport Department said Australian Transit Enterprises Pty Ltd (operating as LinkSA, SouthLink and Transitplus) was awarded a \$584 million contract to continue to service the Hills, Outer South and Outer North areas.

## Victoria – Melbourne

### New bus Route 505 – Moonee Ponds – Melbourne University (Dysons)

The new bus Route 505 commenced on 8 May 2011 and will operate as a trial for a year providing connections between Moonee Ponds, Parkville Gardens and Melbourne University. Services run hourly until 21:00, seven days a week. In the Parkville Gardens area, Route 505 runs along Gibson Avenue, Willam St, Cade Way, Garrard St and Poplar Way.

**Route 504 – Moonee Ponds – Clifton Hill via East Brunswick (Dysons):** From 8 May, operating hours have been extended until 21:00 including Sunday services which have been re-introduced after an absence for many years. There are also timetable changes, with frequencies now at 30 minutes weekdays and 40 minutes at weekends.

**Route 561 is now Macleod – Coburg via La Trobe University and Reservoir (East West):** From 8 May, this route has been extended from Reservoir to Coburg, replacing Route 525 Coburg – West Reservoir along Newlands Road. Route 525 had been reduced in frequency in recent years to only a few peak hour journeys. The former Kodak industrial site along the route is to be redeveloped into a residential suburb. Frequencies are approximately 20 minutes on weekdays, 30 minutes evenings and 40 minutes at weekends with a more direct route along Broadway east of Reservoir Station.

### New May 2011 Melbourne Bus Timetables

**Ventura** (Bus times effective 9 May 2011, Train times effective 8 May 2011)

270/271 Box Hill-Ringwood  
366 Ringwood-Croydon via Croydon Hills  
367 Ringwood-Croydon via East Ringwood  
688 Croydon-Upper Ferntree Gully, 694 Mt Dandenong-Belgrave, 696 Olinda-Monbulk  
734 Glen Iris-Glen Waverley  
735 Box Hill-Nunawading  
736 Mitcham-Blackburn  
737 Croydon-Monash University  
742 Eastland-Chadstone  
745 Knox City-Bayswater & 753 Glen Waverley-Bayswater  
754 Rowville-Glen Waverley

**CDC Westrans Altona** (Bus times effective 2 May 2011, Train times effective 8 May 2011)

413 Werribee Plaza-Laverton & 416 Aircraft Station-Hoppers Crossing

**CDC Westrans Werribee** (Bus times effective 2 May 2011, Train times effective 8 May 2011)

436 Hoppers Crossing to Werribee, 437 Hoppers Crossing to Werribee & 446 Hoppers Crossing to Laverton.  
439 Werribee to Werribee South, 441 Werribee to Westleigh Gardens & 443 Werribee to South Ring Rd  
442 Hoppers Crossing to Tarneit, 444 Hoppers Crossing to Tarneit, 445 Werribee to Hoppers Crossing & 446 Hoppers Crossing to Laverton  
447 Werribee to Manor Lakes SC, 448 Hoppers Crossing to Manor Lakes SC & 449 Werribee to Manor Lakes SC  
442 extended to operate via Yandina Road and Virgilia Drive in Hoppers Crossing.  
446 now operates via Westmeadows Lane instead of Leakes Road.  
448 extended from Werribee Plaza to Hoppers Crossing Station.  
449 extended to operate via Wyndham Vale Square

**Sita** (effective 8 May 2011)

453 Melton Stn-Melton via Brookfield  
455 Melton Station-Micasa Rise  
457 Melton Stn-Melton via Melton West  
458 Melton Stn-Kurunjang  
459 Melton Stn-Arnolds Creek

**Ryans** 465 Essendon-Keilor Park (Bus times 9 November 2008/Train times 8 May 2011)

467 Aberfeldie-Moonee Ponds (Bus times 9 May 2011/Train times 8 May 2011)

468 Essendon-Highpoint (Bus times 9 November 2008/Train times 8 May 2011)

**Sunbury** (Bus times effective 8 May 2011, Train times effective 8 May 2011) 481, 483, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489 Sunbury Bus Services

**Dysons** 542 Roxburgh Park-Broadmeadows

**Moreland** 510 Essendon-Ivanhoe & 512 Strathmore-East Coburg (8 May 2011/Train times 8 May 2011)

**Broadmeadows** (Bus times effective 8 May 2011, Train times effective 8 May 2011)

528, 529, 533, 535 Craigieburn, 532 Craigieburn-Broadmeadows & 544 Craigieburn-Roxburgh Pk

Route 529 Craigieburn Station – Craigieburn West extended further along Waterview Boulevard to a new terminus at Brummel St in Craigieburn West.

Route 533 Craigieburn Station – Craigieburn North extended to terminate at the Highland Shopping Centre in Craigieburn North.

Route 535 Craigieburn Station – Craigieburn West extended to terminate at Brummel St in Craigieburn West.

Route 544 Craigieburn – Roxburgh Park is shortened to run from Craigieburn Station to Roxburgh Park Station.

Passengers travelling to Broadmeadows can catch Route 901 services from Roxburgh Park Station. 544 is now solely operated by Broadmeadows rather than being shared with Dysons.

### **Cranbourne Transit**

All timetables have been reprinted, although only the 896 Trainlink service has timetable changes.

789/790/791 Cranbourne West to Frankston & 797 Cranbourne Town Service (Bus times 10 October 2010/Train times 8 May 2011)

795/796 Cranbourne to Warneet (Bus times 10 October 2010/Train times 8 May 2011)

799 Cranbourne to Cranbourne North (Bus times 19 October 2009/Train times 8 May 2011)

891 Lynbrook to Fountain Gate SC, 894 Amberly Park SC to Hallam Station & 895 Narre Warren South to Fountain Gate SC ( Bus times 20 December 2010 /train times 8 May 2011)

892/893 Dandenong to Narre Warren South & Cranbourne (Bus times 6 June 2010/Train times 8 May 2011)

896/897/898 Cranbourne Station to Cranbourne East (Trainlink), Central Parkway & Archers Field Dr. (Bus times 9 May 2011/Train times 8 May 2011)

**Cardinia** (Bus times 20 December 2010/Train times 8 May 2011).

840/924/925/926/927/928/929 Pakenham Bus Services.

### **New Route 601 from Huntingdale Station to Monash University Clayton from Monday 18 July**

A new direct bus service will travel between Huntingdale Station and Monash University from Monday 18 July. From Huntingdale Station it will travel express along North Road / Wellington Road to Monash University, taking approximately four minutes. Bus Route 601 will operate from Monday to Friday 07:00 to 21:30, every four minutes between 07:00 and 19:00 then every 12 minutes between 19:00 and 21:30. This two-stop service will provide a quick and reliable route on weekdays. A less frequent service will operate during non-semester times. The service will not operate on weekends or public holidays. SmartBus Route 900 and Route 630 will continue to provide services seven days a week between Huntingdale Station and Monash University, including on public holidays.

## **Victoria – Regional**

### **New May 2011 Geelong Bus Timetables**

The following Geelong bus routes received minor timetable changes to improve connectivity with V/Line services from Sunday 8 May: 19, 20, 45, 61, 62, 73, 74, 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82 and 83.

Consequently the four Geelong bus timetable booklets, listed below, were re-issued with the changes.

East Geelong (CDC Benders & McHarry's - Route nos. 45, 55, 61, 62 & 77)

Bellarine Peninsula (McHarry's - Route nos. 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82 & 83)

South West Geelong & Torquay/Jan Juc (CDC Benders & McHarry's - Route nos. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 34, 35, 36, 72, 73 & 74)

North Geelong (CDC Benders & McHarry's - Route nos. 10, 11, 12, 30, 45, 50 & 51).

### **Bendigo Bus Timetables February 2011**

Changes since the last edition in April 2008 are revised timetables for routes 4 (North Bendigo), 6 (Golden Square with certain trips extended to Quarry Hill) & 15 (Maiden Gully).

The fold out network map inside the front cover has been updated to show the myki zones for Bendigo (12, 13 & 14).

## **Western Australia – Perth**

A new look is appearing in reprints and new editions of Transperth timetables from April. The issue date is now at the bottom of the cover and so is impossible to see when the tables are displayed in racks (*See our front cover*).

### **Changes to bus services in Armadale, Cockburn Central, Harrisdale, Murdoch and Piara Waters**

From Sunday 8 May, there will be changes to selected bus services in the south-eastern metropolitan region, improving bus services to Murdoch for passengers residing in Armadale, Harrisdale and Piara Waters. These changes involve the introduction of the new Route 518 as well as route changes to the existing 519 service. In addition to these changes, the trial Route 529 service will be withdrawn due to low patronage.

#### **New Route 518 (Murdoch – Piara Waters)**

From 9 May, new Route 518 will provide services into the newly developing areas of Harrisdale and Piara Waters and provide additional capacity along South St and Ranford Rd during peak periods. Route 518 will operate Monday to Friday every 15 minutes during peak periods and every 60 minutes during the day on weekdays and on Saturdays. The new route will be co-ordinated with the existing Route 517 service to upgrade frequency along Ranford Rd.

#### **Amendment to Route 519 (Murdoch – Armadale)**

Route 519 will undergo a route change and selected trips will now extend via Nicholson Rd and Armadale Rd to Armadale Station. This route will provide a connection between Armadale Station and Murdoch Station at a similar frequency to the

former 529 service. The amended 519 will no longer travel through sections of Harrisdale which will now be served by new route 518. The amended 519 will operate Monday to Friday on the following frequency:

15 minute peak period service between Murdoch Station and Piara Waters; 30 minute service between Murdoch Station and Armadale Station (similar to former 529 service)

60 minute service during the day.

### **Withdrawal of trial Route 529**

From last service on Friday 6 May 2011, trial Route 529 travelling between Armadale and Cockburn Central stations will be withdrawn. Route 529 commenced on 17 October 2010 on a three month trial basis. The trial was extended for a further three months to ensure Route 529 operated during the busiest time of the year. Services however, failed to attract sufficient patronage to justify its ongoing provision. Route 529 will be removed from the South Eastern 8 timetable.

### **WA Budget**

The WA government will add more than 15 million service kilometres and extra 158 buses to the State's transport system in the biggest boost to bus services in more than a decade. Transport Minister Troy Buswell said the increase in the number of buses, additional frequency on existing routes and the establishment of additional routes would give people more options when planning their travel. "Through this Budget, the government is boosting Transperth's annual bus service kilometres by an initial 3.3 million kilometres next year and a total of 15.2million kilometres per year by 2015-16. This roughly equates to a 30% increase. Combined with an increase in the number of vehicles, the additional service kilometres will enable buses to be more frequent and more accessible, with more routes and services into new and rapidly-developing urban areas," he said.

### **Western Australia – Regional**

#### **Bunbury**

From May, Bunbury City Transit town and school bus services operate as TransBunbury. SmartRider, Transperth's electronic smartcard ticketing system, has been introduced in Bunbury, coinciding with a change of name and new look for the city's public transport.

"The 'Trans' branding is consistent with a State-wide strategy to improve the visibility of the Public Transport Authority's (PTA) regional operations in the 14 major centres in which it runs town bus services," Transport Minister Troy Buswell said. "As part of this strategy, the PTA is also in the process of acquiring the Bunbury bus fleet and bus depot. "All other operations and administration will remain the same, but the name of the service and colour scheme of buses will change to be consistent with Transperth and other Transregional services. "This involves a move to the standard silver and green colour scheme for the newer, low-floor buses, and green and white for the older buses."

Bunbury is the fourth regional centre to introduce the electronic ticketing system and new look and branding, following successful rollouts in Geraldton, Kalgoorlie-Boulder and Busselton. Esperance and Broome also have 'Trans' branding but do not yet have SmartRider. There are 32 buses in the Bunbury fleet, of which 27 will be repainted. The other five will come from the Transperth fleet and replace five of the oldest buses.

"SmartRider enables cardholders to travel anywhere on the TransBunbury system," the Minister said. "It is also valid for all other Transregional services and on all Transperth bus, train and ferry services in the greater metropolitan area of Perth. SmartRider also allows passengers to enjoy discounted fares such as the 50c fare for students and the free off-peak travel entitlements for seniors and pensioners."

**Thanks** to Tony Bailey, Hilaire Fraser, Robert Henderson, Victor Isaacs, Geoff Lambert, Duncan MacAuslan, Lourie Smit, Roger Wheaton, David Whiteford and the ATDB.

## **AIR NEWS**

### **Domestic**

On 4 May **Virgin Blue** was relaunched as **Virgin Australia**.

**Skywest Airlines** will increase flights from Geraldton, WA to the Pilbara and to Melbourne from July 2011. Skywest will launch twice weekly flights between Perth and Busselton on 8 July.

**QantasLink** will add two weekly flights between Cairns and Weipa from 27 June bringing the flights each week to 14.

**Regional Express (Rex)** has identified a number of routes that are under threat because of the high cost of fuel as it posted a 10% drop in pre-tax profit for the first nine months of the year. Routes from Sydney to Taree, Grafton, Moruya and Bathurst and Melbourne to Griffith, King Island and Merimbula are at risk. Rex says it will provide ample notice when the final decision is made. Rex says the high cost of fuel "is making the situation quite untenable. The precarious situation could worsen in light of the government decision to reduce contributions to regional air service from July 2012. Pre-tax profits in the nine months to 31 March fell 9.8% to \$15.7 million and passengers fell 2.8% to 908,000.

**Tiger Airways** has axed its Avalon to Brisbane, Adelaide and the Gold Coast flights.

### **International**

The **OAG Flight Atlas** was a bi-annual complementary publication to the OAG (Official Airline Guide). The Flight Atlas ceased publication after the May-Nov 2010 edition.

**Air Asia** will add an extra daily service between Perth and Bali during the peak 1 July to 29 October period, taking frequencies to four per day.

**Skywest Airlines** will operate weekly flights between Geraldton (!) and Denpasar, Bali.

**Virgin Australia** and **Air New Zealand** have detailed their reshaped schedules reflecting their alliance. For schedules beginning in November, Air NZ will operate approximately 70% of the trans Tasman capacity with Virgin the balance. The shares are roughly in line with pre-alliance levels. But some adjustments match capacity with demand. Among the changes, Pacific Blue will take up Air NZ services between Sydney/Melbourne and Dunedin, operating during the December and January peak periods. Pacific Blue will also operate all Brisbane to Wellington flights while Air NZ will take up all Sydney to Wellington services. Capacity on Air NZ Auckland to Adelaide flights will increase by 16% with a daily service in the peak summer months. Total capacity in and out of Wellington will rise 3.5% with flights to Melbourne having the largest increase of 10.5%. Auckland capacity remains unchanged but flights between Australia and Christchurch will decrease by 14%.

**AirCalin** will introduce a Tuesday flight from Sydney to Noumea from 12 July, taking their frequencies to nine per week. SB144 will depart New Caledonia at 12:30, arriving in Sydney at 14:50 with SB145 leaving Sydney at 16:10 arriving in Noumea at 20:00.

**Air New Zealand** cancelled seven flights between Sydney and Rotorua this year, due to low passenger numbers. The number has risen from two last year. One service was cancelled in April, three in May and three cancelled in June.

**Thanks** to Tony Bailey and Victor Isaacs for Air news.

## FERRY NEWS

### Sydney Ferries

Direct ferries from Manly to North Sydney or Barangaroo, extra stops for the Parramatta ferry, and a west of the bridge "harbour hopper" are all potential new routes for Sydney ferries after the state government said it was willing to redraw the route map of the harbour. This came as the government initiated a timetable for private operators to take over the ferries. The Premier, Barry O'Farrell, and the Transport Minister, Gladys Berejiklian, called for expressions of interest from companies wanting to run the ferries. They said the government would retain control over routes and costs, but hoped a new operator would be in place by the end of next year. "This is about providing more services to more people. It is about delivering better services for commuters, a better deal for taxpayers; it is about improving this city's public transport," Mr O'Farrell said.

**Thanks** to the *Sydney Morning Herald* for Ferry news.



## ***Members' News*** ***- June 2011***

### **Australian Association of Timetable Collectors** **aattc.org.au**

#### **AATTC JUNE MAILOUT: ADVENTURES IN OUTER SPACE**

Our apologies that this month's mailout is running one week later than timetabled. This is a direct result of NASA's Endeavour Space Shuttle to the International Space Station operating about a week later than scheduled. We are not kidding! Our esteemed Production Manager was involved and has been juggling too many commitments.

#### **AATTC SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL**

A subscription renewal notice was contained with the May mailout. Your prompt renewal will greatly ease the task of our hardworking Membership Officer. If you need another copy please get in touch with Dennis (contact details below). If you have not renewed, the notation "EXP" will appear on your mailing label.

#### **DISTRIBUTION LIST**

An increasing number of members are receiving the monthly AATTC Distribution List by email. The Committee is considering the possibility of making a saving in printing costs by discontinuing the hard copies which are also sent to these members. But we would like to receive your views. Please let us know if you have an opinion on this. Email either the President (abvi@inet.net.au), Secretary (G.Lambert@unsw.edu.au) or Distribution Officer (aattc.do@hunterlink.net.au). Meanwhile, we

remind you that if you wish to receive your Distribution List by email, let the Distribution Officer know.

### **JACK McLEAN NATIONAL TIMETABLE COLLECTION**

We are pleased to report that the AATTC has now signed a formal agreement with the State Library of Victoria. This defines our respective roles in the cataloguing, management and access to the Collection. Members interested in helping with cataloguing are invited to contact our Archives Officer, Geoffrey Clifton on [geoffrey.clifton@sydney.edu.au](mailto:geoffrey.clifton@sydney.edu.au)

### **WANTED - MELBOURNE RAIL TIMETABLES 1990s**

Member Brett Leslie's storage sheds containing many old timetables suffered water damage from the massive rainfall which hit Melbourne in January. Some material was retrievable, some not. He would very much like to replace damaged timetables.

**PTC Met** Timetables – Various suburban 20c Booklets from:

- May 1994 (Reprints of August 93)
- March 1995 (When Cranbourne Electrification started)
- February 1996 (Complete Set)
- February 1997 (Complete Set)

**V/Line** Timetable books and Card T/Tables – virtually all from 1990 to 1997 - in particular 18/02/96, May 96, 13/10/96, 16/02/97.

Brett is happy to generously recompense any member who may have spares of these. He can also trade for older timetables. If you can help, contact Brett direct at [bleslie@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bleslie@bigpond.net.au)

### **DVDs FOR SALE**

Member Peter Graham has three DVDs for sale:

- Illawarra Line Review 2009 (Trackside Videos)
- Railway Panorama 4 Alcos at Work (Rowlinstock Productions. DVD reproduced by Train Tapes)
- British Steam: Locomotives & Working Steam

The price is \$10 each or 3 for \$25. If interested, contact Peter direct at [peter.graham@rfdswa.com.au](mailto:peter.graham@rfdswa.com.au)

### **DIVISION MEETINGS**

**Adelaide:** Meetings are held twice a year at 2c Bakewell St Tusmore 5065 .Inquiries to Adelaide Convenor Roger Wheaton at [rogertw@adam.com.au](mailto:rogertw@adam.com.au) or 08-8331 9043.

**Brisbane:** The next meeting will be at 8 Coachwood Street Keperra. Inquiries to Brian Webber [bwebber5@bigpond.com](mailto:bwebber5@bigpond.com), 07-3354 2140 or 8 Coachwood St, Kepperra.

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

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

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