



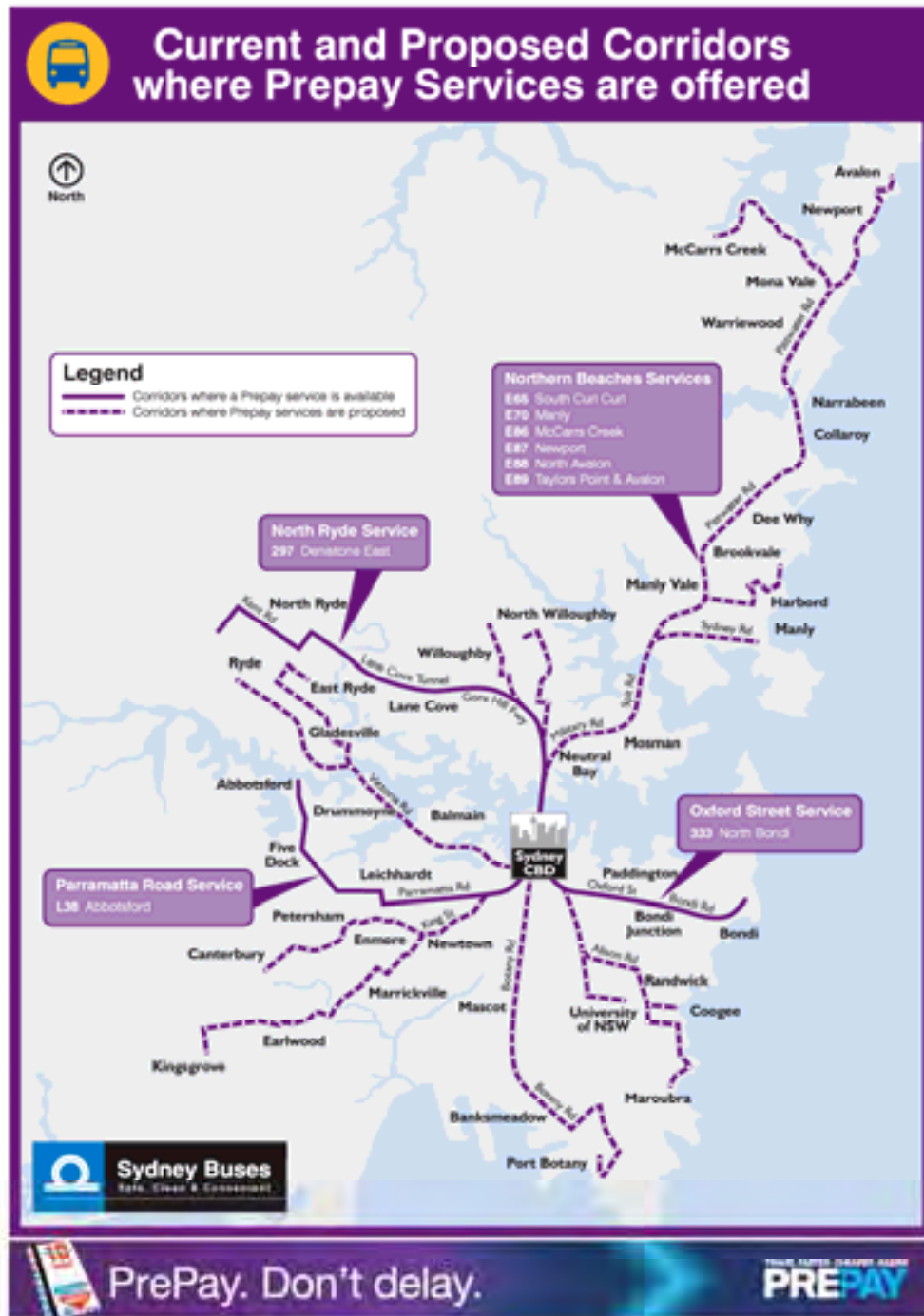
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Pre-pay only takes wing

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The major features in this month's Table Talk are a review of the new Connex and V/Line rail timetables in Melbourne, resulting mainly from the opening of the Craigieburn electrification and on the burgeoning "Pre-pay only" bus network in Sydney. This special edition of Table Talk has been edited by Geoff Lambert and Geoff Mann, as Steven Haby was not available. The new AATTC Committee will be meeting shortly to make appointments to the current "working positions" within AATTC. We are looking for volunteers for all positions, but especially for Table Talk. If you would be interested in editing this magazine in 2007-2008, please contact the Geoffs Mann or Lambert ASAP.

Geoff Lambert and Geoff Mann, Acting Editors, Table Talk

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On the cover and below are downloadable PDF images of "Pre-pay Only" bus publicity documents from Sydney Buses web site. The timetable below is for the 891 UNSW service— so frequent in the rush hours that it doesn't even have a timetable. A feature story of the burgeoning Pre-Pay Bus network starts on page 5.

SERVICES TO UNSW - MONDAY TO FRIDAY

| Time Period | Central Station (Eddy Ave, Stand D) | UNSW (High St) |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| AM | 7:10 7:26 | 7:20 7:36 |
| PM | 7:25 7:41 | 7:30 7:46 |

SERVICES TO CENTRAL STATION - MONDAY TO FRIDAY

| Time Period | UNSW (High St) | Central Station (Eddy Ave) |
|-------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| AM | 11:15 11:35 | 12:10 12:25 |
| PM | 4:45 5:00 | 4:52 5:07 |

SERVICES TO CENTRAL STATION - MONDAY TO FRIDAY

| Time Period | UNSW (Alexis Pk) | Central Station (Eddy Ave) |
|-------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| AM | 11:20 11:35 | 12:10 12:25 |
| PM | 5:00 5:15 | 5:07 5:22 |

Where to buy your ticket

Central

- Caplan Cook Concessions Store - 314 Elizabeth St. Mon-Sun, 24 hours
- Central Grocery - 226 Elizabeth St. Mon-Fri, 8am-7pm; Sat-Sun, 10am-7pm
- Central Station Bookstall - Shop 7C, Central station, Eddy Ave. Mon-Fri, 7am-6pm; Sat-Sun, 7am-7pm
- Chalmers City Convenience Store - 38 Chalmers St. Mon-Sun, 24 hours
- Devonshire Street Newsagency - 70 Devonshire St. Mon-Sun, 8am-7pm
- Newslink Central Station - The Concourse, Central station of Chalmers St. Mon-Fri, 6am-6pm; Sat-Sun, 7am-7pm
- Newslink Central Station - Central station of Devonshire St. Mon-Fri, 6am-7pm; Sat-Sun, 7am-6pm
- Newslink Country Terminal - The Concourse, Central station of Eddy Ave. Mon-Sun, 5:30am-8:30pm
- Y.H.A. Supermarket - Shop 3, 11-23 Rawson Pl. Mon-Sun, 24 hours

To avoid fines

- Concession fares requires a valid student card (current and with the Transport Fot). Always carry it with you when travelling on a concession ticket.
- Do not use an outdated or fake concession card or authority.
- Check with the bus driver if you are unsure of your ticket's validity for the trip.

Use the right ticket

Revenue Protection Officers travel on Sydney Buses. There is an on-the-spot fine of up to \$100 or a court-imposed fine of up to \$550 for not having a ticket, using the wrong ticket, overiding or using a concession ticket without a valid concession or authority card.

Note: *Correct at time of printing

SATURDAY, SUNDAY & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

NO SERVICE

Expansions (for all services)

Additional route 891 service Operates all stops via High St, Alexis Pk, Cleveland St & Chalmers St to Eddy Ave.

Continues to Railway Square

Times in red - additional service that operates during UNSW exam periods only.

TOP TABLE TALK

Melbourne Suburban Rail Timetable: Changes from 30 September

| Line | Summary of changes: |
|--|---|
| Craigieburn & Broadmeadows | <p>With the opening of the electrification to Craigieburn, all except some peak former Broadmeadows services are now extended with an additional running time of 7 minutes Up and 9 minutes Down. See page 11, top.</p> <p>There are semi-express services from Craigieburn at 0750 and 0806 with an additional 0817 semi express from Broadmeadows. The Essendon local has disappeared. An unusual new counter peak service is the 0650 Down Broadmeadows which is express from Essendon to Glenroy (and omits Jacana).</p> <p>Additional Down PM peak trips are 1743 (semi-express), 1858 and 1928 to Craigieburn plus 1838 to Broadmeadows. There are also additional Up services in the afternoon.</p> |
| Watergardens | <p>Additional 0618 Up via City Loop. Additional 0721 Down with the preceding 0713 Down now express Footscray to Sunshine. Additional 1914 to St Albans only express Footscray to Sunshine (an unusual working presumably for stabling purposes).</p> |
| Werribee | <p>Additional 0642 Up stopping all stations but running up the direct line Laverton – Newport (saving 8 minutes cf via Altona) direct to Flinders St. Yarraville stops have been inserted into the semi-express Up morning services from Werribee, but not into the afternoon Down trains.</p> |
| Sandringham | <p>The morning services in particular have been completely revised with additional Up trains at 0632 and 0750. The peak frequency is about 9 minutes compared with the former almost memory timetable with 10 minute frequency. More through workings are shown. There a fewer alterations in the afternoon with no additional services.</p> <p>Sandringham line services will now use platforms 12 and 13 at Flinders St</p> |
| Frankston/Stony Point | <p>The 0736 ex Mordialloc now starts from Frankston at 0715. This train is overtaken by the following 0720 so patronage levels on the extended run would be interesting. (Overtaking also takes place with the 0739 and 0745 Up services). A placement trip at 0634 from Mordialloc to Frankston is now provided.</p> <p>The 1705 Up Stony Point is altered to start at 1718 with a later connection to Flinders St.</p> <p>An additional 0645 Frankston – Stony Point service (with connection from Flinders St) is provided on <i>Saturdays</i>.</p> |
| Cranbourne/ Dandenong/ Pakenham | <p>Additional services ex Cranbourne: 0433 to Dandenong, 0630 and 0732 to City. The 0448 Up from Dandenong now starts from Pakenham at 0423. There is an additional am placement service ex Dandenong to Cranbourne plus two to Pakenham (there are now 5 services from Dandenong to Pakenham between 0608 and 0648). Some alterations to destinations (Cranbourne in lieu of Pakenham have also been implemented). There is an additional Down Dandenong train from Flinders St at 1803.</p> <p>An interesting quirk in the new timetable is parallel departures from Flinders St at 0542 stopping all stations at identical times as far as Caulfield. These trains were previously 2 minutes apart. It is understood that all Pakenham and Frankston line services will use separate platforms at Flinders St.</p> |
| Glen Waverley | <p>Additional services: 0555 Down and 0614 Up.</p> |
| Hurstbridge | <p>Additional services: 0557 Up Greensborough express Clifton Hill – Jolimont and 0655 Down Greensborough. 1751 Down Greensborough (plugs a former 20 minute gap), 1659 Up Macleod (the following 1700 Up Eltham now has only 4 stops to Clifton Hill) and 1710 Up Greensborough.</p> <p>The 1618 Down Macleod is extended to Greensborough.</p> <p>A 38 minute gap remains in the early evening Up services.</p> |
| Epping | <p>Additional services: 0532 and 1705 Up: 0623 and 1942 Down. All these are termed as pre or post peak and counter peak.</p> |
| Williamstown | <p>The 1520 Up shuttle to Newport becomes a 1521 6 car set through to Flinders St (formed by an additional 1454 Down Williamstown from Flinders St). The 1621 Up ex Newport (from Newport Workshops car sidings) has been annulled. This was the remnant of former workers' services which ran to and from the Workshops Platform.</p> |
| Belgrave/ Lilydale/ Alamein | <p>An 0827 to Riversdale (for Camberwell stabling sidings) is inserted into the timetable.</p> |

Platform changes at Flinders St: The Blackburn and Alamein services which formerly departed platform 4 now use platform 6 to allow use of platform 4 in addition to 5 for Northern Loop services; Frankston line from 6 & 7 to 8 & 9, Gippsland V/Line trains from 10 to 8 & 9 and Sandringham services from 8 & 9 to 12 & 13.

Geoff Mann

V/Line changes from 30 September

The following notes have been based on information publicly available at the time of preparation without access to working timetables. Public timetables were released on 17 September. The timetables introduced following the Regional Rail Upgrading generally blended long distance services into short distance service and stopping patterns. This, together with increases in patronage, has resulted in problems, particularly with Down services, of long distance seat booked trains being crowded with short distance travellers. Provision of additional capacity is difficult due to shortage of spare rolling stock (the BS cars have returned to service). Also, of course, is the problem of loco hauled trains trailing excess carriages over the long distance lines. The new timetable partly addresses some of these issues. Additional Vlocity sets (2 new and one replacement) plus 14 new intermediate motor cars (not trailers as previously described) are expected over the next fifteen months.

Major timetable alterations are:

Implementation of the full weekend services on the North East line.

Changes to Shepparton trains following strong protests.

Separation of certain Warrnambool trains from the Geelong locals.

North East Region

Major changes have resulted partially due to completion of the Craigieburn electrification.

Seymour trains: Peak hour commuter services are now non-stop Craigieburn whilst off-peak services are restricted pick up or set down only. Peak and off peak trips have also received altered times partly due to altered pathing in the electrified area and an additional Down trip departing Southern Cross at 1842 is provided. Weekend services have been enhanced by the addition of 5 Up and 6 Down trips on Saturdays and 6 trips each way Sundays.

Albury trains: Now three services each way daily Mon – Sun. Timings have been adjusted on most trips with generally slower running times. Major changes include 1700 Up weekdays now 1635; new 1225 Up Saturdays. On Sundays, the morning departure from Albury is advanced from 0750 to 0645 and the former 1425 now departs 1245, which may be less popular times. Down departure times from Southern Cross are now identical Mon – Sat at 0813, 1213 and 1813 although running times vary, including beyond Seymour. Sunday departures are at 0833, 1233 (additional) and 1813. See page 12.

Shepparton trains: When the March timetable was introduced, the evening train (1833) from Southern Cross stopped all stations from Broadmeadows and consequently provided a peak hour service to Craigieburn. Strong protests from long distance passengers were forthcoming. The train now runs express Broadmeadows to Seymour whilst intermediate passengers are catered for by the new 1842 Seymour mentioned above. Sunday morning trips are now provided, with a Down departure at 0930 and Up departure at 0715 from Shepparton. The weekday afternoon Up departs 15 minutes earlier at 1555 whilst the Saturday service is 40 minutes later at 1605. Overall journey times are generally slower except for the 1833 Down.

South West Region

Additional trains: Mon-Fri: 0754 Southern Cross to Marshall and 1300 to Geelong; 1325 from Marshall to Southern Cross (thus reducing the previous 89 minute gap).

Warrnambool Down trains at 0747 and 1320 (altered) now run virtually express to Geelong.

There are numerous adjustments to other Geelong line services on all days of the week some of which are due to altered train types e.g. swapping of Vlocity and Loco-hauled trips.

Intermediate times of Warrnambool trains have been adjusted with some slowings beyond Geelong.

Northern Region

Generally minor adjustments with a couple of early morning slight accelerations but a larger number of slight slowings. The morning Down Swan Hill Southern Cross departure is altered from 0754 to 0749. The Up Flagship service is advanced from a 0605 to 0602 departure from Bendigo, arriving Southern Cross 3 minutes earlier at 0726.

Echuca departure times have been brought forward by 5 minutes with slightly slower running times and a 10 minute allowance in Bendigo. Down arrivals at Echuca are 7 to 9 minutes later.

Various connecting coach services have been altered.

Western Region

Some afternoon Ballarat line trains have been altered.

Down: 1508 altered to depart Southern Cross 1453. Ballarat arrival 1618. 1408 now arrives Ballarat 6 minutes later at 1534. Both appear to be routed via the north loop at Bungaree.

Up: 1502 from Ballarat now 1514 and arrives Southern Cross 20 minutes later at 1647. The 1600 from Ballarat now departs 1558

with same arrival time at Southern Cross. These appear altered to the south (direct fast) line at Bungaree but have altered crosses en route.

There are other minor timing adjustments to Ballarat and Bacchus Marsh services.

Ararat services have been slowed by 3 minutes in each direction beyond Ballarat resulting in departure times 3 minutes earlier and arrivals 3 minutes later at Ararat.

Various coach services have minor alterations.

Eastern Region

Minor adjustments only noted.

Geoff Mann

The rise and rise of the pre-pay only bus

Sydney Buses has introduced a number of PrePay Only bus services, meaning a cheaper, faster and easier ride for customers.

The following has been cribbed from the Sydney Buses web-site.

- * No tickets will be sold on these buses. Customers will need to PrePay before they ride.
- * Take advantage of our multi-ride tickets, which not only save you time, but also money!
- * TravelTens, TravelPasses and DayTrippers are the most popular tickets, as they provide the greatest value, depending on your travel pattern. These tickets are available from a wide range of Sydney Buses ticket agents across Sydney.
- * Pensioner Excursion Tickets (PETs) and Single Ride tickets are available from a limited number of ticket resellers along the route and some ticket vending machines.
- * Tip: You can purchase multiple single ride tickets, or buy a TravelTen or Travel Pass to save money. Keep a spare in your wallet, as TravelTen, TravelPass and PETs sold from Sydney Buses' ticket agents and TransitShops only become activated when first used.

The benefits of PrePay include:

- * Quicker boarding times for bus travellers to increase the reliability of bus services.
- * Easy transfer of large notes, instead of requiring change from the driver, who only carries limited change.
- * Better organised and more orderly queuing at bus stops.
- * You can save money by using a TravelTen or TravelPass or any of our other discounted ticket options.

Sydney Buses is always investigating new initiatives, to encourage customers to PrePay, including:

The following buses are PrePay Only Routes:

- * Route 333 - North Bondi to Circular Quay
- * Route 297 - Denistone East to QVB
- * Route L38 - Abbotsford to Circular Quay
- * Route E65 - Manly to City (Wynyard) - Express
- * Routes E86/E87/E88/E89 - Pittwater District to City (Central) - Express
- * Route E70 - Manly to City (Wynyard) - Express
- * Route X00 and X06 - City to Ryde/East Ryde
- * Routes 891 and 895 - UNSW to Central - Express
- * Routes X73, X74 and X77 from Coogee/Maroubra to the City - Express
- * Routes L23 and L28 from Kingsgrove/Canterbury to City - Limited Stops
- * Routes X09, L09 and X10 from Banksmeadow/Port Botany/Eastgardens to City

Deputy Premier and Minister for Transport John Watkins has unveiled other routes that will be PrePay-Only buses by the end of the year:

The next routes to go PrePay Only are:

- * Eastern Valley Way service 205 from Willoughby to the City, and
- * Willoughby Road service 272 from North Willoughby to the City via the Freeway

PrePay Only Bus Stops

* Watson St - The first trial to speed up boarding times was conducted in 2004 at the Watson Street bus stop on Military Road, Neutral Bay and saw a drop in on-board cash sales from 12% to 4% and average loading times were reduced from 50 seconds to 36 seconds. This involved the sale of single ride magnetic tickets off the bus by staff at State Transit's ticketing booth at Watson Street during the morning peak.

* Druitt Street - The outbound Druitt Street bus stop was trialled as a PrePay Only bus stop between the hours of 3.30pm and 6.30pm. This initiative aimed to reduce passenger loading time at the stop and improve on-time service running for the trip.

Ticket Vending Machines

Ticket Vending Machines (TVM's) have been installed outside the Carrington Street TransitShop at Wynyard and at Bondi Junction Interchange. These machines issue single ride magnetic tickets and the Bondi Junction TVM issues Pensioner Excursion Tickets also.

NEWS

RAIL AND TRAM

Rail

V/Line Footy Trains

V/Line provided additional services for the AFL Grand Final on Saturday 29 September. Whilst additional trains on the Geelong line are usually provided whenever the Geelong team plays in Melbourne, the finals have resulted in extra capacity required, with some regular trips comprising coupled sets of three VLocity railcars. Two double H car sets topped and tailed by P class locos are usually brought in for the task.

On Saturday 29, additional Up trains were scheduled from South Geelong at 10:10, 10:50 and 11:10 all through to Richmond, as were two regular services extended. After the match, trains were scheduled to depart Richmond at 17:48 (may depart earlier if at full capacity), 17:58, 18:08 and 18:18. Interestingly, this last train is shown to be overtaken en route by the regular 18:40 Warrnambool train. See page 11, bottom.

Working timetable news

ARTC National issued a new WTT, backdated to 5-Aug-2007 in early September. This is the first ARTC National WTT to appear on the web since July 2006.

ARTC-NSW issued a new Freight and Country Passenger SWTT, effective 5-Aug-2007 in late June 2007 and a Version 2, effective 02-Sep-2007, in late August 2007.

NSWRC issued Freight SWTTs recently as follows, all have a cover date of 5-Aug-2006: Version 1 on 25-Jun-2006. Version 1.1 (unknown issue date), Version 1.2 issued 6-Aug-2007, effective 6-Sep-2007.

The **CityRail** WTT, with cover date 28-May-2006, reprinted in early March with an effect date of 2 April 2007 was Version 4.0. Version 3.0 does not appear to have been formally issued. Two WTTs were issued for the APEC meeting, notable especially for the use of the Tivoli crossover as the working termini.

Pacific National Tasmania issued a new WTT in Excel spreadsheet format to be effective from 29-Jul-2007. This item was available in AATTC's Distribution List.

V/Line has continued to issue a rolling series of amended WTT material such as its Addenda and Network Operating Requirements volumes on a regular basis through 2007, but so far is yet to issue new WTTs for its September timetable review, although copies have been sighted by correspondents.

It is reported that **Connex** issued a Melbourne suburban WTT during 2006, in both paper and electronic (PDF) form. However, neither this WTT nor the WTT for the new services reviewed in this issue of Table Talk have appeared on Connex's web-site, which still carries only 2003 and 2004 WTTs. The 2006 WTTs were available at the Railfan Shop in Melbourne in paper and PDF form and the 2007 will shortly be available in CD-ROM form and in paper form from AATTC's Distribution Service.

Brisbane– CityTrain PTTs

New Citytrain timetables dated 14 July 2007 - all timetables are noted "With Brunswick Street refurbishment service alterations":

- Beenleigh Line timetable
- Caboolture Line timetable
- Cleveland Line Timetable
- Doomben Line timetable
- Gold Coast Line timetable
- Innercity Timetable Monday to Friday
- Ipswich Line timetable - note that this timetable does not include the Rosewood services any longer
- Shorncliffe Line timetable
- Sunshine Coast Nambour - Gympie North Line timetable

Tram

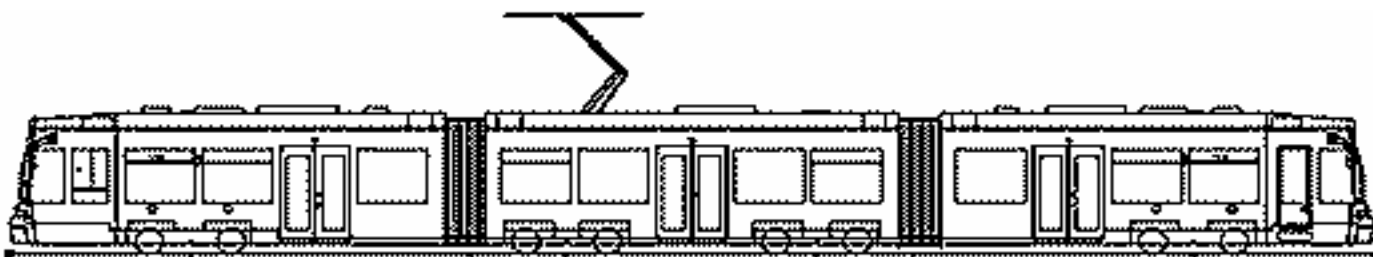
Melbourne

New timetables were due for Yarra Trams routes 86 & 96 on 29 July 2007 but not yet sighted.

Adelaide

Glenelg tramline extension through the City

A test run was made on Sunday night (2 September)/ Monday morning with Flexity tram 104 through to the new City West terminus which was successful. However, a following test run with a coupled H set (367-351) had to be aborted due to clearance problems at the King William Street/North Terrace intersection. A further test run with this set was undertaken on Thursday night 6 September and was successful. The Sunday night test run necessitated the regular tram service being replaced by mini buses after the 9.10pm run from Victoria Square. Route details not advised. Official opening is currently planned for 14 October with regular service commencing 15 October.



BUS

New South Wales - Sydney

Sydney Buses

* The Southern Region guide+map has been updated on STA's site to include L38 Prepay.

* Western Region updated to show 297 but not X00/X06 as prepay only.

Maps + Guides are dated July 2007.

The other 2 have not yet been updated.

Sydney Buses updated timetables

Route 400, v 11, July 2007

Routes 891, 895 PrePay Only Services, effective 6 August 2007 (purple brochure as per previous PrePay service initiatives) - routes 890 and 892 remain as alternative cash fare buses.

Route 200, v 7, effective June 2007 (Adrian Dessanti)

Route 275, September 2007

Routes 292 293, September 2007, v11 (We must have missed out on a few versions for that one)

Route 305, July 2007, v6 the 305 timetable is now titled "Railway Square to Stamford Hotel" - they dropped the word "Mascot".

Route 376 377 X77, 20 August 2007, v9

Route 401, Sydney Olympic Park to Lidcombe, effective 27 August 2007, v9

Routes 441 442, Balmain to City, effective June 2007, v6

Route 445, July 2007, v7

Route 525, Parramatta to Burwood, effective 26 August 2007, v8

*515 X15, July 2007, v9

*551, 27 August 2007 (old 549)

(Norbert Genci).

Routes 533 534, Sydney Olympic Park / West Ryde to Chatswood, effective 26 August 2007, v11 (Corrects date from 27/8). 533 is new route between Chatswood and Sydney Olympic Park..

From Monday 26 August, a new timetable will commence on Routes 533 and 534. This will improve peak hour services between Chatswood, Ryde and Sydney Olympic Park.

These changes include:

- Increased services between Chatswood and Ryde
- New peak hour services to Sydney Olympic Park
- Changes to services to and from West Ryde

Sydney Private Bus timetables.

Caringbah

Routes 978 and 977 dated 4/07 - which had been seen on the website but so far not in hard copy.

Crowthers Buslink

Crowthers Buslink is issuing a new timetable effective 1

October covering their traditional routes 984, 985 and 987. Changes are relatively minor, and wheelchair accessible trips are being marked.

Forest Coach Lines

Updated copies of timetables have been issued

195/196 (Blue) – September 2006

196/285 (Yellow) – March 2007

276/280 (Purple) – April 2007

277/278 (Brown) – September 2006

278-285 (Green) – November 2006

Unfortunately I only received an undated photocopy for the 270 City service which appears to be the website pages, so I am unable to provide any updated information on this timetable. (Michael Marshall)

Hillsbus:

Routes 630 and 711. Both effective Monday 30 July. These timetables have been revised to incorporate changes to running times for better reliability. Both are available on the Hillsbus website as PDFs and are now available in printed form. (Michael Marshall).

Punchbowl

It has been reported that from 27th August Punchbowl Bus Co will be extending route 450 Hurstville – Strathfield also to Sydney Olympic Park during peak hours with a 15 minute frequency during that time for the full route which at the moment only operates on a 30 minute frequency. The new Punchbowl Bus Co timetable has been sighted on their website – it is the same format (and colours) as the latest Veolia timetables which is believed to be the new standard MOT format for timetables (but not standard colours). As is usual with Punchbowl timetables – no date is shown but it shows timetable number as 2.

Veolia

Veolia has reissued the following timetables with very minor alterations / corrections:

452 dated August 2004 & reprinted February 2007

453 / 455 (LS In the case of this previous timetable was still a Connex one).

947

961 / 962

962

963

965

970 / 971

992

They carry the original issue date followed by 'Reprinted July 2007'.

Also the Veolia Transport timetable for routes 901, 902, 903 and 904 taken over from Transit First has been reprinted in Veolia colours but no changes to any times. (Michael Marshall)

New South Wales – Regional

Newcastle buses

Updated timetables

- 104 107, 22 April 2007, v7
- 111, 15 July 2007, v11
- 226, 15 July 2007, v12
- 310 311, 22 April 2007, v9
- 317, 15 July 2007, v10
- 322, 22 April 2007, v10
- 363, 15 July 2007, v12 (Norbert Genci)

Toronto Bus Service. (Acquired by CDC from 1 August) (see Table at foot of page)

PDF timetables for all three of the. above dated July 2007.

These are in a much improved format compared with what I have seen of their timetables before and the actual tables are the same format (and colours) as those Punchbowl Bus Co and Veolia Transport i.e. they are in the new MOT format.

Busways Coffs Harbour

Busways will be introducing changes to their Coffs Harbour services, effective Monday 6 August.

The following is from their website:

Revised bus network for Coffs Harbour - 24 July 2007

On Monday, 6 August 2007, Busways will commence a new and improved network of bus services in Coffs Harbour. One of the major benefits of this new bus network is the extension to service hours. Bus services will now operate to after 8 pm on both weeknights and Saturdays, to offer people more travel options.

Busways has streamlined the routes, to make them more direct and logical; and adjusted frequencies to better meet demand.

Walking distances to bus routes remain the commonly accepted standard of 400 metres for most residents, but with the added advantage of faster travel times due to more direct routes.

A range of marketing and promotional activities will take place in the area to ensure residents are aware of the upcoming changes to the bus network.

The timetable is as follows:

* Coffs Harbour and Southern areas - 359, 360, 361, 365, 366, 367 - effective 6 August 2007. DL size booklet (same format as the recent Blacktown TT changes). Some of the former routes have been replaced with new route numbers, as follows:

Old / New
351 / 360

- 360 / 359
- 365E / 365
- 365W / 367
- 367 / 360
- Frances St / 366

Here is the latest timetable for the Coffs Harbour routes with one timetable for all routes replacing the previous three King Bros timetables.

| | | | |
|--|------------|---------------|--|
| Nambucca Heads - Bellingen | 359 360 | 6 Aug 2007 | Busways North Coast Coffs Harbour Region |
| Thompsons Road - Park Beach Plaza | 361 365 | | |
| Bellingen/Mylestom - Coffs Harbour | 366 367 | | |
| Park Ave - Park Beach Plaza via The Jetty | | | |
| Park Ave - Park Beach Plaza via Frances St | | | |
| Park Ave - Park Beach Plaza via West | | | |

From Michael Marshall

Red Bus Services

24/25/36/27/30/47 (Wyong-The Entrance) 14 Aug 2006 v4

Busways Gosford

33-34 (Gosford-Kariong) 29 Nov 2003 reprinted Sept 2005

36-38 (Gosford-Ourimbah-Tuggerah) 9 Nov 2002 reprinted Sept 2005

50-58/60 (Peninsula Bus Book) 9 Nov 2002 reprinted Dec 2005

59-61/63-66/69-70 (Kincumber Bus Book) 9 Nov 2002 reprinted Sept 2005

67-68 (Gosford-Wamberal & North Avoca) 9 Nov 2002 reprinted Sept 2005

Victoria – Melbourne

Grenda incl. Cardinia & Moorabbin

New timetable issues:

800 – 6 Aug 2007

802/804/862 (Dandenong - Chadstone) & 811/812/823 (Dandenong - Brighton / Southland - North Brighton) Both are dated 30 August 2007

813/815 – 25 June 2007

822 – 13 Aug 2007

827/828 – 13 Aug 2007

830/831 – 16 July 2007

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Toronto District: North | 270, 271, 272, 273 | Jan 2006 | Toronto Bus Services |
| Toronto District: South | 274,275, 276 | 4 Sep 2005 | Toronto Bus Services |
| Toronto - Fassifern TrainBus | | 4 Sep 2005 | Toronto Bus Services |

834/835 – 25 June 2007
837/839 – 13 Aug 2007
844 – 25 June 2007
857 – 25 June 2007
885 – 25 June 2007

838/842 – New timetable will be included in the next reprint of the 841 TT. Recent changes to Route 838 are 10:10am from Emerald altered to 10:25 to connect with the 695 from Gembrook (July 9) and, from July 30, the 16:40 from Berwick now commences from Fountain Gate at 16:30.

(Michael Marshall, Craig Halsall, Bradley M)

Moreland

510 – New Saturday TT effective 4 Aug 2007. Issued as insert to the existing TT pending printing of a new TT.

U.S. Buslines

695/695F (Belgrave to Gembrook and Fountain Gate) timetable dated 20 August 2007.

Weekend times in both directions have been revised, with timing changes of up to 10 min. There have also been changes to the weekly Dandenong Market service that runs on Tuesdays. The service to Dandenong Market now runs 36 minutes later. A sticker has been placed over the description to correct the un-updated description.

Ventura/National Bus

281 & 283 - Now combined in a single TT No. 9 dated June 2007 (as advised by Bradley M on the discussion board)

Peninsula

781/784/785 – 13 Aug 2007
782/783 – 30 July 2007

Tullamarine Bus Lines

Route 477 Moonee Ponds - Broadmeadows new bus timetables dated 5th August, 2007.

Extended operation hours and now operates 7 days a week.

6am to after 9pm Mon to Fri.
8am to 9pm Sat & Pub Hols.
9am to after 9pm Sun, Good Fri & Xmas Day.

Routes 478, 479 & 500 Tullamarine also new bus timetables dated 5th August, 2007. (Routes 478 Moonee Ponds - Melbourne Airport, 479 Moonee Ponds - Sunbury via Melb. Airport & 500 Broadmeadows - Sunbury via Melb. Airport).

Route 478 no longer runs via Gladstone Park on weekend and been replaced by route 477.

3.10pm Ex Melbourne Airport to Essendon now departs 5 minutes earlier at 3.05pm and extend to Moonee Ponds arrive at 3.30pm.
Both Metlink DL Format.

No bus timetables changes for Route 484 still dated 1st

October, 2006. (Bradley Matthews)

Westrans

Effective Monday August 20, 2007, there will be changes to the departure times FROM Caroline Springs on Route 418.

Buses will depart Caroline Springs between 2 and 5 min. earlier than normal, with departure times from Keilor Plains Station to St. Albans remaining UNCHANGED.

Timing changes only apply to weekdays and NOT weekends or public holidays. Weekday trips FROM St. Albans remain unchanged as well.

These changes are due to the ongoing road works around the Taylors Road / Kings Road area, which will allow these buses to keep to time better.

New timetables are available and are dated: 20th Aug 2007.

Victoria - Regional

New Transit South West timetable dated June 2007 in viclink format. (Jason Blackman).

Queensland—Brisbane

Brisbane Timetables from David Hutton.

150 151 152 153 156 effective 03 September 2007
310 N310 315 effective 03 September 2007
338 effective 03 September 2007
350 351 352 effective 03 September 2007
350 Bridgeman Downs to City cityxpress
351 Bridgeman Downs to City rocket
352 McDowall to City cityxpress (note: timetable says cityxpress but it is really a rocket)
357 359 effective 03 September 2007
357 Brendale and Eatonvale to City cityxpress
359 Albany Creek to City cityxpress

Note that the 350/351/352/355 and 350/351/355/357/359 timetables are now discontinued.

I have also picked up two pocket pal timetables for the Inner Northern Busway:

Normanby busway station pocket pal (Inner Northern Busway) effective 19 February 2007

QUT Kelvin Grove & RCH Herston busway station pocket pal (Inner Northern Busway) effective 19 February 2007

Also picked up a TransLink brochure entitled "700 Series - high frequency Gold Coast highway & theme park services" dated 15 May 2006. This brochure gave a run down of the frequencies of the new TransLink Gold Coast routes introduced in May 2006. (LS Probably too old now to include in list)

New Transit South West timetable dated June 2007 in viclink format. (Jason Blackman).

South Australia - Adelaide

New timetables (effective 9/9/07) have been issued for:

Routes 722/716/T722 – to cover extension of T722 to Seaford Shopping Centre

Routes 740-756 – to cover yet another rearrangement of routes in the Noarlunga-Willunga-Aldinga Beach-Sellicks Beach area.

(Garth Evans).

South Australia - Regional

New edition of the Bus SA State Guide. A new edition has now been issued date August 2007. The format is the same as in previous editions. There are at least three services not shown on the map or in the timetables guide. These are the Buses-R-Us service to Broken Hill via the Barrier Highway. This operates to Broken Hill Tuesday, Friday and Sunday and returns on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. This service has not appeared on earlier editions. It replaced a service previously operated by Greyhound. Reference to this service still appears in the index of places with a bus service in the case of entries for Mannahill and Olary.

The other services are operated by Gulf Getaways from Port Augusta to Leigh Creek on Wednesday and Wilpena on Sunday and Friday. Details from the

www.flindersranges.com website under General which was last updated on 26 June 2007..

Buses-R-Us Service in NSW and Victoria. This company also Broken Hill to Mildura service Monday, Wednesday and Friday returning the same day.

Other News item in addition to the above: New printed bus timetables were issued for services 722-716-T722 and 740-741-749-750-751-755-756 dated 9 September. The latter includes new 753 Noarlunga Hospital-Willunga and 754 Willunga- Sellicks Beach via Aldinga and return. These have dial-a-ride or drop off on request facilities within prescribed areas.,

Western Australia - Perth

New timetable issues:

Western 41 11/2/2007

Western 45 18/2/2007

South Eastern 19 22/4/2007

South Eastern 20 18/2/2007 Add New Route 74

Revised 22/4/2007

Eastern 103 18/3/2007

Northern 67 29/4/2007

Northern 78 29/4/2007

Southern 121 22/4/2007

Eastern 87 94 100 108 109 110 All 22/7/2007

(Alan Gray).

FERRIES and SHIPPING

New South Wales– Sydney

The Walker Enquiry into Sydney Ferries has been extended beyond its proposed 31st August completion date, at Mr Walker's request. Rumours surfaced in September that the Enquiry would recommend that ferry services on Sydney Harbour should be out-sourced to private enterprise, similar to the model used in Brisbane.

The Manly services continue to be plagued by unreliability of service, breakdowns and industrial action

South Australia

Sea SA Ferries Wallaroo to Lucky Bay.

A summer timetable has been issued effective from 14

September with 3 services Monday to Friday (5.45am, 10.45am 3.30pm from Wallaroo), 2 on Saturday (5.45am, 10.45am) and 2 on Sunday (10.45am, 3.30pm). Return services depart Lucky Bay 2½ hours later except for the 3.30 which returns from Lucky Bay at 5.45. An article in a newspaper tourist insert on Yorke Peninsula advises that over the first 9 months the ferry has carried its 50,000th passenger and 20,000th passenger. This insert was found at the SA Tourist Bureau and had a reference to "The Monitor" the community newspaper of Roxby Downs. Ferry below, at Wallaroo.



