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Three examples of how the body styling of both J.W. Boltons and Boltons Ltd changed over the decades.

TOP: The last body style to be produced for Transperth is shown on (702) a 1988 Renault PR180.2 artic seen loading in St Georges Tce on a wet July morning in 1996. (Geoff Foster)



CENTRE: This 1967 Leyland Tiger Cub was MTT 756 but is seen in later ownership by Horizons West. Similar bodies were built on Leopard and Panther chassis (Geoff Foster)



BOTTOM: This 1952 Leyland Royal Tiger was built by Boltons for Metro Buses as (106) and is now preserved. (Bruce Tilley)

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COVER PHOTO: In their guises of Boltons Ltd and J.W. Bolton, this company bodied many of Perth's government buses from the 1940s to the late 1980s. One example from 1983 is MTT (419) a J.W. Bolton Mercedes 0305 with later style rounded front. This photo was one in a series of postcard pictures which could be purchased from the Metropolitan Transport Trust in the 1980s.

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LEFT: MTT Perth, (315) a 1951 Boltons bodied Guy Arab heads for West Perth on route 2 on 31 July 1970. (J. Webster)



Some further examples of Boltons bus bodies for the WA public sector from the 1950s and 60s.

TOP: This former W.A. Government Railways Boltons bodied Foden (H44) has been retained for preservation by the Bus Museum of Western Australia. (Geoff Foster)



CENTRE: Another Boltons bodied half can bus for Perth's MTT was (367) on an AEC Regal III chassis, seen at the Barrack Street Wharf terminus on 31 July 1970. (John Webster)



BOTTOM: In the 1950s and 60s many heavy duty Leylands were purchased but there was also a small batch of the lighter chassied Albion Vikings. MTT (6) was built in 1965 by Boltons and is seen heading along St Georges Terrace for Bayswater on route 41 on 31 July 1970. (John Webster).

A CENTENARY OF BOLTONS COACH AND BODY BUILDING FROM 1888 TO 1989

by Evan Thomas

Isaac and Isabella Bolton and their eight children arrived in Fremantle on the steamer Yeoman in 1887. Shortly after his arrival, Isaac founded a coach building business known as Bolton & Sons in Fremantle, having been a wheelwright in Hollingbourne, Kent England. Their initial factory was at 45 William St Fremantle and he employed most of his sons.

In 1902 Bolton's engaged an architect Oldham's to design a new factory at 63 Henry St Fremantle (corner of Henry St and Marine Terrace) with 40 x 40 ft showrooms and was made dustproof. Their business brochure circa 1909 Bolton & Sons boasted the best workmen in the Commonwealth and manufactured all types of Buggies Wagons etc and every kind of vehicle new and second-hand. They were also direct importers. Isaac retired in 1912 and the business was carried on by two of his sons, Alfred and Len until 1924 when Alf retired. Isaac died in 1912 and it is of interest that one of his mourners was a leading hand by the name of Porter who later started his own bus building business as Howard Porter.

As Bolton's used Tuart for the most of their timber that was used for wheels hubs and even car bodies, they purchased a timber mill (Bailey's) in Mandurah where Len Bolton installed a manager W McKerracher after the war and operated the mill for their own use until about 1926. This gave then a big advantage over other coach builders at that time as they had access to their own timber and could control the seasoning of the Tuart.

In 1926 Leonard Bolton purchased the business of Daniel White and Co., amalgamating the two and formed Bolton's Ltd. Daniel White and Co. was a company who had their main business in Melbourne that was formed in 1869 and opened in Perth in 1897. They started to build bodies on imported car chassis in 1904 both British and American. Bolton's turnover in 1928-29 reached £80,000 and they had about 200 employees.

In 1935 Bolton's Ltd purchased, for about £5,000, 1and 3/4 acres of land belonging to Holden's Ltd (the early car manufacturer) at the corner of Sutherland and Stone St. West Perth just under the subway. They proceeded to build a new factory consisting of approximately 35,000 square feet and large enough for 300 employees. It was opened in June 1936 by the then Minister for industry A R Hawke (later premier of WA 1953) at a function attended by over 200 prominent business persons of WA.

In his speech Minister Hawke mentioned that the factory was designed to allow plenty of light and for keeping the air clean and fresh for the workers. Also that Bolton's had endeavoured to see that there was an entire lack of monotony in their employee's work. Also during his speech he stated that the value of imported car bodies from abroad amounted to £10,000 and from the eastern states approximately £227,000. The building was built by well know Perth builder Doust.

Before moving to West Perth, Boltions had built many of WA's Trams Buses and coaches including ten of the Alpine Co's Reo parlor cars in 1936. The Alpine Co's Parlor car board of directors at that time included Mr J J Poynton, Lord Mayor of Perth and G. Nankivell whose family in later years was involved also in Perth's body building industry.

In 1939 Mr L Bolton submitted a tender to build 44 Double-decker buses for Melbourne but was not successful.

War Time Work

After being successful in a tender to manufacture 2000 timber boxes for packaging 18 pounder shells for the Defence Department in 1938 Bolton's war time work continued by an order in 1940 for the machining and completion of 550,000 smoke bombs worth around £75,000. They also were to make up to 120,000 wooden containers for the bombs. During the war Bolton's paid their women workers 90% of the male award rates even when the union recommended about 80%.



TOP: As well as public buses, Boltons also bodied school buses and some coaches. This 1968 International C1500 was new to the WA Red Cross and is seen later with Baroona Tours of Mildura. (Geoff Foster)



CENTRE: A line up shot of Perth's Boltons bodied Sunbeam trolleybuses with (865) leading the row. (Graeme Turnbull)



BOTTOM: Boltons also bodied several of the demonstrator Leyland Lynx buses used in Australia. Here we see MTT Perth (11) 6YY 320. (Bruce Tilley)

A gas producer called the EVER-READY was also made by the company to help the war effort as well as military ambulances. At the time of closure of the munitions manufacture Bolton's employed some 330 workers who were working up to 3 shifts a day.

In 1948 Mr Leonard Bolton MLC died and two of his sons took over the management of the company. Mr Keith Bolton became the Managing Director and retained that position until Bolton Ltd closed in 1972.

Immediate post-war public transport body building would naturally be a time of slow build-up and Bolton's first large body building order was for 40 bodies to be built on the Sunbeam trolley buses in 1949. The Government Tramways had ordered 50 Sunbeams and 10 were built at Commonwealth Engineering in NSW. The first 26 chassis arrived in Fremantle in October 1949 and Bolton's first built Sunbeam was delivered in to the WAGT in July 1950, (WAG 51). It was stated that this was also WA's first all-steel bus body, however Bolton's also built in 1948 two all-steel bodies on Daimler CVD6's for United Buses. They also built some AEC Regal Mk 111's for the WAGR immediate post war period. There is large photograph of the AEC Regal fleet in the East Perth Terminal.

There was considerable co-operation between Bolton's and Commonwealth Engineering (Waddingtons) of NSW in the early post World War II period and beyond. Commonwealth Engineering is said to have provided Boltions with jigs or patterns for the framing for steel bodied buses and some 1960s buses had front had rear moulds very similar to Comeng bodies of the same period.

Bolton's plant and machinery was more up the date that any other Body Building factory in WA and would one would assume be the preferred choice for a local manufacturer

Until their closure in 1972, Bolton's Pty Ltd regularly built bus bodies for the Metropolitan Transport Trust, as indicated in the list below

Sunbeam Trolleybus - 40	Daimler - 11	Leyland Lion - 11
AEC Regal 111,1V,V1 - 58	Daimler Roadliner - 1	Leyland Tiger - 8
Albion Viking - 10	Guy Arab - 150	Leyland Worldmaster - 24
Leyland Tiger Cub - 41	Leyland Leopard - 50	Leyland Panther - 19

A number of these contracts ran in parallel with deliveries from competitors including Howard Porter and Freighter WA. Boltions last bus delivered to the then MTT was a Leyland Panther MTT 849 in December 1971. A number of buses were also built for private operators.

Isaac Bolton and his sons were quite involved in local sporting and political scenes. It started when Mr. Isaac Bolton was elected to the first Municipal Council of North Fremantle and later, his eldest son, Herbert, was Mayor for three terms. A second son, Harry, was the member for North Fremantle in the Legislative Assembly and, when this seat was abolished in 1911, he represented the South Fremantle electorate. On his return from active service in World War I, he became State president of the R.S.L.

Mr. Leonard Bolton was for six years a member of the East Fremantle Municipal Council and was also Mayor for five years. In 1930 he was elected to the Legislative Council as the member for the Metropolitan Province. He also was on the executive of the Royal Agricultural Society 1932

In sport the family also had a distinguished record. Mr. Herbert Bolton was a prominent cyclist who was narrowly beaten by an Italian champion, M. Porta, when he visited this State, and Mr. Leonard Bolton represented WA in a Dunlop 100 miles relay race, in addition to playing first grade cricket and being selected for the State lacrosse team for the first interstate carnival in Adelaide in 1905. His three sons played first grade cricket in WA. Bowls has always been a popular sport with the family and during one season four of the Bolton brothers, playing as a team.

After Bolton's Pty Ltd closed Keith Bolton's only son John with the help of some of the staff and workmen from Bolton's started a new company based in Belmont called J W BOLTIONS. They started manufacturing Fire Tenders and then bus bodies, mainly for the MTT on Mercedes 0305, 0305G, Leyland B21 and Renault PR100 and PR180 chassis.

A batch of Mercedes 0303 coaches for Westrail in 1983 were built by Ansair in Mebourne but fitted out by J.W.Bolton. The last buses produced were MTT Renault PR180.2 (753-756) all delivered in October 1989.

John was not an apprentice at Bolton's Pty Ltd, however he continued in the long line of WA Body Builders that his great grandfather Isaac Bolton commenced in 1888 and their last bus body delivered was in December 1989. His contribution to the Bolton's Body Building Dynasty was to ensure that the name BOLTON survived for just over a century of coach building for Western Australia.

Two early Bolton (Commonwealth Engineering style) half cab buses survive in preservation in presentable condition. These are Metro Omnibuses 81, a Leyland OPS4 and WA Govt Tramways Guy Arab 101. WAGT subsequently had other buses bodied by Commonwealth Engineering in Sydney, - Leyland OPS4 and OPD2 half cabs and more AEC Regal IIIs. One of the Leyland OPS4s is in preservation, although the MTT rebuilt its body to the extent there is very little of the original remaining.

About The Author

I am the great grandson of Isaac and Isabella Bolton. One of Isaac's daughters Maud married Evan Thomas who was the author's grandfather. Keith Bolton's family lived nearby and the families were close. My connection to buses, trams and trolleys comes about thru my father who was workshop manager at the WA Government Tramways and later became chairman of the MTT. Hence my first PSV vehicle was a tram which, when I was 10 yo I drove it at about 2 pm one night after Dad attended a late night derailment. I also spent a lot of time as a youngster at the car barn during weekends.

I served an apprenticeship as a fitter and then a few years as a draughtsman and then travelled to the UK and worked for AEC and Leyland Motors as a service engineer. Returning to Australia, I worked for Leyland in Adelaide for a short-while then for Freighters Industries as their Hino bus sales representative in WA. Freighters had just taken over Martin Nixon in Osborne Park.

At Freighters WA I was in charge of the bus body building and we built 50 Leyland Cubs and then the Hino RC100P's for the WAGR in 1967 the first Hino's to enter into service in WA. I then went to the MTT as an engineer. During the years I was there I spent most of my time problem solving.

VICTORIAN STATE ELECTION 2014

With a State election due in November 2014 many pundits were predicting that public transport will be a key issue for voters, along with the continuing controversy over the east west road tunnel. Over recent months this prediction has started to play out in a big way. The ALP fired an opening shot on Sunday 19 January with a pledge of a \$50 million one year trial of trains, trams and buses running through the night on Friday and Saturday nights under the banner of Homesafe.

Under the proposal, trains would run through the night on Friday and Saturday across all lines, while trams would run to several destinations including St Kilda, Coburg, Bundoora, Port Melbourne, Carnegie, Box Hill and Vermont South. The current NightRider buses would also continue, with a focus on areas not serviced by rail. Buses to Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo and Traralgon would leave Southern Cross Station at 2am on Friday and Saturday nights. PSOs would continue to staff stations under the plan and there would be a Homesafe mobile app developed to tell people when the next service will run

Mr Andrews said it was time that Melbourne caught up with international cities such as Berlin, New York and Chicago which already have 24-hour public transport services. Labor Transport spokeswoman Jill Hennessy said that following the 12-month trial, it would review demand and structure the system accordingly. The Government responded by claiming the true cost would be more than double Labor's estimate and would require a 22% fare increase to cover costs.

In November 2013, Mr Andrews pledged to sell the Port of Melbourne and use the money to remove 50 of Melbourne's worst level crossings and is running television advertisements on the topic.

In early March the Government announced a plan to modernise the Dandenong line further by acquiring 25 new trains and by eliminating four level crossings at Carnegie, Murrumbeena, and Clayton, the removal of which would also benefit service reliability of bus routes using those roads.

This was followed on 25 March by a major announcement that, if elected, the Government would cap the maximum daily fare at the same rate as for Zone 1, meaning that commuters travelling across Zones 1 and 2, either to/ from the CBD or cross suburban, would receive a fare reduction. They also announced that trams would be fare free in the CBD grid and docklands, an initiative long supported by business and the Committee for Melbourne. The more cynical of us might perhaps suggest that that is just a recognition of or a surrender to the current reality of mass fare evasion on city trams. Ticket inspectors would cease patrolling the CBD trams and move to other areas of the system.

The changes, due to be implemented from 1 January 2015, would advantage those who arrive in the CBD by car or from the airport by Skybus who would then not require a Myki to get around the city. Likewise a Zone 2 to city daily commuter would save up to \$1,200 per year. The bottom line cost for the budget is expected to be \$100 million. Melbourne's train, tram and bus operators, who together recorded 524 million trips last financial year, were not told of the pre-election pledge and began investigating how it will affect them after learning about it through the media.

Initially the Opposition claimed that its plan to remove level crossings and build Melbourne Metro was more important and that the current system would fail to cope with increasing numbers of commuters. The Federal Government has already stated that it not would fund Melbourne Metro. Passenger Transport lobbyists were suspicious that the move would lead to higher Zone 1 fares, however this was denied by Transport Minister Terry Mulder who said that the current annual rise of 2.5% plus CPI would remain. However 24 hours later the Opposition leader Daniel Andrews said that as the money for the proposal would be in the state budget, Labor would not scrap the plan if it won office.

Mid April then saw a preliminary announcement by Premier Denis Napthine that a frequent electric rail link would be constructed to Melbourne airport using the Albion alignment. Further details were to be announced in the May budget. The status of Melbourne Metro was not made clear in this preliminary announcement. This was followed on 23 April by an announcement that construction of Southland station would commence in 2015 but at a cost of \$21m, which is \$8m more than was estimated before the last election and will be a "no frills" version with no toilets, waiting room, lifts, bike cage or bus stops as per the original proposal.

Public Transport and the East West Tunnel

The other major issue for the State Election is expected to be the controversial East West Tunnel project to connect the Eastern and Tullamarine freeways with a second stage proposal connecting to the Westgate freeway. The State and Federal Governments support the proposal and currently propose that contracts will have been signed prior to the due date of the election. This has been slammed by the Opposition and Green based protest groups who want the election to be a referendum on the project.

In early February 2014, as part of its strategy to further sell the East West tunnel project to the Victorian public, the State Government announced a package of related public transport initiatives. Dedicated bus lanes are proposed to be added to Hoddle Street and Victoria Parade within two years, while major upgrades to tram services along Lygon, Brunswick and Smith Streets in Carlton and Fitzroy would be completed by 2019. The Premier Dr Napthine said the Government would also consult with bicycle Victoria and Yarra Council on a new dedicated bicycle path which would run along Alexandra Parade and link with the local bicycle network, the Yarra Trail and Royal Park to the Moonee Ponds Creek.

Transport Minister Terry Mulder said the package included a \$47 million upgrade of the Doncaster Area Rapid Transit (DART) bus service. "We will upgrade DART with new bus lanes along Hoddle Street and upgraded bus stops, including a new free-flowing exit off the Eastern Freeway," he said. The DART bus route will also be changed slightly, turning left into Macarthur St then right into Albert St and onto Lonsdale St, thereby avoiding the horror intersection of Victoria Parade and Nicholson St.



TOP: WA Government Railways (L40) a Boltons bodied Leyland Lion coach which was new in 1965 seen at Albany.



CENTRE: MTT (433) a Boltons bodied Leyland Worldmaster, new in 1961. It was one of a batch of 171 built by four Perth builders in the early 1960s.

BOTTOM: Former Swan Transit (254) a 1978 Mercedes 0305 with J.W. Boltons body is seen here in later life as a school bus at Narrogin.. (All photos by Bruce Tilley)



Tram services running north/south across Alexandra Parade are set to be given \$29 million improvements under the package. The Government estimates that East West Link is finished it will reduce the traffic on Alexandra Parade by 30 per cent which will make it possible to reset the traffic lights on Lygon St, Nicholson St, Brunswick St and Smith St giving more priority to trams. Tram priority lanes and superstops, similar to the works currently underway on Nicholson St, will also be installed, though the Government says there still be two car lanes on all the routes. The Government says the money for the project is coming from the \$6 billion to \$8 billion it estimates the East West Link will cost.

On 9 March, The Age newspaper reported that consideration was being given to the introduction of up to 30 cross regional high frequency bus routes, operating to Smart Bus like standards, throughout the metropolitan area. While the routes proposed were not detailed, it is understood that at least some of them (e.g Elwood to Latrobe University) have been proposed in previous studies.

Pen Picture of a Rural Operator – O’Connell’s of Omeo

By Alan Ofak

The Blue Duck Inn is situated at the junction of the Cobungra, Bundarra and Mitta Mitta Rivers-hence the areas name is Anglers Rest because of the trout fishing. The site was originally built in 1900 as a slab construction with local timber as a butcher's shop serving the gold miners at nearby Mount Wills.

Billy O'Connell was a successful miner and bought the building in 1912 then obtained a liquor licence on the promise that the main road would pass his establishment. However this did not happen on the government survey of the day. He therefore nailed a panning dish to the front of the pub and wrote with irony "Blue Duck". This was a mining term for a white elephant.' In the early 1920's he transported two houses through the bush from Omeo-room by room. One became the main building of the pub and the other became the residence. If you have been to the area you would realise this would have been a very difficult job to do as the area is very rugged and inhospitable in winter. With his wife, Lillian Billy had nine children and there are a large number of O'Connell descendants in the Omeo area.

O' Connells sold the pub in 1946 and it passed through many hands until the liquor licence was relinquished in 1967 with the gold running out in the area. The pub reopened in 1998 with cabins added out the side where a small school built by Billy O'Connell used to stand.

The O'Connell family have operated buses since 1958 as D.M (Max) and D.J. (Dot) O'Connell. The business was managed by their son Rod from 1976 onwards. He later purchased the business and registered it as a company on 21/11/95.

Three full time contracts are operated.

(1) Omeo-Mount Hotham-Bright. 'Alps Link" is a route service which commenced as a trial service in 5/07 until 30/5/08 operating a return trip each Monday and Friday. By 2010 it was thrice weekly. In summer it operates Monday/Wednesday/Friday and in winter it operates Wednesday/Friday/Sunday. Departure from Omeo is at 8.30am arriving in Bright at 10.45pm. The return leaves Bright at 1.20pm, arriving in Omeo at 3.20pm. A new 5 year contract for this service was issued from 1/7/13.

(2) School bus contract from Omeo Primary School to Omeo Valley (Blue Duck Inn). This was the original contract purchased in 1958 and originally ran with a VW Kombi minibus. This connects to and from the two buses which run from Omeo to the district high school at Swifts Creek.

(3) School bus contract from Swifts Creek to Omeo (including Omeo Primary School) then to Cobungra and Dinner Plain. This contract started in 1973 operating just to Cobungra and was extended to Dinner Plain by at least 2011.It would be the highest altitude school bus contract in Victoria.

There is also an additional winter snow service from Dinner Plain to Geebung Polo Club and Cobungra. Trips depart Dinner Plain at 9.30am, 10.30am and 11.30am, returning from Geebung Polo Club at 2.30pm, 3.30pm and 4.30pm.

The current fleet is 0062 AO BCI PK6930AT (LGG5SKCM27H002101 9/07) C43F-reg 1/10/07 on Swifts Creek-Dinner Plain; 0063 AO Nissan Civilian (100027 1/94) B19C,ex FEH 776; 0064 AO Mitsubishi Rosa (00490 6/04) C24C -reg 8/7/04 and allocated to Omeo-Omeo Valley; 0065 AO Toyota Hi Ace (401006787

8/01) B13C; 7140 AO Mitsubishi Rosa (00351 1/04) C24C-reg 16/7/09 ex Hinter Coast Transport Eumundi 983 JMW and there is also a new but as yet unsighted full size BCI or Bonluck for the Omeo-Bright service.

Some previously operated vehicles were KEN 950 Toyota Coaster (1973) B18V and KMS 243 Toyota Hi Ace (1971) B11C which comprised the fleet during the early 1970s. Subsequent buses which have come and gone are: IIR 054 Toyota Coaster (1/76) ex Dawson, Raywood, INU 853 Toyota Coaster (021395 8/76) B18C ex Kangaroo Flat Bus Lines, IXJ 244 Toyota Coaster (1977) B18C ex Kangaroo Flat Bus Lines, ARL 914 Toyota Landcruiser 10 seater, ASZ 666 Mazda Parkway (1980) B17C, NAV 741 Nissan Civilian (1992) B22C rereg 0064 AO, CEX 805 Toyota, BGY 883 Hino AM100 (42256/ K17561) B27F, FWT 782 Toyota Coaster B19C & 0062 AO Isuzu LT1-11P/ Ansair (IS1788 7/88) B49F ex DMN 371 – previous bus on the Swifts Creek run

ADELAIDE'S NEW CITYFREE SERVICE

The new free City Connector has been created by merging Adelaide Metro's City Loop service with the Adelaide City Council's free city bus services and commenced on Monday 27 January 2014. Route 98 (98A anti-clockwise and 98C clockwise) link the City and North Adelaide every 30 minutes seven days a week including Public Holidays. Route 99 (99A anti-clockwise and 99C clockwise) link the main City destinations every 30 minutes on weekdays. Together routes 98 and 99 provide a 15 minutes service in both directions through the City along Grote Street, Morphett Street, Whitmore Square, Sturt Street, Halifax Street, Hutt Street, East Terrace and North Terrace.

The new City Connector bus service uses modern low floor Adelaide Metro buses. The bus fleet will comprise of the Tindo electric bus, two Hybrid Diesel-Electric buses and four diesel buses that are the latest in design and meet the current strict noise and emissions standards. All buses are low floor, wheelchair accessible, air-conditioned and be able to accommodate at least 30 seated passengers.

Customers of the new service are able to tell exactly when the next bus will arrive by accessing real-time arrival information on the Adelaide Metro website using a tablet, laptop or smart phone. Real-time passenger information will be available on the Adelaide Metro website and the **Adelaide Metro Mobile website**. Bus stops have been progressively upgraded to accommodate Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements and the larger buses.

On weekdays, the City Connector provides a 15-minute frequency through the city and a 30 minute frequency to North Adelaide. At the weekend, only the 30-minute service operates, linking the city and North Adelaide. The services are also more frequent and run for longer each day, from early in the morning until 7.15pm daily, with additional services operating on Friday evenings until 9.15pm.

AUSTRALIAN DESIGN RULES AND AXLE WEIGHT REVIEWS

Buses in Australia have, for many years, been required to meet a set of Australian Design Rules (ADRs) which include setting height and weight limits and rollover strengths. ADRs are developed and administered by the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, which has announced a significant review of ADRs. Of the 62 ADRs in existence, 20 apply specifically to buses and seven of these are part of the review which is aimed at accounting for technical advancements in Europe and to further harmonise Australian rules with European Union requirements. The specific ADRs to be reviewed over the next 18 months are those covering lighting and locations, braking systems, trailer brake systems for coaches pulling trailers of over 4.5 tonnes, Specific Purpose Vehicle Requirements, Requirements for Omnibuses designed for hire and reward and Standards for rollover strength and occupant protection in buses.

In another review the National Transport Commission has called for input to a discussion paper on increasing mass limits for two axle buses and coaches, following the change in the last 18 months by Victoria and New South Wales to increase the maximum allowance from 16 tonnes to 18 tonnes.

ERRATUM

Ian Cooper has written to point out an error in the caption to a photo on page 45 of the last ABP 29.5. ACTION BUS 302 is an IRISBUS Agoraline not a Eurorider.



A selection of the vehicles operated over the years by O'Connell's of Omeo.

TOP: Operating in an alpine area does of course mean snow at times. BGY 883 Hino AC140 does its snow bunny impersonation At the Dinner Plain resort. (Hayden Ramsdale)



CENTRE: INU 853 was an ex Kangaroo Flat Bus Lines 1976 Toyota Coaster seen passing your editor's first car on his first visit to Omeo in 1981.

BOTTOM: The school run into Swifts Creek school was, until 2007, performed by 0062 AC a 1988 Isuzu LT1-11P/ Ansair seen in this 2001 photo. (Both photos Geoff Foster)



NATIONAL NEWS ROUNDUP – VICTORIA

January changes update

In addition to the list of timetable changes in regional Victoria on January 28 & 29 in the past issue, additional evening services were added to La Trobe Valley's inter-town service between Moe, Morwell & Traralgon (Route 1) including 19:30 ex Traralgon weeknights, 20:07 & 21:07 ex Moe Fridays, 20:00 & 21:00 ex Traralgon Fridays, 18:30 ex Traralgon Saturdays & 18:37 ex Moe Saturdays. The Horsham – Mildura service now operates from Horsham on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Mildura Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, improving access to the Ouyen V/line coach. New online timetables have also appeared for Christians' services in the provincial city of Bendigo but there don't appear to be any changes of note. Revised versions of the new timetables introduced as part of the changes to the Warrnambool network on 28 January have also appeared since the first editions were made available online in early December. Selected peak services were ultimately cancelled, leaving gaps of up to 90 minutes on some town routes, presumably as a result of the separate school network being maintained. Off-peak inbound services on Route 6 have also been moved 30 mins to eliminate excessive layover at Merrivale.

Gisbus

Gisborne residents have expressed their anger to local media with the changes made to the Gisbus service in January. The successful demand response service, previously operated by three buses, was downgraded to a fixed bus between the station and town centre (Route 473) and a second bus continuing to operate across a demand responsive zone through the rest of town (Route 474), although with a reduced span. The pick-ups no longer incorporate Jacksons Creek, connections with trains have been disrupted with buses no longer waiting for excessively late trains, some fixed stops have been placed in dangerous locations and the fixed route has made the service less accessible for mobility impaired passengers. It is also understood that although fixed stops were added to the demand responsive zone, passengers must still book to be collected at these points, unlike the TeleBus model operated in Melbourne's outer east where buses will pass fixed stops every trip, making them largely redundant.

In response to the complaints, the third bus was reinstated on 10 February, with two buses providing home pick-ups, operating as Route 474 & 474a. The Gisbus website also states the demand responsive bus now starts at 05:30, meeting the 06:06 train to Melbourne – at the time of writing the PTV website was still showing the first 474 arrival into Gisborne Station as being 07:02. It is not known if any of the early afternoon peak trips between 14:30 & 16:00 have been reinstated.

Printed timetables endangered?

As a cost-saving measure, Public Transport Victoria has recently ceased reprinting timetables for routes where few passengers are requesting printed copies. Instead, a simple A3 timetable is now produced as required, producing a more basic format with timetable panels matching the online PDF format. Timetables for Routes 623 (St Kilda – Glen Waverley) & 735 (Box Hill – Nunawading) are among the first to be issued in this new format. Both routes carry moderate patronage and run 7 days a week, in comparison to others routes with limited peak or shopper services, so it would appear partly a case of drivers not freely handing out timetables on board, hence stock is not exhausted as quickly as for other routes and operators.

The usual timetable booklets have been sighted for services that had a timetable change in January, although new timetables for Craigieburn Routes 529, 533 & 537 were also issued in this format due to a production delay for the standard booklet. However, one questions how long it will be until all bus timetables across Victoria are placed in this new 'on demand' format, with passengers further encouraged online or to smartphone apps. Staff training regarding the new timetable format appears limited. A visit to the PTV Hub at Southern Cross in early February failed to obtain a timetable for 533 or 623, with the staff member simply advising timetables for these routes are now only available online, and not offering to print one off.

Printed timetable booklets for tram services were discontinued about 5 years ago, the only printed information available on the system being fold out leaflets showing a stick-line route map (including peak journey times), average frequencies and times of the first and last tram each day. This may work for high frequency services but a timetable is still important at night and on Sunday mornings when reduced services operate only every 20 to 30 mins.

Mornington Peninsula Shire buses

Commencing 24 February an updated timetable was introduced for the PenBus service, operated by Ventura as part of a partnership between the Federal Government and Mornington Peninsula Shire. The service, available free to students, apprentices and jobseekers on application, links Rosebud with Monash University Clayton with stops at Chisholm TAFE in Frankston & Monash University's Peninsula Campus. Students living in adjacent municipalities including Frankston, Kingston and Monash may also use the service, including for return travel to education and jobs on the peninsula. Six daily return trips are now provided between Rosebud & Frankston, 4 continuing onto Monash University Clayton directly, with the other two providing connections with the university's private inter-campus shuttle. The original timetable introduced in May 2013 was limited to three return services. An article in the 19/2/14 edition of *Chelsea Mordialloc Mentone News* stated that 118 students had currently applied to use the service, 50 since the New Year. Regular PenBus users can save over an hour using the direct service to reach Monash University Clayton, compared to slower public transport options which take over 2 hours each way. The Mornington Peninsula website no longer advises of the separate cross-peninsula link that had connected Hastings with Chisholm TAFE's Rosebud campus which had provided a return service.

Meanwhile, McCrae Bus Lines are currently operating a trial Night Owl bus along Point Nepean Rd between Rye & Dromana between 23:00 and 02:00 Friday and Saturday evenings. The trial, which began on 1 March will continue until 26 April and is an initiative of Mornington Peninsula Shire, supported by Southern Peninsula Liquor Accord and Rosebud Police. One-way fares cost \$6. A 'timetable' on the shire's website only lists the operating span and 13 pick up stops. A single bus would likely take an hour to do a return trip, making a published timetable vital to ensure the service is a success. The council website also advises that PTV has extended the "Conti bus" which runs a loop between Portsea and Sorrento, serving Continental Hotel in Sorrento has been extended to Rye, although no timetable or route information is provided. McCrae Bus Lines run this service using an ex Metro Tasmania MAN/ Ansair midibus..

As result of the late night bus trials, it is now possible to make an overnight trip on the southern peninsula into Melbourne via public transport – Conti Bus to Rye, Night Owl Bus to Rosebud, 788 NightRider shuttle to Mornington and 970 NightRider into Melbourne.

Westrans slowdown

Advice on the CDC Victoria website stated that Westrans Werribee services may experience delays from January as result of changes to a number of arterial road speed limits across Wyndham from 70km/h to 60km/h. This is part of gradual statewide review by Vicroads to eliminate 70km/h limits. Readers may recall operators faced similar issues after residential street speed limits across Victoria were changed from 60km/h to 50km/h in January 2001. Meanwhile, the new Route 410 timetable introduced by Westrans Sunshine in late January has reportedly seen buses regularly arriving Sunshine from Footscray between 5 and 15 minutes early after afternoon peak trips were lengthened by up to 14 minutes. Some trips timetabled at just 13km/h.

Network maps added online

PTV has recently added diagrammatic network maps for outer suburban bus networks in Berwick, Craigieburn, Pakenham, Point Cook, Sunbury & Werribee to their website, which were previously only included in printed timetable booklets. The Berwick network map only covers routes in the Berwick timetable booklet with Routes 828, 895 & 926 omitted along with limited shopper Routes 695F, 697, 838 & 842. A SmartBus network map has also added online, which previously was only used in a Seniors Travel Guide produced in 2010. The map contains errors however, with the train network overlaid on the map at the wrong scale and the transposal of Victoria Park & Collingwood Stations. As at the time of writing, PTV had yet to update the online versions of their metropolitan municipal local area maps (produced by Melway) to reflect changes in January, although new versions have been sighted at some bus stops.

Rail replacement Bus Contracts.

As a result of contract changes from March 2014, planned and unplanned bus replacements on the Craigieburn Line are now provided by Kastoria Bus Lines. Dysons have retained the South Morang and Hurstbridge lines and Sita the western suburbs lines. Response times have been tightened in the new contracts to encourage the contracted operators to also engage other nearby operators with spare capacity. Metro also now have the option to call in Standby Buses in the event of an emergency where normal train operations are threatened.



Around the States:

TOP: Darwin Bus Service (120) 8.120 a 2004 Volvo B12BLE/ Volgren is seen at the Palmerston interchange working route 72 to Bakewell. (Alan Jones)



CENTRE: BUS 342 is one of the latest batch of buses for Metro, Hobart being a 2014 Customs CB80 bodied Scania K280UB. (Bruce Tilley)



BOTTOM: City Sightseeing have transferred two of their Anhui Ankai open top deckers to Cairns for their operation in that city. 430 and 431 are seen at the Cairns depot on 28/3/14. (Scott Mitchell)

Transdev service standards

A full version of Transdev's contract to run the metropolitan bus franchise has been made available on the PTV website. Of particular interest is the inclusion of minimum service standards that Transdev must use in the development of their Greenfields network which contract documents state is due to be implemented "no later than 30 April 2015". Service standards are:

- Premium Tier 1 - SmartBus orbital routes: 10 min day service, 20 min evening service 05:00 – 24:00 daily
- Premium Tier 2 – SmartBus branch routes (DART, 903 Sunshine – Altona, other 'high performing routes'): 20 mins 05:00 – 24:00 daily
- Connector – "Direct bus services providing commuter services": 20 min peak, 20 – 40 mins off-peak 07:00 – 19:00 weekdays, 40 – 60 mins 07:00 – 19:00 weekends
- Coverage "coverage bus service with limited commuter services": 20 – 60 mins peak, hourly other times, 07:00 – 19:00 7 days

The standards suggest the introduction of more frequent services on the SmartBus network (currently 15 mins off-peak, 30 mins evenings & weekends) along with later Sunday evening services after 21:00 as well as the introduction of much improved Sunday services across Doncaster & Ringwood, where many local routes either do not operate or only every 2 hours, dating back to previous upgrades implemented in the late 90s when Sunday retail trading was only in it's infancy. It is not clear if the standards will allow lead to axing of later evening services on local Routes 271, 279, 286 & 366 which currently run until midnight during the week.

The changes are expected to come at "no cost" to PTV, which may require substantial route rationalisation to achieve upgrades elsewhere. However, it would appear that 1990s standard of operating buses within 400m of 95% of Manningham residents has been relaxed, as there is no geographical coverage requirement stated in the contract documents, which may allow for removal of underperforming route segments in residential back streets, such as parts of the Manningham Mover.

Going 'Downtown'

Among the various trials of new destination files across their fleet in recent months, a bizarre choice has appeared on Transdev buses to replace the common 'City' destination. Some buses now show 'Downtown', a term only used commonly across North America. It is believed that following customer feedback, including on their Twitter feed, that the operator will revert back to the standard 'City' destination.

Other 'desto' experiments have included the widespread use of the operator's branding on in-service destinations, often scrolling between a full size destination name & another with the final destination on the top line followed by the company logo and even 'Transdev' on the second screen, removal of the word 'via' to indicate midpoints displayed with the destination, and the use of pictograms and shopping centre logos in conjunction with destinations - for instance a row of pine trees on the "The Pines" destination or a Southern Cross star for buses operating via Southern Cross Station! It is understood that much of this activity has been undertaken by one individual on an unpaid basis.

St Kilda Festival

Despite the transfer of Routes 246, 600, 922 & 923 Transdev, along with Route 623 changing hands between Driver & Eastrans (CDC), service arrangements for the 2014 St Kilda Festival on 9 February were the same as previous years: The St Kilda Festival on Sunday 10 February 2013 saw the now standard alternations to bus routes in St Kilda. Route 246 (Clifton Hill – Elsternwick) south of Alma Rd operated as a connecting shuttle during the afternoon & early evening to avoid traffic congestion around the festival impacting on-time running north of St Kilda Junction. Routes 600, 922 & 923 (St Kilda – Southland) operated to a Saturday timetable & services were truncated at Barkly St. Route 606 (Port Melbourne – Elsternwick) was truncated on the north side of St Kilda at Park St & Mary St. Any passengers travelling to Elwood or Elsternwick were advised find their own way through the festival to connect to 246. Route 623 (St Kilda – Glen Waverley) operated additional trips ex St Kilda at 21:45, 22:45, 23:45 & 24:45.

East West Bus service

Contrary to what was previously believed and reported Dysons did not fully take over East West Bus Service last year as part of the Reservoir Bus Co/ Midland Tours buyout. However in February 2014 Dyson's Board of Directors announced that Dysons have now fully acquired East West Bus Company Pty Ltd. East West was

previously a joint venture between Dysons and the former shareholders of the Reservoir Bus Company, that successfully operated for over 30 years. Since the acquisition of the Reservoir Bus Group, Dysons have been responsible for the operation of the East West services, and East West will continue to operate as normal in this interim period. East West employs twelve drivers and planning is underway to further integrate East West operations into Dysons into the future.

Cowes – Wonthaggi changes

South Coast Bus subsidiary, Phillip Island Bus, made minor revisions to the timetable for their Cowes – Wonthaggi route on 22 December to maintain connections with connecting V/line coaches. Buses are timetabled to meet V/line coaches at Anderson to provide pulse connections to supplement the direct V/line services (i.e. the Inverloch V/line coach is met with a bus into Cowes, with the Cowes coach meeting the local inter-town bus heading towards Wonthaggi and vice versa) thus providing a more frequent service into each town, along with a direct link for those making local travel. South Coast Bus was formed after Michael & Peter Wright, owners of metropolitan operator Moreland Bus, purchased Gippsland Bus Services in November 2012 from the Hotham family. In April 2013 the new acquisition was expanded with the purchase of Phillip Island Bus Lines from the Evans family.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Australia Long Weekend events

Residents of the national capital attending the Australia Celebrates Live concert on Australia Day eve on the lawns of Parliament House were able to travel to/from the event on board free chartered buses. These ran from Gungahlin, Belconnen, City & Woden between 1530 & 1900, with return buses operating from 2000 until midnight. Confusing advice on the ACTION website stated hourly buses departed Gungahlin 'hourly' between 1530 & 1900! Regular weekend routes 900 & 932 also stopped nearby.

ACTION provided free shuttle buses for participants taking part in the MS Colour Dash fun-run on Australia Day morning from the Treasury car parks to the starting line at Black Mountain Peninsula between 0800 & 1000. Runners were encouraged to catch weekend routes 900, 932, 934 or 935 to meet these buses. Following the Australia Day Fireworks Spectacular on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin, free shuttle buses departed from Regatta Point to Gungahlin, Belconnen, City, Woden & Tuggeranong.

City Interchange Temporarily Closed.

City Bus Station (platforms 1-9) were closed due to an explosion and subsequent fire at the Sydney Building on Monday 17th February. All Rapid and Xpresso services were altered to depart from platforms 10 and 11, whilst all other services (including Queanbeyan and Yass) moved to Alinga Street outside Canberra House and Marcus Clark Street. All stops on London Circuit (East) were back in use after being closed until 14:00 on the 18th. Transport officers were stationed at the temporary interchange and in the City Bus station to guide passengers as about one third of the bus station was blocked off with water bollards and fencing. On 20 & 21 February, ACTION provided a two wheelchair accessible shuttle buses between 08:00 & 18:00, which ran a continuous loop in the city centre stopping closer to the bus station. Most bays were reopened on 21 February.

Red Rapid efficiency trial

A new timetable for ACTION's Red Rapid 200 was trialed from on 17 February to improve efficiency and ensure buses pass intermediate time points closer to the published timetable. Departures from both termini, Canberra Outlet Centre (formerly DFO) in Fyshwick and Gungahlin Town Centre, were unchanged but runtimes along the route were revised. ACTION advised that results from the trial will be 'continually analysed' and may lead to further revisions to the timetable. Unfortunately, the abovementioned fire in the CBD caused disruptions to services during the first week.

New Park and Ride Facilities.

The new North Weston Park and Ride on Crotter Rd, Weston Creek officially opened on 19 February. Free parking is provided for 49 cars plus 24 bikes. The facility is currently on served by two return Xpresso 729 services, although additional routes are being considered as part of Network 2014. This followed the previous opening of a 60 car facility near bus stops on Johnson Drive and Were Street, Calwell on 21 November 2013.

Real Time Passenger Information.

On 2 December 2013 Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, Shane Rattenbury announced that works would commence on a real time passenger transport information system to be installed at major stops. Initial sites include the major Belconnen, Woden, Tuggeranong, Gungahlin and City bus stations as well as Cohen Street, Barton, Kippax, City West and Australian National University. Information to be provided on the system, based on live tracking of ACTION buses, will include projected arrival times and whether the bus will be wheelchair accessible or has a bike rack.

Royal Canberra Show

Pre-purchased tickets to the ActewAGL Royal Canberra Show at Exhibition Park (EPIC) on 21 to 23 February allowed free travel on ACTION services. On Friday 21 February passengers could access EPIC via Red Rapid 200 or 56, 57 & 58. Over the weekend, travel arrangements to the show included:
 Tuggeranong - Hourly 992 shuttle or Blue Rapid 900 every 15 mins to City to change to routes 991, 992 or 993
 Woden – Half hourly 992 or 993 shuttle or Blue Rapid 900 every 15 mins to City to change to routes 991-993.
 City – routes 991, 992 & 993 providing a combined 15 min service with hourly weekend routes 956 & 958
 Belconnen – Hourly Route 990 shuttle or weekend Routes 956 & 958 (both hourly)
 Gungahlin – Routes 956 or 958 (both hourly)

The information failed to state the time of the last service to Exhibition Park on each route. On both Friday & Saturday evening ACTION provided return buses between 20:00 to midnight to City Bus Station.

Football Shuttles

StarTrack Oval in Manuka played host to a NAB challenge pre-season AFL game on 20 February between the Greater Western Sydney Giants and Sydney Swans. Free travel across the ACTION network was provided to pre-purchased ticket holders. Special charter buses departing City Bus Station half-hourly between 17:30 & 19:00. Shuttle buses will also be provided to AFL games during the home & away season on 12 April, 3 May & 9 August. Similar arrangements were applied to the Super Rugby Game between the UC Brumbies and Reds on 22 February and will apply to other UC Brumbies home games on 15 & 22 March, 4 & 25 April, 10 & 31 May and 11 June.

Network 2014 Delayed.

On 24 January, it was announced that bus network changes, originally scheduled for early in 2014 were being deferred until mid year. It was alleged that planned changes to shorten travel times were too drastic and that numerous changes were being made as a result of commuter feedback.

Fares.

From 4 January 2014 fares were increased by an average of 7.5%. Cash fares rose from \$4.20 to \$4.50 for adults and from \$2.10 to \$2.20 concession. MyWay holders now pay \$2.84 instead of \$2.65 in peak and \$2.25 instead of \$2.10 off peak with similar rises for concession fare travellers.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Infrastructure (New Buses, OPAL, Light Rail, Cleaning, North Sydney depot)

The order for 80 new Scania K280UB with Bustech bodies for delivery this financial year, has been increased to 117 with delivery continuing up to June 2015. The new buses are distinguished by their white LED destination and route displays, finally selected after consultation with Vision Australia.

The rollout of the OPAL fare collection system continues, with the remainder of the Sydney Trains Network coming on-line from 28 March, with extension from 4 April to TrainLink stations as far south as Goulburn and Bombaderry in the Illawarra. From 11 April, TrainLink stations on the Blue Mountains and Newcastle and Hunter lines will be also be included. The northern line to Wyong, ferry services and three trial bus routes 333, 594 and 594H were commissioned earlier. OPAL will be extended to the Light Rail system next year. Some 140,000 OPAL cards have been issued and there have been over 5.5 million journeys using the OPAL cards. The system will be one of the largest in the world over 40,000 square kilometres. The fitting out of all buses



TOP: Torrens Transit (1566) SB57FW Scania K280UB/ Customs CB80 with O-Bahn guide wheels fitted, traverses Victoria Square on route G10.

CENTRE: Pretty in pink is Young's of Rockhampton 105 SYS Volvo B7RLE/ Express on route 20 to Roslyn.

BOTTOM: The first of the Fuso low floor buses to enter service in Australia belongs to Turnbull of Yarram, Victoria, seen here at Traralgon. (All photos by Dave Copley)

continues, some 5,000 vehicles are involved due for activation by the end of the year. The project was named Australia's 2014 Smart Infrastructure Project of the year.

The Sydney Light Rail extension from Lilyfield to Dulwich Hill opened on Thursday 27 March, with 9 new stops on the former freight rail line. Three second hand CAF Urbos 2 trams from Velez-Malaga and a fourth from Seville, Spanish cities are now in service. One of the original 1997 built trams, (no.2106) Adtranz Variotram, was dismantled on 14 March and trucked from the Pymont Depot, while the other six are in service. No bus services were affected by the extension.

Contracts for the outsourcing of bus spring cleaning and night sweep services have been let for implementation by June. Offers of redundancies were to be made to affected STA staff. UrbanGrowth, NSW has called for Expressions of Interest for the redevelopment of North Sydney Bus depot. Applications were closed on 28 March 2014.

Newcastle All Over advertising

Since late 2013, a number of buses in all over advertising have appeared in Newcastle. Whilst there has often been one or two buses so treated since the 1980s in the city, the number has grown to a recorded total of 13 vehicles, involving buses Nos. 1406, 1410, 1412, 1417, 1590, 2048, 2390, 2394, 2400 and 2447. This excludes other vehicles, with advert panels along most, but not all of the offside. An unofficial report advised that the advertising contract or its terms, had changed. Details of recent reports are listed in the "Notes" section.

Hillsbus January improvements

Timetable enhancements, including 580 extra trips per week, were introduced on several Hillsbus services on Tuesday 28 January including:

602X (Rouse Hill – North Sydney via Lane Cove Tunnel) & 612X (Kellyville – Milsons Point via Lane Cove Tunnel) replaces the former 602 & 612. Epping Rd customers can change to the new 627 along the M2 busway. Both routes no longer serve Blue St or Miller St in the afternoon, instead stopping on the Pacific Hwy outside Greenwood Plaza. Inbound 602X trips increased from 8 to 11 with outbound trips increased from 9 to 12 with last bus now leaving North Sydney 19 mins later at 1836. Extra 612X short workings ex Castle Hill at 0750 & 1650 to Castle Hill.

607X/617X (Rouse Hill – City) received additional peak & shoulder peak services. The first 617X now arrives the City 42 minutes earlier at 06:38.

Sunday evening services on 610X between City, Castle Hill & Rouse Hill have been boosted from hourly to half hourly, matching upgrades to 607X in November. The previous 3-hour gap for passengers travelling beyond Castle Hill was also plugged with the extension of the 2105 & 2205 services onto Rouse Hill. 610, 610X & M61 also received revised runtimes throughout the week.

611 (Blacktown – Macquarie Park) will have 3 additional morning peak trips & 2 additional afternoon peak trips. The last bus will now leave Blacktown at 2120 instead of 1920, and Macquarie Park an hour later 2210. Hourly weekend services also introduced including Saturday twilight services operating until after 9pm.

613X (Bella Vista – City) inbound trips boosted from 5 to 8 with last departure ex Bella Vista 30 mins later at 0746. Outbound trips now every 20 minutes instead of 30 mins, with last bus leave Railway Square 20 mins later at 1812. Updated running times saving over 15 minutes in some cases.

614 (Crestwood – City) trips boosted from 8 to 11 in either direction with last bus ex Crestwood 35 mins later at 0741. Updated running times.

615X no longer terminates at Riley T-Way Station. Selected trips have been extended along Samantha Riley Dr, Hezlett Rd & Barry Rd to serve developing North Kellyville, while all other journeys operate to/from Acres Rd near Windsor Rd.

Updated running times for 616X (Kellyville Ridge – City), 618 (City – Norwest Business Park), 619 (Rouse Hill – Macquarie Park) & 628 (Macquarie Park – Norwest Business Park) following the completion of road works along the M2 motorway.

New 627 service introduced between Castle Hill & Chatswood running eastbound mornings and westbound afternoon with approx. hour travel time. Largely 20 min headway with 30 min intervals at start/end of day. Buses arrive Chatswood between 0636 & 0947, returning from 1530 until 1910. Given the buses would be operating dead in the opposite direction, a missed opportunity to operate least a handful of trips for counter-flow travel, to build demand prior to north-west rail line opening in 2019.

T64 (Rouse Hill – Parramatta) received additional peak & off peak services throughout the day between Nor-west Business Park & Parramatta. Early evening departures from Parramatta now every 30 mins instead of hourly.

Additional services on T65 (Rouse Hill – Parramatta) along with T-way, including boosting direct T-way services from 30 to 20 minutes during the weekday inter-peak. Sister route T66 extending beyond Rouse Hill Town Centre has minor timetable revisions to accommodate the T65 improvement.

The state government reports that patronage on buses in the north-western Hills district has grown by 16% in a year with buses now carrying 14.8 million passengers annually. All new timetable booklets have been issued in the updated Transport NSW format.,

Peak boost for Northern Beaches

Sydney Buses introduced a new Warriewood Valley Express service on Wednesday 29 January – the unusual starting day chosen to coincide with schools returning for 2014. E85 supplements the existing L85 service, serving all stops between Mona Vale & Narrabeen, then only Collaroy, Dee Why, Warringah Mall, Spit Jcn & Neutral Bay Jcn. Four services run in the morning peak arriving Wynyard between 0717 & 0857, with six outbound departures from 1530 until 1810. Savings of up to 10 minutes are offered in comparison to the L85. Other additional peak services commencing the same day included: 136 ex Manly to Chatswood at 0750; 144 ex Neutral Bay to Royal North Shore Hospital at 0820; E65 ex Wynyard to South Curl Curl at 1731; L80 ex Dee Why to Wynyard at 0713; L88 ex City to Mona Vale at 1530. Minor revisions were introduced on routes E88, L90 & 246. New timetables were produced for these and for most other northside routes all in the new format.

815 morning extension

To improve access for residents in Mount Pritchard, from 16 January Transit Systems extended morning peak departures on route 815. Trips previously commencing at Oliphant St at David St now leave 2 minutes earlier at Anderson Ave at David St. Services serve this stop at other times on the return trip from Cabramatta Station. It is unknown if previous operator Metrolink unofficially picked up passengers from this location prior to October's contract change.

Busways revisions

Busways implemented timetable revisions on 29 January to aid service reliability including: the 682 service departing Whitby Way turnaround at 0701 now leaves at 0655; the 1606 departures from Richmond Station on 668 (Glossodia), 680 (Bowen Mountain) & 682 (Kurrajong) now leave 5 minutes later at 1611 (just a train arrives after a 30 min connection with the previous train); There are revised afternoon peak departures on Route 740 from Macquarie Park to Blacktown after 1640 weekdays and an additional trip was added to 759 departing Mt Druitt for St Marys at 0750 weekdays, plugging the existing 54 min gap. Also from 17 February there is an extra 724 between Blacktown & Arndell Park at 1441 weekdays.

Coogee balancing

To help balance loads between peak express services from Coogee, from 3 February services on X74 no longer pick up along Arden St at Coogee Beach. Passengers boarding at Coogee Beach can continue to access X73 or M50.

Special services

Hillsbus and Sydney buses provided numerous extra services on Australia Day for those attending events in the Sydney CBD. To cater for crowds attending Opera in the Domain on 1 February, Sydney Buses boosted afternoon services on Routes 178, 431, L85, & L90. Extra services departed Circular Quay on Routes 324, 373, 380, 394, 423, 438 and Wynyard on Routes 175, 246, L85 & L90 during the evening. Sydney Buses provided additional Route 144 & 155 buses on 14, 15 & 16 February for those heading to Manly for the Australian Open Surfing completion.



A few more of the MTT Perth buses built by Boltions.

TOP: Leyland Leopard (800) was one of a batch new in 1969 seen at Midland station.

CENTRE: In a similar style is 1966 Leyland Tiger Cub 673 in a posed depot shot.



BOTTOM: 1979 and 1985 saw the delivery of two batches of Leyland B21s. The 1985 batch were built by Boltions numbered (25-34).(28) is seen here in the special red livery used on the Citylink services. The B21s did not work out for Perth and were sold early—this becoming (80) at Interline in Sydney. All photos by Bruce Tilley)





A look back at the M&MTB.

TOP: AEC Regal III (533) with 1953 Martin & King body at the old Queen Street terminus of the Fisherman's Bend services.



CENTRE: AEC Regal VI/Freighter (799) - the last of a batch of 100, seen at the former terminus of the Doncaster routes in Russell Street, City.



BOTTOM: Leyland National (826) at the outer terminus of route 290. (All photos by Graeme Turnbull).

Q.City Transit

To allow Queanbeyan residents the option of attending the Bungendore Show on Australia Day, Qcity Transit provided complimentary shuttle services departing Queanbeyan at 0930 & 1200, with a return bus at 1530. Meanwhile, Qcity Transit are advertising on their Facebook page that adult Bungendore residents can catch school service 20 to arrive in Queanbeyan around 8am on school days, returning home at 1605. The service connects with various school services to Canberra schools along with Routes 830 to City and 831 to Woden. Previous operator Deanes had previously promoted this option in the 850 timetable, but the trips have been omitted from more recent editions of the printed and online public timetable.

Free rides from ‘The Cross’

As part of a wider initiative by NSW state government to reduce alcohol-fuelled violence announced in January, relievers travelling home from Kings Cross on weekend mornings can travel for free on either Sydney Buses Route 300 or Nightride N100 as of 31 January. The routes provide a combined 10-minute service into Town Hall & Railway Square, allowing connections to other buses home. Normal fares continue to apply for all other travel on N100 to/from Bondi Junction.

Route 300 replaced the free Route 999 from 14 December, with passengers initially required to pay a special \$2 fare to travel into town, penalising those holding return train tickets to Kings Cross (that are also valid on Nightride services). The return of free travel will also benefit those transferring to all night services departing the CBD on various Sydney Buses and Hillsbus routes.

QVB stop closure

The bus stop on George St opposite QVB closed on 2 March to allow for long-term construction works. Route 501 passengers are being advised to board buses at Town Hall, while other passengers can board buses at Town Hall or near The Strand Arcade. Inbound trips on E85 – E89 now set down at Town Hall in lieu of the closed stop.

Updated region guide maps

Updated regional maps have been available online by Sydney Buses showing the recent replacement of Route 999 with Route 300 plus the new E85 service on the northern beaches. Hillsbus has also placed an updated region 4 network map on their website following changes to Routes 602X, 612X, 615X introduced on January 28 along with the new 627 to Chatswood. Thankfully both operators’ maps are in the detailed and geographically accurate Transgraphics format previously used rather than moving towards a more diagrammatic format as is now used for individual route maps.

QUEENSLAND

Brisbane Transport January changes

In conjunction with the new train timetable introduced on 20 January, Brisbane Transport revised timetables on the following services to maintain connections with trains at Coopers Plains, Corinda, Ferny Grove, Keperra, Mitchelton, Sandgate & Yeerongpilly: 104 (Corinda – PA Hospital); 126 (Sunnybank – Acacia Ridge); 326 (Bracken Ridge – Toombul); 362 (The Gap – Mitchelton); 367 (Ferny Grove – Upper Kedron); 396 (Arana Hills – Mitchelton); 397 (Ferny Grove – Mitchelton) and 398 (Ferny Grove – Mitchelton).

Route 153 (Drewvale – City) was extended 250m west to a new stop on Trinity Way near Mirthwood Dr. This was same day Drewvale residents received their first all day service with the introduction of Bus Queensland’s new 547 service between Browns Plains & Woodridge.

Departures on BUZ Route 200 (Carindale Heights – City) were modified to better off-set with BUZ Route 222 (Carindale Heights – City (Roma St)) providing a bus every 10 minutes or better. The previous botched timetable change in October had seen weekday buses on both routes arrive and depart Carindale Interchange at the same time followed by a 15 min gap. Both routes operate along Old Cleveland Rd through Carina, Camp Hill & Coorparoo before operating different alignments into the City. As result of the latest timetable shift, three inbound 200 trips were deleted with an additional outbound trip added. The correction of the off-set coincided

with controversial removal of Transdev's 250 services into the City off peak and on weekends with passengers forced to change onto 200 or 222 at Carindale.

With the upgrade of Doomben line train services on 20 January, Rail Bus 303 no longer operates between Eagle Junction and Doomben, although continues to operate between Doomben and Myrtle town. The service, introduced in the early 1990s to replace the former Pinkenba rail service, was previously downgraded from a 7 day a week service to operate during peak periods only as part of October's SEQ review service rationalisation, a premature decision given Saturday trains were somewhat limited at the time & weekday trains still finished at the end of the PM peak. Departures have shifted by up to 32 minutes to connect with trains at Doomben.

City stop changes

Effective 28 January, City Stop 111 (North Quay near Adelaide St) & City Stop 16 (Adelaide Street near George St) were closed to allow construction works at the former Supreme Court site, affecting Routes 411, 412, 415, 416, 417, 433, 445 & 471. Routes P343, 363, 376, 382, 383, 390 & 746 no longer stop at City Stop 138 (Roma St near Ann St) instead using City Stop 12 (Ann St at City Hall). Additionally, two early afternoon trips on 361 ex Brookside now terminate at City Stop 9 (Ann St near King George Square) instead of City Stop 142 (Edward St near Elizabeth St).

BT February Changes

To maintain service reliability, Brisbane Transport introduced revised timetables on selected routes on 17 February, with some trips shifting by up to 12 minutes. Routes affected included: 370 (Chermside – City); 380 (The Gap – City); N385 (Fortitude Valley – City); 390 (Mitchellton – City) – including changes to CBD stops 428 (Chapel Hill – UQ); 432 (Kenmore – UQ); 475 (Rainworth – City) – 15:17 outbound service now originates at All Hallows School to provide a direct ride to Rainworth for students.

The Gap Park 'n' Ride opens

Translink opened a new Park 'n' Ride facility at Enoggera Reservoir, The Gap on 16 December. It features 85 parking spaces and 4 motorbike spaces. City Routes P384, 385 & N385 serve the facility.

Gold Coast Light Rail

Track laying between Gold Coast University Hospital and Broadbeach was completed in December 2013 and paving and landscaping works commenced. The final six trams were delivered around the same time. January to June 2014 sees extensive testing followed by a full service test prior to the official opening. In mid January the Queensland Government called tenders for the provision of engineering design and technical services for potential future stages of the light rail between Gold Coast University Hospital and the Gold Coast rail line.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Territorians wishing to enjoy New Year's Eve celebrations were able to access free all night buses running from 1900 until 0630. Buses ran every 30 to 60 minutes on five special routes – Red (largely route 4), green (combination of 2 & 9), blue (as per route 8), black (route 10 diverting via McMillians Rd & Lee Point Rd to serve Jingili & Moli) & Palmerston Connection (similar to peak 76 but serving parts of Gunn & Bakewell).

Darwin's buses will now carry advertising following a deal between the Northern Territory Department of Transport and Go Transit Media Group. The deal covers nearly 150 route and school buses in the Darwin region. The contract runs for three years with a two year optional extension. It commenced on 1 March with advertisements appearing from April onwards.

TASMANIA

Patronage on Tasmania's public transport declined by 3% in the 2012-2013 financial year, according to figures provided to a parliamentary hearing into government business. The now former Sustainable Transport Minister, Mick McKim told the hearing that patronage had increased by 3,000 during November 2013 following the introduction of new high frequency services.

Metro Tasmania has received seven new rigid Scania K280UB buses from Customs in early 2014 allowing 1989/90 model Scania's to be retired. However Metro remains well behind the eight ball towards meeting Disability Discrimination Act full accessibility targets having only 97 accessible buses but still over 110 high floor buses needing to be replaced. Percentage wise this is well behind all other major public city bus and most private route bus fleets in Australia. This has resulted from the combination of large numbers of high floor buses delivered between 1990 and 1995, followed by a five year hiatus in bus purchasing (covering the period of 1996-2000 when low floor accessible buses were introduced in large numbers to most other fleets) and only modest purchasing in the last five years. Ironically, most private route service operators in Tasmania now run all or nearly all accessible fleets on timetabled services, albeit involving much smaller actual numbers of buses.

On 15 March 2014, Tasmanian's elected a new coalition State Government with a clear majority ending 16 years of Labor and Labor/ Greens rule. There is no indication as yet what implications this may have either on the future of the proposed northern suburbs light rail or any possible privatisation of Metro Tasmania.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

February timetable changes

Revised timetables introduced on 2 & 3 February affect the following routes:

New public school days only service linking Maddington with Kalmunda in the AM peak and reverse in the PM peak (Route 279) introduced as part changes to school special network in the area.

310 (Midland – Upper Swan) & 311 (Midland – Bullsbrook - Muchea): An additional 310 service will depart from Governor Stirling Senior High School at 1505 on school days replacing School Special 753, serving Midland Station, La Salle College, St Brigids Primary School & Swan Christian College before continuing as School Special 758 to The Vines. Due to low patronage, the 311 departing Governor Stirling Senior High School at 1510 will be withdrawn.

483 & 484 (Clarkson – Alkimos): Changes to timings of school deviations via Bulter College due to new bell times for 2014.

501 (Bull Creek – Fremantle): Additional morning peak, afternoon peak & evening services.

502 (Bull Creek – Fremantle): 3rd trip added from Melville Senior High School to Bull Creek Station.

503 (Bull Creek – Murdoch): Additional morning peak trip towards Bull Creek plus new timed stop at Murdoch Uni.

504 (Bull Creek – Murdoch): New morning peak short from Winthrop to Murdoch along with additional afternoon school peak trip ex Bull Creek. New timed stop at Murdoch Uni.

513 (Murdoch – Fremantle): 6 extra trips with new timed stop at Murdoch Uni.

Time changes were also made to routes 500 (Bull Creek – Booragoon), 505 (Bull Creek – Murdoch), 510 (Murdoch – Booragoon), 511 (Murdoch – Fremantle), 514 (Murdoch – Cockburn Central), 955 (Ellenbrook – Morley) / 956 (Ellenbrook – Bassendean).

March timetable changes

A large number of revised timetables were introduced on 2 March affecting many routes. Most amendments were minor timing changes other than those listed below:

34 (Wellington St Bus Station – Cannington): Peak services now every 10 mins

36 (Esplanade Busport – Midland): Extra short workings added between Perth & Redcliffe

37 (Perth Airport – Kings Park): Additional peak direction services between Belmont & Perth, 15 min service extended to 21:00. Off peak services between Perth Airport & Belvidere St/Gardiner St reduced to half hourly.

40 (Esplanade Busport – Redcliffe): Additional services. Extension to Perth Airport via Great Western Hwy & Fauntleroy Av, co-ordinated with Route 37. Great Western Hwy services (36, 40, 25, 295, 296 & 299) now operate every 10 mins weekdays, 15 mins Saturdays and 20 mins Sundays.

92 (Roe St Bus Station – Wembley Downs): Renumbered Route 84

296 (Esplanade Busport – Kalamunda): No longer serves Priory Rd or Kalamunda Rd between Maida Vale Rd & Gooseberry Hill Rd in Maida Vale.

375 (Mirrabooka – Marrangaroo): Cancellation of 12:03 & 14:04 ex Marrangaroo, 11:22 & 13:22 ex

Mirrabooba

386 (Roe St Bus Station – Marrangaroo): Deviations reduced

389 (Roe St Bus Station – Wanneroo): Extra trip on Sundays ex Wanneroo at 07:45

403 (Roe St Bus Station – Osborne Park): Minor route change in Joondanna and extended to Stirling Station.

More frequent Weekday & Saturday services.

404 (Roe St Bus Station – Tuart Hill): Service retained following community feedback but with some trips cut.

424 (Stirling – Karrinyup): Route amended to operate along Carenuip Ave, Gwelup

441 (Warwick – Whitfords): Additional five peak direction trips to/from Whitfords along with route changes

442 (Warwick – Whitfords): Additional three AM peak to Whitfords and five extra PM peak trips ex Whitfords. Route change, with buses replaced along Warwick Rd, Chessell Dr and Poynter Dr by the modified 441 and existing 423

445 (Warwick – Whitfords): Extra evening trip

446 (Warwick – Whitfords): Additional three AM peak trips to Whitfords and five extra PM peak trips ex Whitfords. Co-ordinated with 447 to improve service level on Ellersdale Ave

447 (Warwick – Whitfords): Co-ordinated with 446 to improve service level on Ellersdale Ave. No longer operates along Erindale Rd, passengers to use 344 instead

592 (Mandurah – Wannanup): No longer runs to Dawesville instead terminating in Wannanup, although extensions will operate to Ocean Rd Primary School & Dawesville Catholic Primary School

593 (Mandurah – Dawesville West): New service replacing 592 and providing a significant service boost along Old Coast Rd, with trips co-ordinated with Route 594

594 (Mandurah – Dawesville East): Now runs along Old Coast Rd in lieu of Merrivale St

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Double Decker Bus Trial

Minister for Transport Services Chloë Fox announced that an 88-seat Scania double decker, with Malaysian Gemilang bodywork, will be tested in July 2014 to determine its suitability for use on Adelaide bus routes. It is expected that the trial will focus on south eastern freeway services between Mount Barker and Adelaide.

Timetable and Service changes

Adelaide Metro updated numerous timetables on January 28. With the commencement of train services to Seaford on 23 February time changes were made to routes 740 (Seaford – Colonnades Centre), 741 (Maslin Beach – Colonnades Centre), 745 & 747 (Noarlunga – Seaford circuit), 750 (Sellicks Beach – Seaford), 751 (Aldinga – Seaford), 752 (McLaren Flat – McLaren Vale), 755 (Aldinga Beach – Seaford) & 756 (Port Willunga). Commercial Road is no longer a Go Zone and routes T748 749, 753 & 754 have been discontinued.

Upgraded Tea Tree Plaza Park ‘n’ Ride opens

A new undercover Park ‘n’ Ride facility opened at Tea Tree Plaza on 13 January. It contains 700 parking spaces (including 14 disabled spaces, 6 motorcycle parks and 2 electric car recharge points) and is manned by security staff on weeknights. Commuters must pay \$2 per day to use the facility; with those unable to produce a MetroCard smartcard used within the past 2 hours charged a premium \$10 exit fee.

Industrial action leads to free rides

Due to industrial action over a new EBA arrangement, since 29 January drivers from South Link and Transfield have refused to enforce fare collection, meaning many passengers have enjoyed free rides on buses operating to the northern, north eastern, southern suburbs and on some Adelaide Hills routes. Torrens Transit drivers are not involved and have continued to sell tickets. Those using the new Tea Tree Plaza park ‘n’ ride were reminded that failing to pay a bus fare would attract the \$10 exit fee. Southlink drivers also held a stop-work meeting on 21 February, with no buses on their routes between 10:00 and 14:00. Plans for an earlier ‘family BBQ’ Sunday stop-work meeting by both operators on 2 February were cancelled due to forecasted extreme heat – apparently it was too hot not to work!

State Election

The State Election which took place on 15 March resulted in a hung parliament with Labor eventually forming a minority government with the support of at least one independent.



*TOP: Newcastle Buses (4590) Volvo B12BLE/ Custom Coaches seen at Waratah on 12/4/14.
(Scott Mitchell)*



*CENTRE: Driver Group, Melbourne (64) SB90DM a 2010 Denning Gold Phoenix in Gray Line tour livery seen on tour at Regatta Point, Canberra on 8/10/12
(Scott Mitchell)*



BOTTOM: Peter Kane photographed Western Road Liners of Parkes, NSW 1455 MO a 2013 Denning Silver Phoenix on one of Melbourne's freeways.



Sights from the recent Tasmanian enthusiasts "last frontier" tour.

TOP: Tamar Valley Coaches FJ 2220 a 1988 MAN 22.342/ Austral ex Murrays, Canberra 273.

CENTRE: R&D. Sainty, Launceston FB 2248, a 1989 Custom Coaches Hyliner bodied Volvo B10M.

BOTTOM: Franklin of Perth uses this former Hedland Bus Lines WA APG Classic II from 1997 as both a school bus and charter coach. (All photos by Geoff Foster)





AT Outlands, Wilsons EP 9669 Austral MDi of 1991 ex Sid Fogg is posed next to Ron Johnson's FJ 9930 a 1988 Austral DC122 which was ex Road Runner NSW. Both are used on school runs.



CENTRE: Last stop was Coal River B.S. Hobart depot where new D75AV Mercedes OH1228/ Irizar was posed for a photo.

BOTTOM: Highlight of the tour was a chance to ride in Scott of Rowella's restored 1968 Freighter bodied Bedford VAM70 – Albeit now Isuzu powered. (All photos by Geoff Foster)





TOP: Seen at the 2013 Busvic Conference was Whitsunday Transit, Qld 326 TAL MAN 18.290/ MCV Elite. (Jason Lipszyc)

CENTRE: A night shot of Peters, Toowoomba PCT 11 Mercedes 0500RF/ Coach Design of 2006 ex Terrys Tours of Tweed Heads. (Leon Sharpe)



BOTTOM: Ventura has repainted (820) 2648 AO Scania L94UB/ Northcoast into corporate livery. It is seen at Oakleigh depot in March 2014. (Mick Kane)

FLEET NEWS – NATIONAL TOUR & EXPRESS

AAT-Kings: Sold to Sydney Corporate Coaches (E.Bus Tours) by 2/14 were (32a) and (35a) both Mercedes 0500RFx3/ Mills Tui.

Carbridge: Additional in Sydney is TV 7530 Mercedes Vito of 2013. Additional in Adelaide is (81) unreg Optare Solo (M9799SB 2014) B29Dw. MAN/ MCV Elite m/o 5116 is (76)

City Sightseeing: New in 2013 were Anhui Ankaï O57/23Dw open top deckers (434) TV 7592 (400049); (435) TV 7597 (400050); (436) TV 7705 (401930) and (437) TV 7706 (401931). (320) TV 6915 – rereg mo 336 and (422) TV 3667 MCA rereg mo 367 Metrobuses relocated to Canberra by 1/14 for a new version of a Canberra service which commenced on 11/1/14. The route does differ from the Action Route 100 (Centenary Loop) which finished on or about the 5th of January, 2014. The new sightseeing route starts outside the Melbourne Building in Northbourne Ave in Civic. First service is at 9.00 am and operate every 90mins with the last service possible being 4:30 pm

Greyhound Australia: A further new Volvo B7R/Irizar 'Century 3500' is (262-759 2013). New Volvo B13R/ Irizar Century (2013) C54FT units are (359-369) regos noted to date being (358) SB85HL and (369) SB94HQ. Additional Iveco Delta/ Irizar Century C48FT units are 366 SYK, 367 SYK, 368 SYK and 369 SYK, 682 TDO all in 2012 and (171) 941 TOB (2013). New Mercedes OH1830/ Irizar C48FT units in 2013 are (215-221) known regos being (217) SB03GT, (218) SB69HL, (219) SB02GT and (221) SB62HA.

Reregistered were Iveco/ Irizar (150) SB74FM to 365 SYK, (155) SB95FU to 638 TDO, (156) SB16FX to 670 TDO, (157) SB17FX to 674 TDO, (158) SB18FX to 683 TDO, (159) SB19FX to 704 TDO, (161) SB31GD to 428 TJG, (162) SB77FX to 597 TKF and (163) SB78FX to 617 TMI; Scania K310IB/ Irizar (522) SB35EX to 251 TFG; Scania K480EB/ Irizar (599) SB24EE to 317 TLD; Scania K310IB/ Coach Concepts (643) SB37BG to 370 SYK; (528) SB50GF Scania K400IB/ Irizar to 295 TLD and has body no (231753 4/12); (529) SB18GF Scania K400IB/ Irizar Century to 296 TLD and has body no (231754 4/12). Scania K114IB/ Mills Tuis (801) SB22BS to 801 DOG, (803) XLE 783 to 803 PUP, (806) mo 3231 to 806 PUP (811) 283 LTS to 811 DOG, (822) mo 3198 to 822 DOG and (823) mo 3197 to 823 PUP.

Withdrawn/ sold have been (125) 125 DOG and (126) 126 DOG both Mercedes OH1630L/ A.B. Denning; (134) NT mo 3243 Mercedes OH1316/ Newnham; (325) NT mo 3327 Denning Landseer, (402) 402 DOG, (408) 408 PUP, (411) 411 DOG and (461) 461 DOG all MCA Marathons and (505) 505 DOG Austral-Denning Highlander. (607) 607 PUP Scania/ Austral-Denning sold to Sydney's Amazing Coach Tours.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ACTION: Withdrawn by 12/13 were Renault PR180.2 983, 984, 987, 988, 989 leaving only 716 and 986 still in service. 984 and 987 were both sold to Wisby, Margate, TAS 12/13. Transferred to Tuggeranong 1/14 were Renaults 716 and 818. Transferred to Woden 2/14 was Dennis Dart (144). Previously unlisted disposals were the last two Hino AC140s BUS 007 and BUS 010, Mitsubishi Rosas 211,344 and 211,345 and Renault PR100,2/ Ansairs BUS 818, BUS 861. In April Renault (863) was withdrawn and (873) was transferred to Tuggeranong.

Moonlight Stretch Limo: Previously known as Moonlight Bus, this party bus operator has returned to the business after some years absence and acquired was mo 335 Mercedes 0305G/ PMCSA (5357 11/85) AB66D ex Torrens Transit (562) WJI 689 with similar unit (566) ex WJI 693 (5361 11/85) AB66D also acquired.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Buslink, Darwin: Withdrawn/ dereg and sold were (71) mo 455 Isuzu LT1-11P/ PMC; (72) mo 489 Isuzu LT1-11P/ PMCSA, (301) mo 528 Mercedes OH1418/ Volgren; (302) mo 527 Mercedes OH1418/ Volgren, (305) MO 1370 Mercedes OH1418/ MCA, (310) mo 2394 Denning Landseer, (416) mo 2370 Isuzu FSR/ MBS. Correcting previous entry (310) mo 2394 Denning Landseer was not withdrawn but rather renumbered (598). (599) mo 3169 Denning Landseer is (1341 6/89) ex Northland Grafton TV 4245 and originally Trans City, Parkes NV44DE.

Buslink Vivo: New Mercedes OH1830/ Volgren SC222 units are (101) MO 3514; (102), (103) MO 3516, (104), (105) MO 3518; (106), (107) MO 3515; (108) MO 3469; (109) MO 3474; (110) MO 3467; (111), (112) MO 3468; (113), (114) MO 3471; (115) MO 3470; (116), (117) MO 3599; (118) MO 3466; (119), (120), (121) MO 3465; (122) MO 3464; (123) MO 3550; (124) MO 3549; (125) MO 3548; (126) MO 3547; (127) MO 3511; (128) MO 3546; (129) MO 3545; (130), (131), (132), (133), (134), (135) MO 3491, (137) MO 3467. By 12/13 up to fleet no (186) had been delivered with units from around 169 onwards being the new Endura model rather than the SC222. By 3/14 up to (193) were built with (174) reg MO 3724.

Darwin Bus Service: The Mercedes/ Volgren reported as (136) 8.136 is actually (71) 8/071.

VICTORIA – Melbourne Metropolitan

All Sun Tours, Wheelers Hill: Acquired ZIS 082 Mercedes LO814 9BM688176VB107850/ AB Denning 'Vario' (82161 22/5/97) C28F ex Beachwheels Coaches, Beacon Hill TV2330 - note previously listed as unidentified. Also operates 0443 AC Mercedes 0303-3/ Denning ex Austropol Tours.

Bacchus Marsh Coaches: Acquired were (72) 7072 AO Volvo B7R/ Coach Concepts (030 4/06) C48DT ex Bayside Coaches (38) 5438 AO and (73) 7073 AO Volvo B7R/ Coach Concepts (38 9/06) C48DT ex Bayside (39) 5439 AO. Withdrawn was (6) 7006 AO ex 3658 AO Mercedes OH1418/ Newnham. Acquired was (45) 7045 AO BCI PK6930AT (LGG5SKCM17H001506 3/07) C39F ex Trans North. Qld 104 RNA.

Bayside/ Nuline: Sold to Bacchus Marsh Coaches were (38) 5438 AO and (39) 5439 AO both Volvo B7R/ Coach Concepts. New are (38) 5438 AO Volvo B11R/ Coach Concepts (210 1/14) C48DT and (39) BS00GV Volvo B11R/ Coach Concepts (211 2/14) C48DT. Former (54) 5854 AO Volvo B10M/ Centurion is to be stripped of all useable parts and scrapped. Also Toyota Coaster (4) 7704 AO has been sold/scrapped following accident damage. (22) 7722 AO Volvo B9R/ Coach Concepts has been stickered for Brendan's Australian Tours retaining the all white base, AAT liveried (32) 7632 AO Volvo B9R/ Coach Concepts in now in Bayside livery and (39)BS00GV Volvo B11R/ Coach Concepts is now registered 5439 AO. New is (59) BS00NN Volvo B7R/ Volgren Malaysia (VM0320 3/14) C57F.

Brooke's Party Tours, Bayswater: Vehicles sighted as registered have been:-

(R?) 1700 AC MAN SL200/ Ansair MAN 1279 29/9/80 ex National Bus Co (178)

(R1) 0239 AC MAN SL200/ Ansair MAN1311 29/1/82 ex Rizzo Tours ex Melbourne Bus Link (210)

(R2) 0693 AC Volvo B6FA/ Newnham 81-430 3/82 C49F ex Invicta (15)

(R3) 0694 AC Leyland Leopard/ Smithfield SB661 4/78 C49F ex Nuline (69) –since sold

(R4) 1075 AC IBC Mk III-Cat/ Nambucca 11/80 ex Australian Coach Travel (not used), ex Westside, Ipswich 142 BQS

(R5) 2545 AC MAN SL200/ Ansair MAN 1277 20/9/80 ex National Bus Co (176)

(R6) 2549 AC MAN SL200/ Ansair MAN 1330 27/3/81 ex National (229) - Nightcruiser livery – since sold

(R7) 2547 AC MAN SL200/ Ansair MAN 1329 26/3/81 ex National (228) - Nightcruiser livery - rego expired

(R8) 1701 AC MAN SL200/ Ansair MAN 1287 23/10/80 ex National Bus Co (186)

(R17) 1493 AC MAN SL200/ Ansair MAN 1286 21/10/80 ex National Bus Co (185) - rego expired

0695 AC Denning Denair 6v92T (DA745-428-79 8/79) RC45FT ex Bayside Coaches(54) - sold to Dee Decker Tours and since sold and de-registered. Acquired from Ventura/ National Bus Co were unreg MAN SL200/ Ansairs ex 180, 185, 193, 201, 204, 237, 242, 244, 248, 254, 255, 256 and MAN SL200 Mk IIs ex National 260 and ex U.S. Bus Lines 74 and 75.

Bunyip Tours: Additional are 9277 AO Toyota Coaster XZB50R (11/12) C20C and 9546 AO Fuso Rosa (10098 6/13) C24C.

Crown Coaches: New 6/13 were Fuso Rosa C24Cs (627) 8627 AO and (629) 8629 AO followed 8/13 by (632) 8632 AO Fuso Rosa (10174) C24C and (634) 8634 AO Fuso Rosa (10200 8/13) C24C.

Dee Decker Tours, Sunshine: 0891 AC Leyland Leopard/ PMCSA has been de-registered and is being used for parts as is ex 2200 AC MAN SL200/ Ansair. 1157 AC Volvo B10M/PMCSA re-registered 1570 AC. Acquired MAN SL202/ Ansair ex Ventura (263) which had been reported as stripped and sold but is now outside the Dee Decker Depot in Sunshine.

Deluxe Coachlines, Oakleigh: Acquired was BS00LO Volvo B10M/ Austral "Metroliner" (B02082 12/92) B49D ex Brisbane Transport (300) 300ISL (QLD).

Dineen Group – Berwick Bus Lines: (51) 5164 AO MAN/ Ansair withdrawn and (51) is now 8281 AO Mercedes 0500RF/ Coach Design (338 9/03) C48DT ex Warragul 2035 AO. **Panorama Coaches:** Acquired was (18) 3018 AO Fuso Rosa (00240 4/08) C24C. New is (26) 3026 AO MAN 18.290/ MCV Elite (18 1/14)

C57F. McKenzie's Healesville: Acquired was 1827 AO Higer Munro (2011) C28C ex Dayes C.L. Sydney TV 7038. Concrete has been laid for the office/workshop area at the new Healesville depot. **Sandringham & Brighton Coaches:** Transferred in from Westernport Roadlines is (32)5173 AO Nissan Civilian RYW40. Transferred out to Westernport were (114)5158 AO Denning Landseer 2 axle and (127)3296 AO Scania K113TR/ PMCSA 'Apollo'

Driver Bus Lines, Notting Hill: New Scania K320IB/ Higer A30 C57F units are (31) 9604 AO (13ETQ0012 1/14), (32) 9602 AO, (33) 9603 AO, (34) 9605 AO, (35) 9607 AO (13ETQ0016 1/14), (37) 9606 AO (13ETQ0015 1/14) and Scania K320IB/ Higer A30 C57FL units (38) 9601 AO (13ETQ0020 1/14) and (39) 9600 AO (13ETQ0019 1/14). Loan buses (368-373) Scania K280IB/ Higer A30s were returned to Scania for resale. The Heritage fleet is now on H plates for on road use but use replica plates of earlier registrations on static display. (1) Pontiac is 11938-H; (2) Federal is 11937-H; (3) Bedford OB is 10589-H; (4) Denning Denair is 11936-H; (5) Bedford SB is 10590-H; (18) Flixible Clipper is 10591-H; (37) GMC PD4107 is 10592-H; (63) MCI MC7 is 10585-H; (72) Bedford is 10587-H and the Kenworth truck is 10586-H

Dyson's Bundoora (382) 0503 AO and (383) 0504 AO both Hino RG/ APG sold to Tasmania. New is (818) BS00AG Scania K440EB/ Coach Concepts (207 2013) C—FT on V/Line Adelaide run.

G.W. Ellis: Accredited base is East Melbourne, although parks at Murrays, Yarraville. Operates 4 vehicles: - 5235 AO Mercedes 1833/ Coach Design pod retrofitted from an Outback Experience Axor. branded "Touring the Great Ocean Road and three Mercedes 316CDi Sprinters C14C :- 6822 AO, TV 6514 & TV 6519.

Evergreen Coaches: New is 1860 AC Toyota Hi Ace Commuter.

Excellent Coaches: New are 9681 AO Scania K280IB/ Higer 'A30' (7/12) C57F ex Scania demonstrator and 9548 AO Toyota Hi Ace Commuter (6/13) C13C.

Extragreen (Aust North): The Extragreen fleet is: 8806 AO Volvo B7R/ Coach Concepts (150 2011) C57F; 8809 AO Volvo B7R/ Coach Concepts (153 2011) C57F; 9198 AO Volvo B7R/ Irizar 'Century 3500' (262279 9/11) C53F; 9199 AO Volvo B7R/ Irizar 'Century 3500' (262280 9/11) C53F; 9388 AO Toyota Hi Ace (11/12) C13C; 9389 AO King Long 6102AU' (HVAB12-044 12/12) C45F; 9397 AO Mitsubishi Rosa (00322 12/02) C20C ex Melbourne's Best Tours 0402 AC; 9398 AO Mitsubishi Rosa (00173 4/02) C20C ex Melbourne's Best Tours 1311 AC; 9700 AO Mitsubishi Rosa (10303 8/03) C24C ex? (in Melbourne's Best Tours livery); 0692 AC Mitsubishi Rosa (00111 9/03) C20C ex Melbourne's Best Tours; 1383 AC Toyota Hi Ace (10/08) C13C ex Melbourne's Best Tours and 9780 AO Fuso Rosa (10040 12/13) C24C

Forbes Bus Lines (Melbourne) T/as the Wines Guys Tours: Operate UHL850 Toyota Hi Ace (6/06) C13C on Yarra Valley Winery Tours.

GLV Coaches: Acquired was BS 00EX Toyota Coaster HZB50R (10/05) C21C ex Queensland.

Grand City Australia: Additional is 9608 AO Scania K280IB/ Higer A30 (11Y25009 2/12) C57F ex demonstrator YGL 021.

Grand Australia Tour: Operates a new Yutong registered BS00LP.

Hui Hui Express: Sighted was 1515 NC Toyota Coaster (5/05) B20C on a. Springvale to Airport run.

Jinling International: Acquired 6563 AO Mercedes OH1627/ B&CI (MSTC219 2/02) C49F ex Jubo Tours 2239 AC. May also own similar unit 6559 AO.

Kingston's, Dandenong South: 1497 AO Mercedes 0404-3/ ABM was sold to Dineen group but is now for sale again.

Mee, West Heidelberg: (8) 9138 AO Scania/ Higer A30 has body no (11Y2A0006). New BS00NO Hino FD240/ P&D (3/14) C34FL

Melbourne Maxis: Also operate 8433 AO Toyota Hi Ace Commuter

Melbourne Minibus: Operate 8906 AO Mercedes Sprinter 616CDi/ AB Denning (61018 27/2/03) B16CV ex Go West, Bunbury WA 1DWR450 previously reported as unidentified.

Moreland Bus Lines: New is 1430 AO BCI Proma JXK6830 (6KT2AA114DX000510 11/13) C33FL.

Northern Transit Holdings, Tullamarine : Kastoria Mercedes 0405/ Volgrens (3) 1403 AO, (4) 1404 AO and (7) 1407 AO, (9) 1409 AO, (11) 1411 AO and (18) 1418 AO were all sold to Transdev, Sydney in 1/14. Also sold Mercedes 0405/ Volgrens (2) 1402 AO, (6) 1406 AO, (8) 1408 AO. New are (310) 9571 AO, (311) 9572 AO, (312) 9573 AO and (313) 9574 AO all new Fuso Rosas.

Odyssey Travel: New is 8329 AO Toyota Coaster XZB50R (7/13) C20C.

Quince's, Oakleigh: New are 0560 AO King Long 6930 AU (LA6R1DSC9DB200779 7/13) C3?F and 0579 AO Mercedes OH1630/B CI (11/13) C57F.

South East Airport Shuttle (Lovejeet Randhawa): Operates ZQR 092 Toyota Hi Ace (1/09) on an airport to Pakenham into Chadstone areas run.

Sita, West Footscray: New are Volvo B7RLE/ Volgren CR228L B44Dw units (125) BS00BP (VG3713 1/14); (126) BS00BN (VG3712 1/14); (127) BS00BM (VG3711 1/14); (128) BS00BQ (VG3718 1/14); (129) BS00BT (VG3719 1/14); (130) BS00BO (VG3720 1/14); (131) BS00BS (VG3716 1/14) and (132) BS00BR (VG3715 1/14). Note that this was the last batch of CR228L bodies produced at Dandenong prior to switching over to the Optimus design and that nos (129) and (130) are white for the 400 with former white buses (49) and (50) repainted into fleet livery. Acquired was (224) BS00GY Volvo B10M/ A.B. Denning 'Galaxy' (14015 25/9/96) C48FT ex Sunstate (25) TV 2077. Being scrapped for parts are Volvo B10B/ Volgrens (78) 2378 AO and (88) 2388 AO and withdrawn are (29) and (66) Volvo B10M/ Volgrens. Acquired was (207) BS00HR Scania K92CRB/ Northcoast (048 10/91) C53F ex Network, Qld 845 JIY.

Skylight Buses: Acquired was (29) 8519 AO Volvo B10M/ Austral (B02027 2/92) B49D ex Brisbane Transport (245) 245 BLE.

Sunbury Bus Lines: New is (41) 3441 AO Scania K280IB/ Coach Design (799 2/14) C57F.

Transdev: New in PTV livery at Doncaster depot are Scania K280UB/ Gemilang (12/13) B40Dw units (100) BS00BH, (101) BS00BI and (102) BS00BJ.

Tullamarine Bus Lines: New is (26) 6700 AO Alexander Dennis Enviro 200/ Customs (D239-01 2/14) B35Fw with former (26) 6700 AO Mercedes LO812/ CC reregistered BS00HB.

Unidentified: 5599 AO Mitsubishi Rosa (0125311/05) C24C; 9698 AO Fuso Rosa (01330 4/10) C24C.

Unidentified: Possibly operating for Hailleybury College is 9396 AO Mitsubishi Rosa C24C ex City of Sydney **Vannary Airport Shuttle.** Operates ZUW 382 Toyota Hi Ace (3/08) C C.

V. Bus, Altona: Vehicles unaccounted for in the sale of the business from Bus Buddys are 0900 AC Nissan Civilian, 1200 AC Hino CH160A, 2177 AC MAN SL200/Ansair and 2700 AC Mercedes OH1316/ PMC. Previously sold was 2097 AO Bova Futura and 2832 AC Denning 'Denair' was re-reg to 1492 AC. New are Higer Munro C28C units 9689 AO (9/13), 9690 AO (5/13) and 9692 AO (5/13). Confirmed as acquired with the Business of Bus Buddys/ Tiki's Tours/ Warwick Coachlines/ Laughter Unlimited Tours are 0549 AC Hino BX341E/ Maxim, 1085 AC MAN SL200/ Ansair, 1492 AC Denning Denair, 2099 AC Toyota Coaster HZB50R, 2254 AC MAN SL200/ Ansair, 2329 AC Mercedes OH1418/ Austral, 2328 AC MAN 16.290/ Volgren, 2376 AC MAN SL200/ Ansair, 2393 AC Volvo B10M/ Volgren, 3763 AO Mercedes OH1316/ Newnham, 6571 AO Volvo B10M/ Volgren, 6572 AO Volvo B10M/ Volgren, 6573 AO Volvo B10M/ Volgren and 8510 AO Volvo B10M/ Comeng. Held unreg is the Mercedes OH1316/ Newnham ex Dysons. There has been no sign of the Toyota Hi Aces Bus Buddys operated under contract to Sunbus. New are 9691 AO Higher "Ryder" C33F and BS 00HL Higher "Road Boss" C57F.

Ventura : New Volvo B7RLE/ Volgren B42Dw units are

(1033) 5397 AO (VG3672 10/13) at Knox	(1034) 4396 AO (VG3678 10/13) at Knox
(1035) 6079 AO (VG3683 10/13) at Ivanhoe	(1036) 6464 AO (VG3684 10/13) at Ivanhoe
(1037) at Dandenong	(1038) at Dandenong
(1039) BS00AS at Dandenong	(1040) at Cardinia
(1043) BS00BK (VG3697 11/13) at Knox	(1044) BS00BL (VG3698 11/13) at Knox

New Volvo B7RLE/ Volgren 'Optimus' B42Dw are:-

(1028) BS00AQ (VG3506 12/13) at Knox	(1045) BS00HG (2/14) at Croydon
(1047) VG3714 Croydon	(1048) VG3689 Croydon
(1049) VG3703 Oakleigh	(1050) BS00HI (VG3736 2/14) at Croydon
(1051) VG3737 Dandenong	(1052) Dandenong

Withdrawn were **U.S** (14) 3614 AO, (15) 3615 AO and (28) 3628 AO all Volvo B10M/ Volgren; **Ivanhoe** (25) 2825 AO and (1078) 2826 AO both Hino RG197K/ Volgren, **Invicta**, (800) 3564 AO Dennis Dart/ Volgren (814) 3577 AO Dennis Dart/ Volgren, **Grenda** (72) 4672 AO Volvo B10M/ Volgren, (84) 4684 AO Volvo B10M/ Volgren, (176) 4574 AO Hino RG197K/ Volgren **Moorabbin** (526) 4526 AO Mercedes OH1418/ Volgren, (530) 4530 AO MAN SL202/ Volgren, (531) 4531 AO MAN SL202/ Volgren, (540) 5014 AO Volvo B6FA/ Volgren, (562) 4568 AO Volvo B10M/ Volgren, **Ventura:** (311) 2640 AO Scania L113/ Volgren, (319) 2559 AO Scania L113/ Volgren, (321) 2622 AO Scania L113/ Volgren; (T329) 2588 AO Scania L113/ Volgren (training bus); Peninsula: (441) 4441 AO Volvo B10M/ Volgren.



TOP: State Transit (1237) a Mercedes 0405NH CNG/ Custom Coaches has just run off of service at the La Perouse terminus in February 2014.



CENTRE: Busways (1173) m/o 5861 a 2013 MAN 18.320/ Bustech VST is seen approaching the St Mary's station bus terminus in February 2014.



BOTTOM: One of the Busways units acquired from CDC in the region 1 changeover was (1139) m/o 9933 a 2009 Volgren bodied Scania K230UB seen in semi rural Wilberforce on route 688 between Richmond and Windsor. (All photos by Geoff Foster)



TOP: Illawarra Escape Tours, Wollongong 3277 MO Isuzu LTI-11P/ Custom Coaches of 1988 ex Hannaford, Tamworth.



CENTRE: m/o 6300 Volvo B7RLE/ Bustech new in 2013 passes Glenfield Station on route to Liverpool in February 2014.



BOTTOM: The newest bus in the Blue Mountains Bus Co fleet, 7471 MO a 2013 Express bodied Scania K280UB seen arriving at Penrith Station. (All photos by Geoff Foster)

Victorian Touring Coaches, Moorabbin East: New are (38) BS00HU Volvo B13R/ Coach Concepts (213 3/14) C56FTBL and (39) BS00NQ Volvo B13R/ Coach Concepts (214 3/14) C56FTBL. (41) 6241 AO Volvo B13R/ Coach Concepts renumbered (34) and rereg 6234 AO. Sold (65)7165 AO Hino AC140 for a camper. Acquired 1173 AC Mitsubishi Rosa ex Melbourne on the Move, to become(65)7165 AO.

Wings Coach Travel: 6368 AO MAN/ Coach Design damaged by fire whilst on a Great Ocean Road tour on 14/1/14.

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Ballarat Bus & Coach: Acquired 1/14 was 1885AO Mercedes O303-3/ Denning "Majestic" (F0128 8/86) C48FT ex Ford's, Shepparton 1/14.

Berryman, Fish Creek: New is 6004 AO Mercedes OH1830/ Express (12/13) C57F.

Christian's: Ocean Grove: New is 9609 AO Scania K280IB/ Express (837 12/13) C57F. Acquired was (479) 9395 AO Toyota Hi Ace (8/09) C13C. **Warrnambool:** (240) 2978 AO Scania/ PMCA 'Apollo' resealed to C57F ex C46FT. 2463 AO Scania/ Coach Concepts is based at Warrnambool and is fleet no (246). Ararat 8849 AO Scania/ Higer is (332)

Clarke & O'Connell, Bairnsdale: Operates 6760 AO Mercedes OHI418/ PMCSA (2594 4/96)B 57F,ex L.W.H.& L.L.Davies,Bairnsdale,0255 SO and 0991 SO Hino RG197K/ PMCA (2565 11/95) B59F ex Lakes Bus Service, Lakes Entrance.

Currawa Primary School, Dookie: This small primary school located between Benalla and Shepparton operates a district school bus service, which, unusually, is not included on the Government contract list. New was - 0679 SO Fuso Rosa (00226 1/07) C24C-reg 29/6/07 which replaced 0360 SO Toyota Coaster (1987) B19C.

Dineen Group – Heyfield Bus Lines: Correct seating for 0282 AO Hino RB8 is C31FL not C34F. 5056 AO Toyota Coaster is B15CL New is 0275 AO MAN/ MCV Elite C57F. **Warragul Bus Lines:** New are 2030 AO and 2053 AO both Scania K320IB/ Higer A30 (1/14) C57F and 1991 AO Fuso Rosa (10381 12/13) C24C. Acquired was 1990 AO Fuso Rosa (00639 12/07) C24C ex? **Westernport Road Lines:** New are (57) BS00ED King Long integral 6120 AU (1/14) C57F and BS00EB King Long 6120AU (LA6A1LAK6DB402026 1/14) C57F. (114) Denning Landseer 2 axle has returned to Sandringham now stickered for Westernport.

SC&L Disney, Omeo: Took over from Cliff Disney the Swifts Creek Schools-Omeo-Benambra with 0683 SO Hino RK260/ Custom Coaches (07-023A 6/07) C57F-reg 28/6/07.This bus is now not reg on these plates and had replaced 0953 SO Mercedes OH1418/ Transit.

Echuca Moama Bus Lines: Sold 1640 AO and 4059 AO both Scania L94UB/ Northcoast to Port Pirie Bus Lines SA and 1637 AO Hino RG197K/ PMCA to Calow, Scamander TAS. New ex stock are (6) 1632 AO Scania K280UB/ Volgren (VG3490 1/13) B44Dw and (7) 1637 AO Scania K280UB/ Express (736 1/12) C52Fw. Withdrawn was 1643 AO Hino RG197K/ PMCA-Busworks.

Eldorado, Meeniyah: Sold were 5783 AO Volvo B7R/ Volgren to Crown Rentals, Knoxfield and 5786 AO Toyota Coaster.

Fallon Group: Shepparton Transit (92) 9684 AO Volvo B7RLE/ Volgren has body no (VG3721).

V. Foott, Swan Hill: Purchased the Swan Hill-Piangel school contract of C & L Silverii, Piangel during 2012 with 0238 SO MAN 16.290/ Ansair(M2306,6/92) B57F,ex PLQ 032,ex C49F,ex RAAF,1999.

Ford, Shepparton: Sold was former 1864 AO Mercedes 0404-3/ Austral-Denning to Paramount Tours, Sydney, 1885 AO Mercedes 0303-3/ Denning sold to Ballarat Bus & Coach 1/14.

Gillick, Bairnsdale: New for the Paynesville run is (16) BS00HD Scania K280UB/ Bustech VST (12-047 9/13) B45Dw ex Scania demonstrator which was in Transport for NSW livery at the 2013 bus show.

Gold Bus, Ballarat: (62) GOLD 23 MAN/ PMCA reregistered 9662 AO. (54) GOLD 54 Denning Landseer withdrawn by 1/14. Sold GOLD 7 Mercedes LO814/ A.B. Denning to Gerke, Scottdale, TAS

Goodall, Bairnsdale: Sold have been 1371 AO Irisbus/ Express with school run to McDonald, 7549 AO Higer to Kununurra WA and 1372 AO Scania K92CR/ Northcoast to an unidentified operator. Retains 5975 AO Scania K113TR/ Northcoast for charter.

Gull, Geelong: Acquired was 6444 AO Volvo B12R/ Northcoast (176 2/98) C48FT ex Defence Forces.

Harley, Korumburra: Unconfirmed report that Harley may have purchased Bairnsdale – Lake Tyers Beach run with 7144 AO Hino RK260/ CC (06-114A 1/07) C57F ex O'Neill (Prom Country) ex Byers, Bairnsdale.

Holland, Avoca: Sold was 1347 AO Mercedes OH1316/ PMCSA.

Holt, Tresco: Sold 0151 SO Isuzu FSR500/ PMCA to ASF Tours, Sydney.

Hutchinson, Birregurra: Withdrawn/ sold were 1265 AO Mercedes LO814/ A.B. Denning, 1267 AO Toyota Coaster and 1270 AO Mercedes OH1418/ Ansair. New was 1265 AO BCI Cruiser 12 (6KT1CC115CX00368 3/13) C57F.

Jacobsen, Mooroopna: Withdrawn was 0093 AO MAN 14.190/ Ansair rereg 1AJ 4XZ and sent to Manheim Auctions, Altona for auction 13/3/2014. 1690 AO Volvo B12R/ Northcoast is (19). 9424 AO Higer A30 is on a Scania K320IB chassis and has body no 11Y2A0001

M.P.& D.G. Johnston Pty. Ltd, t/a Corryong Bus and Freight, Corryong: Additional is 5234 AO Toyota Coaster (4/97) B21C ex Kellam, Holbrook 4574 MO.

R&C McDonald, Bairnsdale: Sold 0499 AC MAN 10.180/ Austral replaced by 0499 AC Irisbus Eurorider/ Express (188 11/01) B57F with run from Goodall ex 1371 AO.

McHarry, Geelong: Withdrawn were (4) 1504 AO Hino BG300/ Northcoast, (70) 1570 AO Volvo B6M/ PMCSA, (82) 1582 AO, (92) 1592 AO, (95) 1595 AO and (116) 1616 AO all Hino RK176K/ Maxim. New are (18) 1518 AO Scania K280UB/ Express (2/14) C52Fw; and Scania K280IB/ Express C57F units (180) 9680 AO (2/14); (87) 1687 AO (3/14) and (95) 1695 AO (3/14).

Mortimer, Nathalia: Additional for their hire-drive fleet is 0665 AO Fuso Rosa (0330,4/07)C24C-reg 23/11/1
Mt Hotham Alpine Resort: Sold were 0743 AO Toyota Coaster, (8) 0650 AO Toyota Coaster and (54) 0654 AC Mercedes 0305/ PMC. 2243 AC Mercedes 0305/ PMC is (5321 11/79) B43D ex STA Sydney 2286. Acquired for future service-was unreg Mercedes 0305/PMC B43D.ex STA (2915) m/o 2915, by 4/13. Dereg for parts was (58) 0658 AO Mercedes 0305/ PMC.

Organ's, Kyneton: Acquired were (8) 2908 AO Mercedes OH1830/ Mills Tui (PBWBL0451 7/07) C57F ex Warragul Bus Lines 2053 AO and (28) 2928 AO Mercedes OH1830/ Mills Tui (PBDCA0374 8/06) C57F ex Warragul Bus Lines 2037 AO, replacing now withdrawn (8) 2908 AO and (28) 2928 AO both Mercedes OH1418/ CCs.

Phillip Island Bus Lines, Cowes: Withdrawn have been (11) 3711 AO Mercedes 0303-3/ PMCSA, (17) 3717 AO Mercedes OH1418/ Newnham, (18) 3718 AO Mercedes OH1418/ Transit and (24) 3724 AO Toyota Coaster. (13) 3713 AO Mercedes OH1625/ Northcoast renumbered (105).

Powers, Avoca: New was 7703 AO Fuso Rosa (01326 12/09) C24C.

Prom Country (O'Neill), Gippsland: Acquired the run of Byers, Bairnsdale with 7144 AO Hino RK260/ CC (06-114A 1/07) C57F. Unconfirmed report suggests run and bus may have been sold to Harley from Korumburra.

Sandlant, Stawell: Acquired was 7772 AO BCI Classmaster 57 JXK6127AT (LSFC1308XAC000555 8/10) C57F ex Mee's, Melbourne (1).

Seymour PS: Not previously recorded was (19) 0719 AO Mercedes OH1830L/ Coach Concepts C57F replacing former (19) SBK 041 Ford Transit.

Fr J Shanley, Lakes Entrance: Ceased operation and sold 0413 NC Isuzu ECR570/ Newnham.

South Coast Bus Pty Ltd, Wonthaggi: Withdrawn were former GBS Coach Tours units (2) 0789 AO Austral Tourmaster, (4) 0791 AO Nissan Civilian and (5) 0792 AO Nissan Civilian.

Surfcoast Coaches (Reilly), Nth Geelong: Additional is 3977 AO Mitsubishi Rosa (10/04) C24C. The ex Transborder Scania/ Autobus was registered 5131 AO.

Swan Hill Bus Lines: 7423/ 7424 AO Iveco Eurorider/ Coach Designs are no longer in V/Line livery. Their replacements on V/Line work were 9692/3 AO Mercedes/ Irizars which have fleet nos (131) and (132) respectively. Other fleet nos are (71) 5548 AO MCA Marathon and (77) 3409 AO recedes 0500/ Coach Design. (120) 8241 AO Iveco/ Irizar has correct body date of 6/11. (71) 5548 AO MCA/ MCA sighted at Coachworks in Brisbane for sale after working for Stonestreet's. Sold to Priest, Wagga was 1493 AO Denning Landseer. Sold to Pegasus Coach Tous, Sydney were (94) 3408 AO Mercedes OH1418/ Northcoast, 0657 AO Mercedes OH1418/ Ansair Orana, 7423 AO Iveco Eurorider/ Coach Design and 7424 Iveco Eurorider/ Coach Design.

Walters, Euroa: Withdrawn was 0286 AO Nissan Civilian. New are BS00BW MAN 19.400/ Coach Design (797 2/14) C53FT and BS00BX MAN 18.360/ Coach Design (796 1/14) C57F.

Wandong Bus & Coach: Additional are (12) 1438 AC Toyota Hi Ace (4/99) B12C and (3) 1437 AO Toyota Coaster (8/92) B22C both ex Lebidka, Seymour.



TOP: AAT Kings (146) SB99HD 2013 Bonluck President lays over at Melbourne's Shrine of Remembrance.



CENTRE: Transperth (1315) Mercedes 0405NH/ Volgren in refurbished livery with centre stripe raised to window level.



BOTTOM: (31) of Driver group is one of a batch of new Scania K320IB/ Higer A 30 units new at the start of 2014 to replace the demonstrator units used in 2013. (All photos by Hayden Ramsdale)

Wangaratta Coachlines: Withdrawn was (22) TV 6723 Scania K82SR/ PMCSA. The original WCL Scania K82SR/ PMCSA which was re-acquired for preservation is now completely restored and is registered CGE 951 (its original rego with WCL). New is (45) 0645 AO Scania K3440EB/ Coach Concepts (212 3/14) C50FTL.

AT&HJ Williams, Torrumbarry: Operates 0228 SO Toyota Coaster (9/99) B21C on the Welton Primary School-Torrumbarry run.

Winterhalter, Korumburra: Sold 4775 A) Autobus/ Autobus to LTD Coaches, Gold Coast.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA – Adelaide Metropolitan

Adelaide Coachlines: Withdrawn by 2/14 was (38) XKY 283 Volvo B10M/ Centurion.

Farnham Roadways, Mawson Lakes: Withdrawn by 2/14 were XDA 840 Leyland Tiger/ PMCSA and WXX 525 Volvo B6M/ PMCSA. Has two ex Murrays MAN 12.190/ PMCA C34FT units SB59NH (2637 6/95) ex (837) 0477 AO and SB90HL (2630 5/95) ex (830) 7542 AO.

Grants Coaches: Withdrawn was XCY 936 Mercedes 0303-3/ Denning. Acquired was unreg Autobus-Cummins/ Autobus (2009) C59F ex West's National, Nambour Qld WNC 06.

Kanga Coachlines: Has moved to a new depot at 5-7 Dan St, Mawson Lakes (just behind Farnham Roadways). SB66HH is a Mercedes/ Mills Tui ex AAT-Kings (11A) TV 7584. Took over Prime Mini Tours with SB80BP and SB30AI Toyota Coasters and XGD 014 Toyota Hi Ace.

Light City Buses: Transferred from Torrens Transit 1/14 was (1104) SB95DI Scania K320UA/ CC. Transferred from Southlink were Scania K360UB/ CC units (803) SB55GS ex (R803), (804) SB70GS ex (R804) and (805) SB28GP ex (R805) plus Scania K280UB/ CC units (1809) SB06GU ex (R854), (1810) SB21GU ex (R855), (1831) SP30GP ex (R852) and (1832) reg unknown ex (R853). As of 1/3/14, the pair of ex Hornibrook Mercedes 0405/ Northcoasts were sitting in Morphettville still in HBL livery and wearing their Qld plates

Premier Staliner: Withdrawn were (321) VKT 510 Denning Landseer and (462) VJE 875 Austral DC122.

Prime Mini Tours: Sold out to Kanga with three buses (see above) with other previously listed units sold beforehand.

Southlink: Transferred to Light City Buses were Scania K360UA/ Customs (R803) SB55GS as (803); (R804) SB70GS as (804) and (R805) SB28GP as (805) plus Scania K280UB/ CC units (R852) SP30GP as (1831), (R853) reg unknown as (1832), (R854) SB06GU as (1809) and (R855) SB21GU as (1810). (R856) SB49GU and (R857) SB59GU were renumbered (3231) and (3232) respectively and are now in regular service at Aldgate depot. Additional are (3233) and (3234) Scania K280UB/ Customs CB80.

Taste The Barossa: Additional is SB56GC Toyota Coaster HZB50R

Torrens Transit: (1104) SB95DI Scania K320UA/ CC transferred to Light City Buses 1/13. Resignwritten into the Adelaide Cityfree Connector livery were Iveco Metros (1373), (1381) and (1383) plus (1900) Alexander Dennis Enviro. (1364)

Vin's Mini Buses: (30) the Mercedes 0404-3/ Austral-Denning was registered SB31AS however it is now reported that this operator may have ceased.

Willunga Charter: Withdrawn was XFP 939 Hino CM277K/ Northcoast.

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Corston, Two Wells: (31) Acquired was SB11HI Volvo B12R/ A.B. Denning (14067 22/6/01) C53FT ex Glen Innes B.S. TV 3545. Sold was VYW 674 Denning Landseer. SB28CK Scania/ Autobus is (30).

Dasac Pty Ltd: A new mine bus operator based in S.A., owned by Dasac Pty Ltd who also own Flagstaff Coaches. They have contracts in Whyalla and Darwin. Their website show they operate 2x Volvo Volgrens and Volvo B9R Coach Design and a handful of Rosas.

DECS: New is (1634) S635 AQK Fuso Rosa (2013) C24C.

Des's Cabs: Noted was DES 146 BCI PK6127AT (LSFC1300304648171 of 2006) C44DT - appears to be based at Whyalla

Gambier Coachlines, Mt Gambier: SB90FX Scania/ Autobus is a K124EB (266 4/01) C50DY ex Aldinga Tours, Cooranbong TV 3187.

Goolwa Bus & Coach: Acquired SB14FO Hino RG197K/ CC (91-16 6/91) RB61F ex Eggins Taree NSW 2516 MO. SB90FA Higer Ruder is (55). Ex Driver, Melbourne (26) MCA/ MCA is (49) SB 56 EQ

Greenock Creek Charter: Withdrawn was GCC 08 Hino Rainbow.

Harris, Gawler: Withdrawn was WTT 577 Scania K92CR/ CC.

Hopgood, Mount Gambier: SB24FM Hyundai/ UNC-Chiron 43 seater traded to Daewoo on a new 57 seat Daewoo BH117L/ UBC-Chiron in 2013.

Link SA: Have taken over Highway Hiker Coaches of Murray Bridge. Noted renumbered are SB27GW BCI Explorer to (306) and SB77DF Mercedes OH1418/ CC to (214). New is SB94GH a Fuso Rosa. Rosa SB37FI is (150). Withdrawn was (301) VFC 222 Austral Tourmaster;

Lofty Coaches, Mt Barker: Acquired was (vic) 7782 AO Hino RG197K/ PMCA (2513 2/95) B49F ex Tosom P/L, Edenhope Vic ex 0383 AC. Withdrawn was WRD 878 Hino BG300/ Newnham.

McCormick, Mt Gambier: Withdrawn were WRJ 612 Hino RG197K/ Austral and WWR 653 Hino AC140K.

Stone, Keith: Sold to Kanga Coachlines, Adelaide were SB19AH and SB35AH Hino RN8J/ King Longs.

Townsend, Renmark: Acquired was SB45FJ Scania L94IB/ Coach Design (192 3/00) C53F ex Kanga Coachlines.

Valley Coaches, Maitland: WNM 286 Denning Landseer sold to Chauvier (dlr), Brisbane. Operation believed to have ceased with UYX 262 Denning Landseer, VJH 418 Hino Rainbow, XCD 636 Mitsubishi import and UXZ 398 Domino DC122 also sold.

Victor Tours, Victor Harbour: Now owned by Kym P. Fuller who acquired the business approximately 2 years ago with no vehicles and had been hiring from Premier Stateliner, but then purchased his own vehicle which is SB 55 GW Scania L94IB/Coach Design (286 6/02) C48FT ex Tropic Wings, Cairns (80) 225 GQN.

Waikerie Coaches: Withdrawn were XAJ 835 and WUT 117 both Mercedes OH1316/ Ansairs.

Yorke Peninsula Coaches, Wallaroo: Additional are SB02HC Higer and SB42GH a Scania L94.

TASMANIA

Bruny Island Safaris: Operates C34SY Hi Ace;

Derwent Valley Coaches, Westerway: Acquired was D97GB Mercedes OH1418/ Ansair Orana (2707 2/95) B57F ex Ford, Shepparton 1863 AO replacing withdrawn CS 2574 Mitsubishi Canter/ Centurion Owner is DG&AJ Itchings:

Hanvalook Charters: New is D85DR King Long integral (105117) C33F.

Hobart Maxi Connect: Acquired EO 4156 Austral Tourmaster DC122 (1240 8/86) C46FT ex Wynyard Coaches (6).

Metro: Withdrawn by 3/14 were Scania N113/ Ansair units (112), (113), (138), (145), (146) and (16). Transferred was Scania/ Northcoast (226) Hobart to Launceston,

Millington, Bagdad: Acquired was D70NC Kia Cosmos/ Rogers (B506 9/98) B37F ex Wheatley, Katanning WA 1DXT529.

O'Driscoll, Hobart: On 17/1/14 took over Midland Coaches (Salter), Brighton with (37) DE 6422 Toyota Coaster (4/93) B21C; (39) FR 9647 Mercedes OH1316/ PMCA (2/89) B49F – to be withdrawn and sold; (36) A10EP Mercedes LO814/ CC (96-313 1/97) B33F and (38) B60GD Mercedes OH1418/ A.B. Denning (1995) B49F. Has also taken over Clark of New Norfolk with B16NO Hino RG197K/ Autobus (030 5/95) B57F and B54BW Mitsubishi Rosa (11/05) B24C. New are (29) D29MD BCI Roadcruiser 2 (6KT2CB110CX000387 2/12/13) C57F and (30) D30MD BCI Roadcruiser 2 (6KT2CB116CX005008 2/12/13) C57F. Withdrawn were (21) A00AY and (22) FS 8991 both Mercedes OH1622/ PMC and (27) A39RJ Leyland Tiger/ PMC (the latter sold to D. Rae, Wangaratta for preservation).

Oakley, Snug: Additional is C30HG Toyota Hi Ace.

Chris Martin Pty Ltd t/a Ol' Kid Fishing Charters, Adventure Bay: Operates fishing charters out of Captain Cook Caravan Park at Adventure Bay on Bruny Island with C 04 VH Mercedes Sprinter 616CDi/ Mills-Tui "Dash" (PBBS0263 6/05) B29F ex Bowen Transit (Crossley), Bowen, QLD 460 RMI 10/12. Previously operated was FP 0854 Mercedes LO812/ CC of 1995 for sale on Gumtree.

Southern, Spring Beach: Acquired D54FB Iveco Euromidi/ Mills Tui (PBOEX0293 9/05) C43F ex Oxley Explorer, NSW. Acquired A81HG Fuso Rosa with local school run from Walker, Orford.

Wynyard Bus Lines: Victorian based (16) 7937 AO BCI is (LSFC13089C005339 of 1/10).

QUEENSLAND – Brisbane Metropolitan – Brisbane Transport

Deliveries: Volvo B7RLE/ Volgren Optimus B42Dw to Eagle Farm

(2072) 774 TJK 159436/ VQ1036 1/11/13	(2073) 996 TLD 159437/ VQ 1049 20/11/13
(2074) 997 TDK 159438/ VQ1050 20/11/13	(2075) 998 TDK 159473/VQ1051 21/11/13
(2076) 999 TDK 159474/ VQ1052 21/11/13	(2077) 930 TLD 159475/ VQ1053 22/11/13
(2078) 240 TLE 159633/ VQ 1054 22/11/13	(2079) 241 TLE 159634/ VQ1055 29/11/13
(2080) 242 TLE 159635/ VQ1056 26/11/13	(2081) 243 TLE 159636/ VQ1057 25/11/13
(2082) 392 TLE 159637/ VQ1058 28/11/13	(2083) 244 TLE 159589/ VQ1059 25/11/13
(2084) 393 TLE 159563/ VQ1060 29/11/13	(2085) 394 TLE 159585/ VQ1061 28/11/13
(2086) 395 TLE 159606/ VQ1062 28/11/13	(2087) 396 TLE 159600/ VQ1063 29/11/13
(2088) 397 TLE 163152/ VQ1064 29/11/13	(2089) 033 TMZ 163153/ VQ1065 29/11/13
(2090) 034 TMZ 163331/ VQ1066 17/12/13	(2091) 351 TMZ 163568/ VQ1067 20/12/13
(2092) 352 TMZ 163569/ VQ1068 20/12/13	(2093) 353 TMZ 163580/ VQ1069 18/12/13
(2094) 354 TMZ 163581/ VQ1070 18/12/13	(2095) 355 TMZ 163716/ VQ1071 19/12/13
(2096) 356 TMZ 163749/ VQ 1072 19/12/13	(2097) 240 TPG 163750/ VQ1073 31/1/14
(2098) 241 TPG 160501/ VQ1074 31/1/14	(2099) 242 TPG 160504/ VQ1075 31/1/14
(2100) 243 TPG 160506/ VQ1076 31/1/14	

Transfers: 676, 677, 678, 680, 681, 682, 683 all Garden City to Virginia; 1998-2007 all Eagle Farm to Sherwood; 2047, 2048 Eagle Farm to Carina (all 2/14); 317, 318, 320, 322, 326, 327, 329 all Virginia to Eagle Farm; 589, 2008-2015 all Eagle Farm to Sherwood (3/14)

Reregistered: 735 from 735 GWU to 047 TPU; 1909 457 RFH to 014 TOO (3/14)

Withdrawals 323 (3/14)

Private Operators

Coast & Country, Wamuran & Bundaberg: Withdrawn was (47) 483 RUO Hino BX341E/ Maxim. Added were (3) 905 SRP Toyota Hi Ace (2009) B12C at Wamuran; (49) 042 TLE and (50) 043 TLE both MAN 18.290/ King Long (2013) C57F at Bundaberg;

E&D Specialty Coach Charter, Archerfield: 804 OTN Volvo B10M/ Volgren withdrawn.

Express Coachlines, Loganholme: Acquired was 630 TIP MAN 18.310 6ABA550023MX00767/ Coach Design (076 22/8/96) C53F ex Sydney Executive Coaches Cairns 030 HRC via unknown operator.

Highway Tours, One Mile: New was 609 SWN MAN 18.360/ Irizar Century (2013) C57F.

Kangaroo Bus Lines: New is (96) KBL 96 Toyota Hi Ace (2013) B12C.

Sisil, Lindum: Withdrawn were (3) 752 RKL Volvo B10ML/ Fuji, (6) 175 IZZ Denning Landseer, (12) 108 JQX Scania K112TR/ CC; (4) 920 RHV Scania K92CRB/ Newnham plus (1)745 JIW,(11) 068 RSQ MAN SL200/ Denning, (13) 538 KBP, (14) 946 REA, (15) 564 REK and (17) 269 RSQ all MAN SL200/ Denning, **Stradbroke Island B.S.:** Sold 735 LJL Mitsubishi Rosa.

The Army Bus: Acquired from Surfside Bus Lines were 993 TBQ Volvo B58-56/ MCA (B190 6/92) B57F ex (390) and 703 RLS Volvo B58-56/ MCA (B187 6/92) B57F ex (404) – the latter is now withdrawn.

Underwood B.S.: 02 UBS MCA 14.5m sold to Palmer, Miles.

GOLD COAST

Con X Ion, Gold Coast: Additional is 323 SSB BCI JXK6830 (LSFC030888C005230 25/9/08) C33F.

LTD Coaches: Acquired was 884SXT Autobus/ Autobus (115 5/12/97) C53F ex Winterhalter, Korumburra 4775 AO.

PTA Perfect Tours Australia: Additional is (3) PTA168 Fuso Rosa (01550 2006) C24C ex 837RDW.

Surfside Bus Lines: New is (374) 274 TMZ Scania K280UB/ Bustech VST.

Unidentified: 197 TFI Scania K113TR/ Autobus (118 1/98) C48FT ex Terra Australis, NSW TV 2574

Vacation Tour Coaching P/L: Additional is 083 SPR MAN 12.190/ PMCA (2633 5/95) C34FT ex Murrays Coaches (833).



ABOVE: Former Driver (6) 1006 AO a 2001 Motorcoach Classic II has now been repainted into full Eastrans livery. (Mick Kane)



CENTRE: Transdev (382) 5282 AO a 2003 Scania L94UB/ Volgren is one of the numerous fleet vehicles now restickered into PTV livery, seen in Dudley Street, West Melbourne. (Jason Lipszyc)



BOTTOM: New to Doyle's of Camira, Qld and now with Brooke's Party Tours Melbourne is 1075 AC IBC-Cat/ Nambucca of 1980. (Hayden Ramsdale)

COUNTRY OPERATORS

Callide Coaches, Biloela: Acquired was 67 MOS MAN 10.220/ A.B. Denning (VM014 12/6/98) C33FV ex Pincini, Merimbula NSW TV 6567.

Clariss (P&K), Wandoan: This operators fleet comprises 01 PKC Daewoo BH117L/ Northcoast-Gemilang (625 5/13) C53F; 02 PKC Daewoo BH117L/ Customs SB50 (13-066 9/13) C53FT; 366 THM Hyundai AT220/ Quality Bus & Coach (1/13) C39F; 139 LTJ Fuso Rosa (2009) C24C and 649 MUS Fuso Rosa (01060 2010) C24C.

Country Way Coaches, Gayndah: Sold 953 LRQ Fuso Rosa to Lakes Christian College, Sydney as m/o 9640.

Crisp, Warwick: Acquired was unreg Hyundai Cosmos/ UBC-Chiron (090274AF 12/10) B43F ex West Warwick Coaches 867 DON.

Downunder, Cairns: New in 2013 was DUT 53 Denning Silver Phoenix/ Denning Manufacturing (15194) C—F.

Emerald Coaches: Business and buses taken over by Bus Systems Australia (M. Baulch) in early Feb 2014,

Gilmore (RE&SA), Miles: Operates the Butlers Road run with 912 RHG Fuso Rosa (2010) B24C acquired from Marshall, Miles with the run.

Hills, Rosedale: Sold 524 DTV Mercedes LO814/ A.B. Denning to Allan Barnes Coaches, Sydney.

jasbo Holdings (W.J. Megaw), Miles: This operator has two school runs and the fleet comprises 132 LTJ Fuso Rosa (00948 2009) B24C; 292 JJT Mitsubishi Rosa (00165 2003) B24C and 846 MRX Hino RB8/ UBC (090213AA 1/10) C34F. previously operated was 521 CRM Toyota Coaster B21C of 1994 ex Caboolture Bus Lines.

Kenton 5 Pty Ltd (KG&TM Brown), Miles: Operates 764 HMA Toyota Coaster (2003) B21C.

Kirby, Miles: sold 444 FHW Hino FD166L/ MBS to Lor Ken Transit, Roma and acquired from Marshall, Miles was 548 HFQ Volvo B7R/ Mills Tui (PBVBA0121 4/04) C57F.

Lor-Ken Transit, Roma: Acquired from Kirby, Miles was 444 FHW Hino FD166L/ MBS (B336 4/89) B39F.

Mackay Transit Coaches: Sold Mercedes 0404-3/Austral Denning 'Majestic' units (104)681 AZL, (105)288 IZM, (106)608 MBX and (107) 155 JCG all to Victoria Coaches, Melbourne.

Palmer's Coaches, Miles: Have registered and intend to soon use the trading name 'McCaferly's Coaches Qld'. Acquired were 420 TDC Motorcoach Classic III (B564 7/04) C54FTB ex Greyhound (442); 438 ICP Motorcoach Classic III (B560 9/03) C52FTB ex Greyhound (438); 577 TKL MCA Classic III (LAS414 10/96) C61DT ex Underwood B.S. Brisbane 02 UBS and 798 THR Volvo B12R/ Austral-Denning (C100710 9/94) C48DT ex Port Stephens Buses, ex SWCL, Bunbury. 140 TIE Denning Landseer reregistered AIR 11.

Peters, Toowoomba: RDP 10 and PTP 09 both Scania/ Autobuses are for sale. 890 JSV Mercedes 0500RF/ Coach Design reregistered PCT 11. Added were 190 SSL Higer Munro C28F of 2012 and 2013 model Fuso Rosas 703 TCA, 704 TCA and 705 TCA all C24C.

Polley Gympie: Acquired was 864 TON Hino RB8/ UBC-Chiron (090214AA 12/09) C34F ex Frankston & Peninsula Airport Service, Melbourne.

Stiller (RD&C), Wandoan: Operates a school run with 618 JOF Nissan Civilian B19C of 1996.

Stonestreet, Toowoomba: Acquired the Yarwun to Gladstone school run from MK&PA Kelly with (62) 245 MTI Iveco Midirider/ Mills Tui (PBIBC0838 1/10) B49F. Acquired were (Axor1) 440 TLT Mercedes OH1833 4x4/ Coach Design and (Axor2) 441 TLT Mercedes OH1833 4x4/ Coach Design both believed to be ex Out-back Spirit

079 FVC Scania K93CR/Coach Design caught fire at Withcott late 2013 and was sent to Coachworks for repair. Withdrawn/ sold were (37) 337 HOC Leyland Tiger/ PMCSA; SST 20 Mitsubishi Rosa; 158 HQW MCA/ MCA; 079 FVG Scania K93CR/ Coach Design; 257 FET Toyota Coaster; 642 KAI Hino FD164/ MCA; 773 CTW Toyota Coaster; 158 JKM Mitsubishi Rosa;

New or previously unreported units are: 13 PHX Denning Phoenix (15206 9/13), 012 TJK Volvo B11R/ Coach Design (782 8/13) C57F. (MAN2) 955 SZO MAN 18.360/ Irizar Century 3500 (2011) C57F, (MAN3) 920 TCS MAN 18.360/ Irizar Century 3500 (2011) C57F, (MAN4) 496 TJK MAN 18.290/ Coach Design (2013) C57F, (MAN5) 487 TJK MAN 18.290/ Coach Design (2013) C57F, (Iveco4) 861 SKE Iveco Eurorider/ Irizar I6 (2012) C—FT, (Iveco5) 302 TCS Iveco Delta Graduate/ Customs SB50 (2013) C57F, (Iveco7) 668 TMU

Iveco Delta Graduate/ King Long (2013) C57F, (Iveco 8) 666 TMU Iveco Delta Graduate/ King Long (2013) C57F, (Iveco9) 667 TMU Iveco Delta Graduate/ King Long (2013) C57F, (Iveco10) 692 TMZ Iveco Eurorider/ Irizar Century (262702 6/13) C57F, (Iveco11) 693 TNK Iveco Delta Graduate/ Irizar Century (2013) C57F, (Isu4x4 3) 211 SXD Isuzu TFS750 4x4/ Able and (Daewoo3) 355 TAL Daewoo BH117L/ UBC-Chiron (060114 9/07) B57F ex Cashmere, Hillston 1326 MO,

New are Higer Road Boss C57F units Note that 001-030 have fleet no prefix (BECH) for a specific contract:

(61) 295 STQ (LKLR1KSJ3CB602850 2012)	(63) 113 SZH (LKLR1KSXD579836 2012)
(64) 112 SZH (LKLR1KSK2CB579831 2012)	(65) 562 TBQ (LKLR1KSJXC576201 2013)
(66) 563 TBQ (LKLR1KSJ3CB576203 2013)	(001) 578 RYC (LKLR1KSJ3AB538466 2011)
(002) 579 RYC (LKLR1KSJ0AB538473 2011)	(003) 467 MES (LKLR1KSJ2BB573498 2011)
(004) 827 RZG (LKLR1KSJ9BB573501 2011)	(005) 828 RZG (LKLR1KSJ4BB573499 2011)
(006) 155 SBB (LKLR1KSJ4BB573504 2011)	(007) 811 SWT (LKLR1KSJ0BB573502 /11)x154 SBB
(008) 291 SBB (LKLR1KSJ1BB573511 2011)	(009) 293 SBB (LKLR1KSJ4BB573521 2011)
(010) 294 SBB (LKLR1KSJ7BB573528 2011)	(011) 292 SBB (LKLR1KSJ7BB573531 2011)
(012) 528 SBB (LKLR1KSJ2BB573517 2011)	(013) 529 SBB (LKLR1KSJ0BB573516 2011)
(014) 531 SBB (LKLR1KSJ3BB573526 2011)	(015) 532 SBB (LKLR1KSJ4BB573518 2011)
(016) 719 SBB (LKLR1KSJ1BB573508 2011)	(017) 922 SBB (LKLR1KSK1BB573525 2011)
(018) 221 SBM (LKLR1KSJ2BB573520 2011)	(019) 224 SBM (LKLR1KSJXBB573507 2011)
(020) 225 SBM (LKLR1KSJ6BB573522 2011)	(021) 666 SBM (LKLR1KSJ6BB573505 2011)
(022) 264 SHP (LKLR1KSJ4CB579479 2012)	(023) 262 SHP (LKLR1KSJ1CB579472 2012)
(024) 691 SGC (LKLR1KSJ2CB579478 2012)	(025) 690 SGC (LKLR1KSJ8CB579484 2012)
(026) 263 SHP (LKLR1KSJ0CB579477 2012)	(027) 261 SHP (LKLR1KSJ7CB579475 2012)
(028) 372 SOH (LKLR1KSJ2CB587449 2012)	(029) 373 SOH (LKLR1KSJ0CB587448 2012)
(030) 689 TJB (2013)	

New are Mercedes OH1830/ BCI C57F units:

(Mercl) 125 TNA (2013)	(5525) 819 SYM (2013)	(5526) 814 SYM (2013)
(5527) 813 SYM (2013)	(5531) 816 SYM (21/10/13)	(5532) 815 SYM (2013)
(5534) 817 SYM (2013)	(5728) 581 TMZ (21/10/13)	(5729) 582 TMZ (21/10/13)
(5730) 583 TMZ (21/10/13)		

New are Toyota Hi Aces C14C

(HiAce2) 703 TKP (2012)	(HiAce3) 728 SIA (2012)	(HiAce4) 719 SIA (2012)
(HiAce6) 139 SVL (2012)	(HiAce7) 206 SVL (2012)	(HiAce8) 205 SVL (2012)
(HiAce9) 420 SVQ (2012)	(HiAce10) 609 SYB (2012)	(HiAce11) 959 TAH (2012)
(HiAce12) 960 TAH (2012)	(HiAce13) 271 TIO (2013)	(HiAce14) 272 TIO (2013)
(HiAce15) 273 TIO (2013)	(HiAce16) 274 TIU (2013)	(HiAce17) 673 TKP (2013)
(HiAce18) 694 TKP (2013)	(HiAce19) 700 TKP (2013)	(HiAce20) 895 SEO (2013)

New are 24 seat Fuso Rosas with (BECR) fleet no prefix

(002) 425 MES (10144 2011)	(003) 424 MES (10045 2011)	(006) 826 RZG (10129 2011)
(007) 825 RZG (10126 2011)	(008) 829RZG (10091 2011)	(009) 952 SBM (10295 2012)
(010) 951 SBM (10301 2012)	(011) 953 SBM (10303 2012)	(012) 954 SBM (10310 2012)
(013) 286 SCU (10327 2012)	(014) 284 SCU (10324 2012)	(015) 285 SCU (10315 2012)

And similar units with (ROSA) fleet no prefix are

(10) 910 RHG (10132 2010)	(12) 112 RRW (10356 2011)	(14) 114 RRW (10357 2011)
(18) 818 RUN (10319 2011)	(19) 149 RYO (10014 2011)	(20) 067 SBP (10150 2012)
(21) 140 SFS (10308 2012)	(22) 665 SJC (10364 2012)	(23) 852 SLR (10365 2012)
(24) 853 SLR (10367 2012)	(25) 840 SLR (10414 2012)	(26) 878 SLR (10437 2012)
(27) 879 SLR (10651 2012)	(28)789 SPU (10440 2012)	(29)790 SPU (10440 2012)
(30)791 SPU (10460 2012)	(31) 261 STQ (10092 2012)	(32) 262 STQ (10627 2012)
(33) 263 STQ (10091 2012)	(34) 264 STQ (10620 2012)	(35) 265 STQ (10646 2012)
(36) 266 STQ (10625 2012)	(37) 267 STQ (10093 2012)	(38) 268 STQ (10053 2012)



TOP: Goldliner, Adelaide still operates VNJ 644 an ex PTC Sydney PMC bodied Leyland Atlantean seen at Osborne in March 2014.



CENTRE: On Clipsal Race day 2014, Kanga Coachlines SB65GX an ex demonstrator Scania K320IB/ Higer A30 of 2013 was one of many coaches servicing a cruise boat.



BOTTOM: Seen on rail replacement duty at Campbelltown, Sydney in February 2014 is Nowra Coaches 7297 MO a 200 model Volvo B10L/ Volgren ex Brisbane Transport (597). (All photos by Geoff Foster)

(39) 269 STQ (10611 2013)	(409) 260 STQ (10548 2012)	(41) 941 SWS (10619 2012)
(42) 942 SWS (10094 2012)	(43) 943 SWS (10656 2012)	(44) 944 SWS (10654 2012)
(45) 945 SWS (10657 2012)	(46) 946 SWS (10662 2012)	(47) 589 TBQ (10648 2012)
(48) 590 TBQ (10013 2012)	(49) 592 TBQ (10629 2013)	(50) 593 TBQ (10632 2012)
(51) 963 TFJ (10556 2013)	(52) 964 TFJ (10634 2013)	(53) 966 TFJ (10633 2012)
(54) 754 TIE (2013)	(55) 755 TIE (2013)	(56) 756 TIE (2013)
(57) 757 TIE (2013)	(58) 758 TIE (2013)	(59) 759 TIE (2013)
(60) 760 TIE (2013)	(61) 761 TIE (2013)	(62) 762 TIE (2013)
(63) 763 TIE (2013)	(64) 764 TIE (2013)	(65) 765 TIE (2013)
(66) 766 TIE (2013)		

Trans North, Bowen: With the exception of Toyota Coasters 179 FDA, 389 LJP and 863 HHZ, the fleet has been renumbered and reregistered as follows:

- (200) 200 TLH Nissan JP251/ BCI (MSTB077 3/00) B51F ex (24) 344 LZL
 (201) 201 TLH Toyota Hi Ace (2006) B12C ex (1) 133 JHY
 (202) 202 TLH MCA-Cummins L10/ MCA (B108 9/90) C57F ex (22) 578 MDE
 (203) 203 TLH Daewoo BH117L/ UBC-Chiron (120495AB 4/13) B57F ex (3) 053 IDF
 (204) 204 TLH Hino RK176K/ TOST (110 7/90) B49F ex (4) 936 SQK
 (205) 205 TLH Daewoo BH117L/ UBC-Chiron (080219AB 12/09) C57F ex (5) BWN 05
 (206) 206 TLH Hino RK176K/ TOST (152 11/92) B49F ex (6) 526 LHK
 (207) 207 TLH Daewoo BS512OCN/ Northcoast-Gemilang (590 3/11) B49Fw ex (7) 676 RPS
 (208) 208 TLH Autobus-Cummins/ Autobus (300 1/02) C48FTL ex (8) 723 MAY
 (209) 209 TLH Spartan 16.230/ Coach Design (113 2/98) C36FT ex (9) 129 LQF
 (210) 210 TLH Fuso Rosa (10284 2012) C24C ex (10) 422 SDH
 (211) 211 TLH Toyota Coaster (2009) B22C ex (23) 317 LBD
 (212) 212 TLH Daewoo BH117L/ UBC-Chiron (110339AB 4/11) C57F ex (12) 783 RWU
 (213) 213 TLH Fuso Rosa (01305 2009) C24C ex (21) 284 SCD
 (214) 214 TLH Daewoo BH117L/ UBC-Chiron (110291AB 3/11) B57F ex (14) 604 RNK
 (215) 215 TLH Autobus-Cummins/ Autobus (007 9/94) 65F ex (15) 568 CNY
 (216) 216 TLH Mercedes OH1418/ TOST (153 1/93) B51F ex (16) 044 KVJ
 (217) 217 TLH Toyota Hi Ace (2006) B19C ex (17) 810 KCH
 (218) 218 TLH Toyota Coaster (2001) B21C ex (20) 175 JLB

Trans North, Ayr: Transferred was (109) 109 RNA ex (103) 207 KCG BCI to Bacchus Marsh Coaches.

Wall (WJ&JA), Wandoan: Operates a school run with 69 JAC Toyota Coaster XBR50 C21C of 2007.

West Warwick Coaches: Sold 867 DON Hyundai Cosmos/ UBC to Crisp, Warwick. Acquired was unreg Hino RK260/ P&D (362 2007) B57F ex Kinross Wollaroi School, Orange NSW AN04SO.

Wide Bay Transit, Maryborough: (506) 998 DTU MCA/ MCA withdrawn. Correcting previous entry, (99) 540 SCU Denning low floor has body no 25024 not 25026.

NEW SOUTH WALES – Sydney Metropolitan – State Transit

Deliveries Scania K280UB / Bustech B46Dw to Kingsgrove Nos. 2600, 2601, 2602 (11.2); 2603, 2604 (12.2); 2605, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609 (15.2); 2610 (27.2); 2611, 2612, 2613, 2614 (10.3). Scania N280UB / Volgren B30Dw No. 5060 (the 3rd) registered on car plates BX99NP (by 17.2), on trial mainly on shifts which contain “short” bus route journeys at Waverley Depot (3.14).

Re-instated Vehicles Mercedes-Benz 0405NH Nos. 1105, 1106, 1107, 1109 all Ryde (by 1.14 but reported with one eng cylinder isolated which reduces the pressure from 180 to 150 bar).

Transfers Volvo B12BLE Nos. 1561, 1562 (12.2); 1568 (17.2); 1573 (3.14) all Kingsgrove to Brookvale; 1572 (14.3) Ryde to Brookvale; 4840, 4842 (4.14) Randwick to Burwood; 4863 (4.2) Brookvale to North Sydney; 2036 (by 21.3) and 2115 (by 7.3) Willoughby to Tempe in exchange for Scania 2598 then 2585 respectively. Mercedes O500LE No. 1900 (2.14) Waverley to Leichhardt. Mercedes 0405N/ PMC”160” Nos. 3383, 3385 (11.2) Kingsgrove to Randwick. Scania K280UB/Bustech Nos. 2598 (by 7.3) and 2585 (by 21.3) Tempe to Willoughby for driver training. Scania L113TRB Nos. 3427 (6.2) Kingsgrove to Willoughby swapped for 3453.

Mercedes 0405 Mark V Nos. 3161, 3162 (10.2) Mona Vale to Brookvale; 3165 (6.2) Ryde to Randwick; 3169, 3175 (11.2) Kingsgrove to Randwick; 3181 (6.2) Tempe to Randwick, then (31.3) Randwick to Ryde; 3183 (3.4), 3191 (25.3) Brookvale to Waverley; 3193, 3205 (10.2) Mona Vale to Brookvale; 3193 (25.3) Brookvale to Waverley; 3195 (24.3) Ryde to Randwick then (31.3) Randwick to Ryde; 3202 (25.3) Brookvale to Waverley; 3205 (25.3) Brookvale to Waverley; 3206 (25.3) Tempe to Waverley; 3210 (17.2) Brookvale to Kingsgrove then (31.3) Kingsgrove to Ryde; 3211 (24.3) Brookvale to Kingsgrove, then (31.3) Kingsgrove to Ryde; 3240, 3241 (17.2) Kingsgrove to Brookvale; 3242 (4.2) North Sydney to Brookvale; 3305, 3306 (24.3) Kingsgrove to Ryde; 3310 (24.3) Kingsgrove to Randwick; 3323 (11.2), 3324, 3325 (17.2) Kingsgrove to Brookvale; 3326 (4.14) Brookvale to North Sydney; 3327 (28.2) Kingsgrove to North Sydney.

Reregistered Vehicles Volvo B12BLE No. 4814 Ryde (by 27,3.14) from m/o.4814 to 4814.ST. Scania tow truck STA001 (Leichhardt FOID) reregistered as BX54GV found often in Phillip St City during weekday peak periods. The STA.001 plate was transferred to the new Volvo FM500 Euro 5 tow truck reported previously.

Withdrawals Mercedes 0405 Nos. 3149 (1.14), 3151 (17.2) Kingsgrove; 3158, 3161, 3162, 3174, 3176, 3177 (24.2) Brookvale; 3165 (24.3) Randwick; 3167 (24.3) Kingsgrove; 3173 (17.2) Randwick; 3188 (24.3) Randwick; 3201 (17.2) Randwick; 3209 (6.3) North Sydney; 3234 (24.2) Brookvale; 3248 (24.3) Kingsgrove. Note that 3201 was decorated as a float for use in the Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade in Sydney (1.3).

All Over Advertising Liveries Mercedes 0405NH Nos, 1317 Waverley (3.14 Vampire Academy the movie); 1318 Waverley (3.14 the LEGO movie); 1342 Waverley (3.14 The Aussie Bum clothing); 1349 Waverley (3.14 Mazda cars model CX5). Mercedes O500LE Nos. 2141 and 2142 Waverley (12.14 Plan B – Don't Drink Drive Campaign). Volvo B12BLE No. 1406 Newcastle (by 2.14 unknown livery); 1410 (during 2013) and 1412 (by 2.14) both Newcastle (Subway fast foods); 1556 Willoughby (3.14 The Lion King Stage Show); 2048 Newcastle (by 2.14 Calvary Aged Care); 4846 Randwick (11.13 Slurpee Drink); 4920 Burwood (3.14 return to corporate livery); 4932 Newcastle (by 2.14 Hunter Melanoma Foundation); 4953 Newcastle (by 2.14 NSF Superannuation) and 4957 Newcastle (2.14 Instagram iPhotos). Volvo B12BLE artic No. 1714 Ryde (1.14 all over ad for TV Channel 10 Dance Australia).

Private Operators

AAC Airport Express, Penrith: Reg 8/12 was TV 7036 Toyota Tarago.

Allan Barnes Coaches, St Peters: TV 4358 Toyota Coaster withdrawn and replaced by Mercedes LO814/A.B. Denning (82152 3/98) C35F ex Hills, Rosedale Qld, ex TP Oceania 524 DTV.

ASF Tours, Ingleburn: Acquired were BF65UE Isuzu FSR500/ PMCA (4939 1/92) B32F ex Holt, Tresco, Vic 0151 SO and BS82MO Hino Ranger FB125/ P&D (205 4/01) B29F ex PBC, Goulburn 2827 MO.

Aussie Pingan Travel P/L, Narwee: Additional is TV 7411 Mitsubishi Rosa C24C.

Australia Wide, Mascot & Orange: TV 7123 Denning Phoenix has body no (15175).

Australian Luxury Coach Travel, Bonnyrigg: Acquired was 5025 MO MAN 16.240/ PMCA (1956 3/90) B53F ex Buslines, Ballina (107).

Australian Luxury Escapes, Eastwood: Operates TV 6280 Mercedes Vario (2010) C7.

Australian Prestige Tours: Sold TV 4615 Scania L94IB/ Coach Design to Hosannah Tours.

Bankstown Coaches: Purchased 12/13 was TV 5015 Denning Landseer previously under subbie arrangement with Comealong Coaches since 2007. Reinstated after being dereg for a year was TV 7641 Mercedes 0305/ (5383 3/80) B43D ex TV 5391 (ex STA 2348). Acquired was TV 7642 Mercedes OHL1622/ Newnham (92-198 1/93) RB61F ex Bacchus Marsh Coaches, Victoria BM 026.

Beachwheels Coaches, Harbord: Dereg 9/13 for sale was m/o 8509 Mercedes 0305/ PMC. Acquired were BCH 011 Volvo B59-50/ P&D (021 2/94) B53D ex Skennar's, Kirrawee and BCH 12 Toyota Hi Ace (1993) B14C. MO 6006 Mercedes 0305/ PMC dereg by 2/14. Former TV 2330 Mercedes Vario was sold to All Sun Tours, Wheelers Hill Vic. Acquired was 2033 MO Mercedes 0305/ PMC-Coachworks (5065 12/99) B49F ex Big Bus Co (Golden eagle).

Bennett, Bringelly: Additional is TV 6911 Mercedes 0305/ PMC (5178 5/79) B43D ex Seuala 08 TV 5413.

Big Bus Co (Golden Eagle): Sold 2033 MO Mercedes 0305/ Ansair/ Coachworks to Beachwheels. Acquired was YLY 110 Mitsubishi Rosa (11/02) C21CL.



TOP: Edwards of Maryborough, Qld 874 RSW 2009 Hino RN8J/ Mills Tui—one of three in this four vehicle fleet. (Nick Wilson)



CENTRE: Q City Transit 7528 MO, seen at Civic interchange, Canberra is a 2000 MAN 12.220/ Custom Coaches transferred from the parent CDC fleet in Sydney. (Jason Lipszyc)



BOTTOM: Muir of Rushworth 1223 AC Mercedes OH1830/ Irizar of 2010 departs the town on its afternoon school run. (Hayden Ramsdale)

Busways Group: Transfers by 1/14 were: Mercedes 0405/ CCs (239) m/o 9944 (239) m/o 9944 Mulgrave to Penrith; (271) m/o 6217, (278) m/o 8853 (279) m/o 5139; (280) m/o 8874, (286) m/o 8918 all Penrith to Blacktown; (313) m/o 9222 Blacktown to Narellan; (450) m/o 5177 Blacktown to Mulgrave; (602) 1497 MO Mercedes LO814/ A.B. Denning Bulahdelah to Mulgrave; (808) m/o 1957 Scania K230/ CC Blacktown to Campbelltown; (821) m/o 9683 Scania K230/ CC Blacktown to Penrith; (1094) m/o 9378 and (1095) m/o 9380, (1109) m/o 9403, (1111) m/o 9405, (1112) m/o 9407 and (1114) m/o 9409 all Scania K94UB/ Volgren Blacktown to Penrith and (1184) m/o 5997 MAN 18.320/ Bustech Campbelltown to Narellan. Reregistered were (602) 1497 MO Mercedes LO814/ A.B. Denning to m/o 5644 and (652) 5580 MO Mercedes LO814/ A.B. Denning to m/o 5646. New is m/o 6273 MAN 18.320/ Customs CB80 (2014) B50Dw.

Casula Bus & Coach: Sold out to Kingsgrove Bus & Coach with 15 buses. Has retained three registered buses (m/o 5993 Leyland Panther, m/o 9726 Volvo B10M (semi-auto) & TV 3980 Leyland Worldmaster), as well as the unregistered Leyland Worldmaster. These are expected to be sold to a new charter who is currently going through the accreditation process. Additionally scrapped were m/o 1497 AEC Reliance/ CC rebody (withdrawn without motor and body parts removed) 31/1/14, m/o 7600 Volvo B10M (parts bus ex CDC) 31/1/14 and m/o 4670 Leyland Leopard (parts bus owned by Harbourside Bus & Coach). Former Harbourside m/o 8991 Leyland Leopard rebody, which was also stored at the Moorebank depot, has been towed away to another location.

Chen (X), Beverley Park: New is TV 7483 Bonluck JXK6127 (2013) C53F.

Cumberland Coaches, St Marys: Acquired was TV 7659 Hino RG197K/ PMCA XL (2563 1/96) B57F ex Echuca Moama Transit, Vic 1643 MO.

CYC Tours, Kingsgrove: New was TV 6737 Toyota Coaster XZB50R (2012) C21C.

Dantay's (N. Bosco), Lidcombe: Operates TV 7417 Mercedes 0305/ PMC (7004 5/84) B43D ex STA 2731 (previously reg BN20SG).

Daye's C.L., Bankstown: TV 7038 Higer Munro sold to McKenzies, Healesville as 1827 AO.

Ellis (G.W), Alexandria: Acquired was TV 6151vMercedes Sprinter 616CDi/ A.B. Denning (61039 6/11/03) C25F ex Murrays Coaches (709).

Ezi Drive, Bringelly: New was E ZI 001 Scania K360IB/ Coach Design (767 2/13) C62FT.

Fangia Bus Lines, Eastwood: Acquired was BW57NI Leyland Tiger/ PMC (1766 10/88) B57F ex Veolia (87) m/o

7897 by 2/13 but not reg until 9/13.

Galaxy Mini Coaches & Airport Transfers (T. Byrne), Asquith: TV 6272 Mercedes Vito replaced by TV 6272 Mercedes Sprinter (2010) C12C. Additional is TV 7277 Toyota Hi Ace (2009) C13C.

Glenorie Coaches: Sold 2178 MO Scania K93CRB/ Newnham to Broughton College, Menangle.SB82FZ MAN/ Volgren was resealed to B51Fw and rereg TV 7567. Acquired was 3893 MO Bedford YRT3-Cat-Allison/ CC (74-668 6/75) RB53F ex Illawarra Escape Tours.

Group Charters: Acquired were TV 7378 Volvo B12R/ Austral-Denning (C100720 9/94) C48FT ex South West C.L. WA TC 6491 - resold to Pick of the Crop Tours and TV 3460 Motorcoach Classic III (B543 6/03) C54FT ex Oden, Dubbo (51).

Hensbus (Party Shuttle P/L), Lidcombe: Acquired was HENBUS Volvo B10M/ Austral (B02050 23/6/52) ex Brisbane Transport (268) 268 BLE.

Hills Airport Express, Kellyville: Acquired was TV 5300 Toyota Hi Ace (2008) C13C ex Royale Coaches.

Hopkinson's, Woodpark: Mercedes 0405/ PMC m/o 5548 has been fitted with a Customs CB80 front.

Hosannah Tours (J.L. Choi), Kingsgrove: A new operator who has acquired TV 4615 Scania L94IB/ Coach Design (178 12/99) C41F ex Australian Prestige Coach Tours.

Jubo Tours: Sold 2239 AC Mercedes/ BCI to Jinling International, Melbourne.

Kingsgrove Bus & Coach: Took over Casula Bus & Coach with the following buses:

m/o 4360 Volvo B10M/ CC (82-215L 20/8/82) B53F	m/o 6305 Volvo B10M/ CC (81-600 25/3/82) B53F
m/o 6337 Volvo B10M/ CC (81-595 22/3/82) B53F	m/o 6360 Volvo B10M/ CC (81-588L 17/3/82) B53F
m/o 6394 Leyland Tiger/ PMC (1522 8/85) B57F	m/o 7423 Mercedes 0305/ CC (85-468 26/4/86) B53F
m/o 7447 Leyland Tiger/ PMC (1524 10/85) B53F	m/o 7697 Volvo B10M/ CC (86-4 1/9/86) B48D
m/o 7967 Volvo B59-50/ P&D (023 30/6/94) B53D	m/o 8969 Volvo B58-61/ CC (82-153 1/6/83) B57F
m/o 9719 Scania K93CR/ CC (89-42 31/7/89) B49D	m/o 9127 Leyland Tiger/ PMC (1723 4/87) B57F

TV 3887 Volvo B10ML/ Fuji (334177 12/84) AB76F TV 4452 MCA-Cat 3208/ Austral (1411 2/88) C53F TV 5561 Volvo B59-50/ P&D (015 28/8/93) B53D Unreg Leyland Tiger artic/ Superior (B422 6/87) AB83FR. Acquired ex Kangaroo B. L., Qld was 614 TGN Denning Landseer-Cat/ Denning (1301 8/88) C57F

Lee (K.X), Kingsgrove: Operates TV 7054 Mitsubishi Rosa (2007) C24C.

Ley-AEC, Brookvale: Scrapped was m/o 025 Leyland Leopard/ PMC replaced by m/o 025 Mercedes 0305G/ PMC (6191 11/83) AB69D ex preservation (S.North, Junee) ex Manly Coaches (unused) ex STA 2559.

Macarthur Shuttles & Tours (M.Mahoney), Campbelltown: Operates TV 7254 Mercedes Sprinter (2004) C14C.

Moore's Tours, Blakehurst: Acquired was TV 4077 Denning double deck (B0025 5/92) HC54/14DT ex Simes, Lismore.

North Sydney Bus Charters: New are TV 7439 Yutong ZK6129H04 (3486 2014) C51F and TV 7440 Yutong ZK676CDA4 (7506 2014) C27F.

Nor West Coaches, Kellyville: Acquired were TV 6540 Toyota Hi Ace and TV 7633 Higer Midiboss (2013) C39F – the latter on a school run for Hills Grammar. TV 4723 Toyota Coaster sold by 11/13.

On Course Tours, Warriewood: TV 7623 Scania/ Irizar is a K440EB model.

Out & About, Austral: Acquired was m/o 6229 Volvo B10M/ Austral (B02077 12/92) B47D ex Brisbane Transport (295) 458 TBG.

Paradise Tours: Acquired was Hino BG300/ PMC (1382 11/83) B57F ex Blue Mountains Bus Co 3741 MO. TV 7106 Hino BX341E/ PMCSA dereg and withdrawn 9/13.

Paramount Tours, Bankstown: Acquired was TV 7394 Mercedes 0404-3/ Austral-Denning (M003010 7/96) C48FT ex Ford, Shepparton Vic 1864 AO.

Pegasus Coaches, Riverstone: Placed for auction 1/14 were 2544 AC Scania K124EB/ QCC, 5929 AO Scania K124EB/ Coach Design and 7554 AO Scania K124EB/ Autobus.

Punchbowl Bus Co: TV 813 MAN 22.360/ PMCA was sold to Oakley, Snug, TAS.

Road Runner Tours, Marrickville: TV 979 Mercedes 0303-3/ MCA dereg by 5/13 and similar unit TV 3151 reregistered TV 7668 after having been withdrawn for a period for refurbishment.

Royale Coaches, Banksmeadow: Sold TV 5300 Toyota Hi Ace to Hills Airport Express.

Southern Cross Tours, Werrington: Additional are TV 2524 MAN 12.190/ PMCA (2620 4/95) C34FT ex Murrays Coaches (820) by 9/13 and TV 5154 Toyota Coaster (2002) C21C.

Sydney Adventures (Dowell), Helensburgh: TV 5194 Leyland Leopard/ CC sold for camper, Albury 12/13.

Transit Scenic Tours, Bankstown: Acquired was TV 7428 Mercedes 0305G/ PMC (6201 3/84) AB69D ex Manly Coaches TV 5801 ex STA 2569. Dereg 12/13 was TV 1424 MCA/ MCA.

Transdev: Acquired from Kastoria Bus Lines, Melbourne were Mercedes 0405/ Volgren (VG861 1/97) B45D ex (3) 1403 AO; (VG841 11/96) B45D ex (4) 1404 AO; (VG810 6/96) B45D ex (7) 1407 AO; (VG763 1/96) B45D ex (8) 1408 AO; (VG793 4/96) B45D ex (11) 1411 AO and (VG562 3/94) B45D ex (18) 1418 AO.

Travel Centre Group, Bankstown: Reg 12/9/13 was TV 7294 Toyota Coaster (2011) C21C.

NEWCASTLE

All Travel Network P/L: Reg 22/8/12 was TV 6757 Toyota Tarago (1999) C7C.

Barrett, Kitchener: Acquired was Leyland Tiger/ PMC (1836 10/88) B51D ex Rover Motors, Cessnock (39) 3498 MO

CDC Hunter Valley Buses: Withdrawn by 10/13 were m/o 7620 and m/o 7664 Volvo B10M/ CC.

Coffey (J), Maitland: m/o 9127 BCI Proma reregistered 4259 MO.

Hop On Shuttle, (McGrath) Valentine: Reg 3/8/12 was TV 7149 Toyota Hi Ace (2008) C13C.

Macquarie Educational Tours: After entering an arrangement with Port Stephens whereby Macquarie Educational sold their coaches and subcontracted all travel agency/ school camp work to Port Stephens in 2010, Greg Turton has resumed operating some of his own coach work with TV7450 Volvo B11R/ Coach Design (794 1/14) C61F.

Murphys Commercials/ Hunter Valley Coaches: This dealer/ operator was placed into liquidation and all vehicles were auctioned on 22/10/13 mostly going for non psv use.

Port Stephens Buses: Acquired was 4678 MO Hino RG197K/ Newnham-Custom (90-330 5/91) B45D ex Dyson, Melbourne (39) 4226 MO via Murphy's Commercials (dlr). It was resold to Linq B.L., Gresford.

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Apple, Tumarumba: New is 6333 MO Fuso Rosa (00968 2009) B24C-reg 20/1/10.

Bear, Young: 7456 MO Hino RG197K/ MCA sold with run to L. Bruce. The bus has now been sold to Compass, Sydney.

Rochelle Bickley, Finley: The daughter of proprietor D.F. (Frank) Bickley has purchased the Finley-Jerilderie route 2 from R.J. & G.L. Ewing, Jerilderie, 16/7/12 with 1201 MO Hino RG197K/ Custom Coaches (92-180 11/92) C55F and has also recently purchased the Boree Creek-Buckinbong Forest run from D.F. Bickley, Finley with (7) 5596 MO Toyota Coaster.

KN&JE Biggs Hay: The Hay-Gunbar run ceased 30/6/13 and 5000 MO Toyota Hi Ace was sold.

Black Opal Tours, Lightning Ridge: OCF 642 Toyota Coaster sold and acquired from Outback Opal Tours was TV 6576 Toyota Coaster (9/94) C21C ex 1372 MO.

Blue Mountains Bus Co: New is 7471 MO Scania K280UB/ Express (2013) B53Fw. Sold 3741 MO Hino BG300/ PMC to Paradise Tours.

B.R. Bruce, Young: 4478 MO Hino RK176K/ PMCA dereg 12/12 replaced by BT83FO Hino RN8J/ Customs (11/12) B57F

L. Bruce, Young: 4472 MO Hino RG197K/ MCA was sold to Sydney in early 2014 replaced by 6910 MO Hino RN8J/ Customs (12-021 4/12) B57F

Busabout, Wagga: Purchased is Ventura, Melbourne (310) 2644 AO Mercedes 0405/ PMC to be used for parts
Buslines Group::Ballina (107) 5025 MO MAN 16.240/ PMCA sold to Australian Luxury Coach Travel, Sydney. (106) 3003 MO MAN/ PMC noted in use as a spare at Picton early 2014 then w/drawn at Ballina.

Berrima (37) 4837 MO Nissan RB30/ CC sold during 2013. New is (18) 7382 MO Mercedes 0500LE/ Bustech VST (12/13) B55Fw **Northern Rivers** (36) 1174 MO Mercedes 911D/ CC sold via Berrima to a driving school at Cooma. **Orange:** (13) 2997 MO Isuzu/ Austral withdrawn and stored at Berrima by 1/14. (17) 3165 MO Hino/ APG reregistered 4910 MO. New is 7150 MO Volvo B7R/ Bustech SBV (13-057 12/13) SDP73F.

Dubbo: New is 7383 MO Volvo B7R/ Bustech SBV (13-056 12/13) SDP73F. **Unknown:** Acquired 3088 MO Volvo B7R/ CC (05-013 6/06) B61F ex Singh, Murwillumbah. New are 7380 MO Mercedes 0500LE/ Bustech VST (12/13) B55Fw and 7381 MO Mercedes 0500LE/ Bustech VST (12/13) B55Fw. **Tamworth:** New is 7151 MO Volvo B7R/ Bustech SBV (13-055 12/13) SDP73F. **Picton:** New is 7152 MO Volvo B7R/ Bustech SBV (13-058 12/13) SDP73F.

Busways, North Coast: New MAN 18/290/ Customs (2013) SB72F units not previously recorded are: (1142) 6847 MO at Macksville then to Yamba; (1143) 7453 MO at Coffs Harbour; (1145) 7455 MO at Yamba; (1146) 6859 MO at Yamba; (11480) 6864 MO at Raleigh; (1150) 6868 MO at Kempsey; (1151) 6861 MO at Raleigh; (1152) 6862 MO at Raleigh; (1153) 6865 MO at Laurieton; (1155) 6866 MO at Kempsey; (1156) 6871 MO at Wauchope; (1158) 6870 MO at Macksville; (1159) 6873 MO at Macksville and (1161) 6876 MO at Macksville. New MAN 18.320 HOCL-R-NL. Customs (2013) B49Dw units not previously recorded are (1162) 6877 MO at Coffs Harbour; (1164) 6878 MO at Pt Macquarie; and (1166) 6861 MO at Laurieton. Note that 1163 and 1165 previously recorded are B49Dw not B50Dw.

Transfers by 1/14 were: (161) 5605 MO MAN/ CC Laurieton to Port Macquarie; (199) 6498 MO Mercedes 0405/ CC Yamba to Pt Macquarie; (405) 6487 MO Scania K92/ CC Raleigh to Coffs Harbour; (547) 5744 MO Mercedes OH1621/ ABM Laurieton to Heatherbrae; (548) 5745 AO Mercedes OH1627/ ABM Laurieton to Bulahdelah; (615) 2718 MO Mercedes OH1418/ ABM Heatherbrae to Laurieton then to Wauchope; (626) m/o 6218 Toyota Coaster Bulahdelah to Mulgrave to Kempsey; (658) m/o 6228 Toyota Coaster Mulgrave to Kempsey and rereg 6983 MO(676) 3676 MO Renault MRC/ ABM Macksville to Wauchope; (794) 5991 MO Irisbus/ Northcoast Coffs Harbour to Pt Macquarie; (713) 4643 MO Renault MRC/ ABM Coffs Harbour to Kempsey; (888) 6542 MO MAN 18.250/ CC Kempsey to Pt Macquarie and reseated B57F to B61F; (891) TV 3401 MAN 18.350/ Coach Design Bulahdelah to Heatherbrae; (978) 6655 MO MAN 18.280/ Bustech Yamba to Coffs Harbour; (979) 6656 NI MAN 18.280/ Bustech Yamba to Coffs Harbour; (981) 6658 MO MAN 18.280/ Bustech Macksville to Coffs Harbour; (996) 6709 MO MAN 18.280/ Bustech Macksville to Port Macquarie; (190) 5640 MO Mercedes 0405/ CC transferred ay unknown date Macksville to Coffs Harbour but has now transferred again to Port Macquarie.



TOP: ATG have taken over the Dysons school runs in Alice Springs under the name of Charter Central. One of the vehicles acquired from Dysons was mo 2041 a 1995 Mercedes 0400/Ansair seen in June 2013.



CENTRE: Top Deck Travel mo 2773 Isuzu 4WD at the Adelaide coach terminal on 2/12/13.



BOTTOM: The Mount Gambier town service is now operated primarily by a pair of ex Panorama Coaches Irisbus Agoraline/ Custom Coaches. McCormicks SB22EO is seen at the terminus on 6/3/14. (All photos by Matthew Jennings)

Cadia Roadlines, Orange: MIO 489 Denning Denair dereg by 5/7/12 and noted 1/14 for sale on ebay.
Cann Bus Management, Corowa: Acquired were 6780 MO Scania 320IB/ Higer (6/13) C57Fex Driver Group Scania stock Pty. Ltd, Mount Waverley (on loan), ZCK 368,12/13.Ex Scania stock; 7550 MO MAN 18.290/ Coach Design (793 1/14) C68F (3 and 2 seating)-reg 22/1/14 and 7549 MO Volvo B7R/ Express (217 6/02) C57F,ex Warragul Bus Lines,2011 AO,11/13.,ex G.O.& J.R. Runciman, Leongatha. Withdrawn have been1931 MO Scania K93CR/Custom Coaches; 2115 MO Hino/Ansair, 2121 MO Hino /PMCSA, and TV 1729 Scania/ Autobus, 2124 MO Isuzu/ Newnham. Sold were 1933 MO Leyland FB55/ ABM, 2118 MO Volvo B6M/ Austral (transferred to Panorama Coaches, Diamond Creek for resale), 2120 MO Leyland /Austral Pacific and 6314 MO Scania/North Coast. All long distance and extended tour and charter has ceased and the business will concentrate on the school and route service contracts with local school and general charter work. 2119 MO BCI is a PK6127AT model (LSFC130897C001618 19/6/07) C57F. Former Rutherglen Bus & Tour 6578 MO MAN/ Coach Design was rereg 6313 AO.

Charles Sturt University, Wagga: 6091 MO Nissan/ B&CI sold to Muleller College, Brisbane as 634 SUW.
Collins, Port Macquarie: (3) 2561 MO Mercedes OH1316/ CC withdrawn by 1/14.
Culmone, Goulburn: MO 6059 Rosa rereg 2852 MO but since sold. Acquired the run of McDonald with MO 5569 Hino RG230/ Express. This was rereg 2859 MO and has since been sold to Cowra Bus Service.
Davies, Galore: 3933 MO Nissan CM/ Superior sold by 1/14 replaced on the Galore-Wagga schools run by new 7141 MO Fuso Rosa (10211 2013) B24C-reg 11/10/13 on the Wagga-Galore contract.
Davies, Moulamein: 1874 MO Asia Combi noted for sale on e bay 9/13.
Dunoon B.S. Lismore: Acquired was 6381 MO Hino RN8J/ P&D (440 9/09) B57F ex Robertson, Griffith.
Dwyer, H.S.: 2156 MO Toyota Coaster reregistered 4651 MO.
Edwards, Armidale: Sold by 1/14 were TV 3888 and TV 3890 both Mercedes 0404-3/ Austral-Denning; 5942 MO Mercedes OH1418/ Autobus. Reregistered were 6197/ 6198 MO Mercedes OH1830L/ Mills Tuis to 5491 MO/ 5492 MO respectively and 6192 MO/ 6193 MO Mercedes 0405/ PMCs to 7563 MO/ 7564 MO respectively. Reg 1/14 were new Bonluck Citystar B47Fw low floor buses 6192 MO, 6193 MO and 6194 MO;

Eggs, Taree: Sold (28) 5331 MO Hino CM277K/ CC to Horizons West, Perth.
RG&SA Geddes: A long established farmer who purchased the Yerong Creek –Allambie school contract from A.D.& G.M. Curtis, Yerong Creek,7/77. Has operated MO 8829 Toyota Hi Ace B11C sold in 1995; MO 8829 Toyota Hi Ace (1995) B13C sold in 2002; 3942 MO Toyota Hi Ace (2002) B13C,ex MO 8829 sold in 2013 and now has 7277 MO Toyota Hi Ace (2013) C13C-reg 4/9/13.
Glen Innes Bus Service: New was TV 6886 Denning Phoenix (15192 2013) replacing withdrawn TV 3545 Volvo B12R/ A.B. Denning sold to Corstan, Two Wells SA. Sold BE62 DZ Toyota Hi Ace by 1/14.
Goode, Tumut: New in 2012 was 3805 MO Denning Silver Phoenix/ Denning Manufacturing (15176).
Gosel, Murwillumbah: Appears to have taken over the Tyalgum run from Higgins.
Hann, Moree: Acquired the Tallawanta run from Rae with no bus and has a new Daewoo/ Chiron for the run.
Hetherington, West Wyalong: Acquired the Quandialla and Caragabal runs from Templeman. It is assumed that 3339 MO Toyota Hi Ace and 3340 MO Toyota Coaster were included.
Hill, Lake Cargelligo: 1362 MO Hino BC144M/ PMCSA replaced in 2012 by 1362 MO Fuso Rosa B24C.

Hopkins, Jerangle: MO 9157 Toyota Coaster rego cancelled by 2/13.
Howarth, Crookwell: Sold 2745 MO Toyota Coaster to Laverty, Crookwell mid 2012.
Howe, Gwabegar: 2082 MO Toyota Hi Ace rereg BU32QQ and sold. Replacement unknown.
James, Trangie: Acquired the run of Bradshaw by mid 2013 with 4947 MO Hino BC144K/ Nambucca (1994) B28F. Also acquired were 7058 MO Fuso Rosa (1005 12/09) C24C and TV 4891 Austral HD1 (1615 3/90) C48FT ex Langley, Dubbo in 2013.
J&B Buses, Murwillumbah: Sold 6260 MO Hino RG197K/ P&D To Robertson, Griffith.
Kellam Holbrook: 4573 MO Toyota Coaster sold via Biti Motors Pty.Ltd, Culcairn by 2/13.
Kelly, West Wyalong: 3348 MO Leyland Tiger/ Denning dereg by 5/13.
Kennedy, Nowra: Sold 2340 MO Nissan/ MCA and 2352 MO Nissan/ CC both to Illawarra Escape Tours, Wollongong.
Kiama Coaches: 2905 MO Nissan RB30/ CC dereg by 10/13 then traded to BCI. Also sold was 2509 MO Hino RG230/ P&D. New are 5711 C71F BCI Classmaster FBC6145BRZI units 5711 MO (6KT2DC11XCX000382 2013) and 5712 MO (6KT2DC11XCX000383 26/2/13).

KMET, Moss Vale: TV 6989 Mercedes OH1418/ A.B. Denning dereg and sent for auction 1/14.
Langley, Dubbo: Sold TV 4891 Austral HD1 to N.L. James, Trangie. Acquired were unreg Denning double deck (DBL0015 10/88) HC44/16DT ex Premier, Adelaide (383) VBU 442; TV 3908 Mercedes 0500RFx3/ Coach Design (009 3/05) C54FT ex Ogden, Dubbo (56) and TV 3909 Mercedes 0500Rx3/ Coach Design (017 9/05) C48FT ex Ogden (57). New is TV 7671 Scania K3201B/ Higer A30 (12Y2D0020 6/13) C57F
Laverty, Crookwell: Acquired mid 2012 was 2745 MO Toyota Coaster (1998) B21C ex Howarth,
Loader, Grenfell: New is (2) 7201 MO Denning Phoenix midi/ Denning Manufacturing (15205 8/13) C41F.
Lovering, Colo Heights: Reg 11/13 was TV 7082 Mercedes OH1830L/ BCI Cruiser 10 (2013) C57F.
MacPherson, Tamworth: TV 5956 Denning Phoenix has body no (15162).
Marshall, Moruya: 2238 MO Toyota Coaster reregistered 2263 MO then sold.

McMahon, Cobar: Acquired were AW13ZY Fuso Rosa (00486 2008) C24C and 6885 MO BCI PK6850A (LSFC030867C002020 9/07) C29F ex Gray, Newcastle TV 5495 ex C26FT.
MIA, Griffith: New is 5374 MO Higer Munro (8160 2011) C28C-reg 6/3/13. 1323 MO Mercedes LO812/ MBS, 4883 MO Hino/ PMCNSW and 4884 Hino/ MCA are for sale.
WP&JA Moore, Balranald: New was 6330 MO Fuso Rosa (10117 11/10) C24C-reg 23/12/10.
Mountview Bus Lines, Bega: Sold the Kameruka and Candelo runs to Scarlett without buses 11/13. Sold via Hood (dlr) were 5476 MO Hino AK176K/ Superior and 5477 MO Renault MRC/ ABM.
Newcombe, Gloucester & Coffs Harbour: Sold was 1019 MO Autobus/ Autobus.
Nowra Coaches: Withdrawn were 2601 MO Volvo B58/ PMCS artic and 2426 MO MAN SG220/ PMCSA artic. New is 7259 MO Scania K280UB/ Customs CB80 (D714091 12/13) B47Fw.
Ofak (A), Burrumbuttock: New is (14)7509 MO Fuso Rosa (10300 9/13) C24C-reg 30/1/14.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA – Perth Metropolitan – PTA Fleets

Volvo B7RLE/ Volgren CR228L to Transdev (2147) TP 2147 161137 6/13 to Joondalup

Volvo B7RLE/ Volgren Optimus B41Dw to Transdev

(2250) TP 2250 162695/ VP 1215 9/13	(2251) TP 2251 162752/ VP 1216 9/13
(2252) TP 2252 162789/ VP 1217 10/13	(2253) TP 2253 162790/ VP 1218 10/13
(2254) TP 2254 163157/ VP 1225 11/13	(2255) TP 2255 163567/ VP 1229 11/13
(2256) TP 2256 163715/ VP 1240 12/13	(2257) TP 2257 163791/ VP 1241 12/13

Volvo B7RLE/ Volgren Optimus B41Dw to Path Transit, Kalamunda

(2330) TP 2330 162485/ VP 1211 9/13	(2331) TP 2331 162573/ VPI212 10/13
(2332) TP 2332 162574/ VP 1213 9/13	(2333) TP 2333 162694/ VPI214 9/13
(2334) TP 2334 163057/ VPI222 10/13	(2335) TP 2335 163158/ VP 1226 10/13
(2336) TP 2336 163566/ VP 1228 11/13	(2337) TP 2337 163628/ VP 1231 12/13
(2338) TP 2338 163680/ VP 1236 12/13	(2339) TP 2339 163681/ VP 1237 12/13
(2340) TP 2340 163682/ VP 1238 12/13	(2341) TP 2341 163714/ VP 1239 12/13

Volvo B7RLE/ Volgren to Swan Transit (2419-2422 to Beckenham)

(2419) TP 2419 162022/ VP 1202 8/13	(2420) TP 2420 162027/ VP 1204 9/13
(2421) TP 2421 162226/ VP 1205 8/13	(2422) TP 2422 162229/ VP 1208 9/13
(2423) TP 2423 162899/ VP 1219 10/13	(2424) TP 2424 163022/ VP 1220 10/13
(2425) TP 2425 163023/ VP 1221 10/13	(2426) TP 2426 163058/ VP 1223 10/13
(2427) TP 2427 163156/ VP 1224 10/13	(2428) TP 2428 163922/ VP 1227 10/13
(2429) TP 2429 163626/ VP 1230 11/13	(2430) TP 2430 163629/ VP 1232 11/13
(2431) TP 2431 163665/ VP 1233 11/13	(2432) TP 2431 163639/ VP 1234 12/13
(2433) TP 2433 163640/ VP 1235 12/13	(2434) TP 2434 164057/ VP 1242 12/13
(2435) TP 2435 164108/ VP 1243 12/13	(2436) TP 2436 164109/ VP 1244 12/13
(2437) TP 2437 164289/ VP 1245 12/13	

Private Operators

Adams, Malaga: Sold to Westwide were (B58) TC 6898 and (B59) TC 6899 Dennis Dart/ Volgren and (C26) TC 6195 Mercedes OH1630/ Austral-Denning.

Billabong Coach Charter: Acquired was TC 6025 Scania K113TR/ Austral-Denning (C100610 9/94) C46FT ex Collie Coach Lines.

McLaren Fleetspec Hire, Mt Hawthorn: Additional is 1EAB 232 Mitsubishi Rosa.

Russ's Bus, Duncaig: Ceased operation and TC 5415 Fuso import sold.

Westwide: Acquired from Adam's Coaches were TC 6898 Dennis Dart/ Volgren (VG924 1997) B32Dw; TC 6899 Dennis Dart/ Volgren (VG925 1997) B32Dw and Mercedes OH1630/ Austral-Denning (A005010 11/96) C49F ex TC 6195.

Horizons West: All of the Leyland Atlanteans have now been withdrawn with most stored off-site, however the Daimler Fleet line (2) TC 463 has been renumbered and reregistered as (6) TC5230 and will be kept. Also sold were (4) 1DHY175 Hino RG197K/ P&D; (17) TC 6183 Mercedes 0305/ Boltons; (20) TC 4370 Mercedes 0305/ Boltons; (22) TC 4330 Mercedes0035/ Boltons; (35) 1AEN 024 Toyota Coaster; (37) TC 4979 Mercedes 0305/ Boltons; (40) TC 4594 Mercedes 0305/ Boltons; TC 3708 Toyota Coaster; (43) TC 4286 Leyland Tiger/ Denning; KBC6576 Toyota Coaster; N800 Isuzu LT1-11P/ Howard Porter; TC 6591 Bova Futura;

Acquired were .u/r Denning decker (DBL-B0018-18-11-88) HC65DT ex Go West, Bunbury-TC6074.

(3) 1EIE003 Mercedes O305G / PMCSA (5359 11/85) AB66D ex-Torrens Transit SA (1564)

(4) 1EJM604 Mercedes O305G / PMCSA (5367 12/85) AB66D ex Torrens Transit SA(1572)

(7) TC5447 is a Leyland Tiger TRCTL11/3R / PMC (1557 3/86) B57F ex Thompsons Charter Service (Strathpine QLD) 327 RBQ

(8) TC5568 Hino CM277K/ CC (95-196 2/96) B61F ex-Eggins, Taree NSW (28) 5331MO

(10) TC6713 Mercedes Benz OH1418/ Austral-Denning `Starliner` (CS01040 2/96) C57F ex-Wodonga Charter Specialists, Vic 2023 AC.

(12) TC 3324 Hino/ CC origin unknown

(16) TC4493 Mitsubishi Rosa (01360)

(17) 1EHK301 Mercedes O305 / PMCSA (5332 3/85) B45D ex-TA1533

(19) 1DZT808 Mercedes 0305/ Boltons (6/82) B43D ex TransPerth 389 via St Aquinas College

(20) TC 4370 Mercedes 0305/ Boltons (8/84) B43D ex TransPerth 457

(22) 1BPK005 Mitsubishi Rosa (00284)

(23) 1DAI443 BCI PK6930AT (LGG5SKCM98H006017) ex-Nazarri

(27) TC 4546 MAN SL200/ PMCSA (5075 5/83) B45D ex Torrens Transit SA (1975)

(28) 1EFY451 MercedesO305/ PMCSA (5321 2/85) B45D ex-Torrens Transit SA (1522).

(35) 1AEN024 Toyota Coaster of unknown origin

(38) TC3708 Mercedes O305/ PMCSA (5325 2/85) B45D ex-Torrens Transit, SA (1526);

(40) TC5219 BCI PK6850A (LSFC030807C002028) C33F

(43) TC5578 Irisbus Delta 16.250/ Express (274 6/03) C61F ex Baxter, Sydney-TV5090

(52) TC690 BCI Classmaster FBC6127BRZ1 (6KT2CC119BX000182 2/12) B57F

(53) TC746 BCI Fleetmaster FBC6127BRZ1 (6KT2CC114CX000379 1/13) C63F

(54) TC463 BCI FBC6127CRZ3 (6KT1CC117CX000369 1/13) C50F

(55) TC4339 MCA-GM560 14.5m/ MCA (LAS338 3/95) C61FT ex Topline Coach Tours QLD) 795 IPQ

(56) TC3372 BCI (LGG5SKCM77H001509)

(60) 1EDV706 Mercedes O305/ Howard Porter (6/85) B41D ex-TransPerth (497)

(63) TC 4541 Mercedes 0305/ PMCSA (5323 2/85) B45D ex Southlink (524)

(64) TC 6231 Mercedes 0305/ Boltons (10/84) B43D ex Joe's Bus Charter ex TransPerth 467

(65) TC4456 MAN SL200/ PMCSA (5113 11/83) B45D ex Torrens Transit SA (1913)

(66) was TC5447 Hino AC140K 40286 ex-Joes Charter since withdrawn

(68) TC4338 MAN SL200/ PMCSA (5089 7/83) B45D ex-Torrens Transit SA (1889)

(69) TC 4654 MAN SL200/ PMCSA (5120 12/83) B45D ex Southlink SA (2461)

(71) 1EFY088 Mercedes 0305/ PMCSA (5322 2/85) B45D ex-Torrens Transit SA (1523)

Reregistered were (15) 1EDV715 Mercedes 0305/ Bolton ex-1DAH800; (19) TC 5203 Mercedes O305/ Boltons to 1DZT808, (26) 1DGQ034 BCI to TC 4285; (59) TC2394 Rosa is (00529); TC 6749 MAN/ Hi Com is (51); AK 890 Mercedes OH1418/ PMCSA; (46) MAN 18.310 / Coach Design renumbered (20), (37) TC4979 Mitsubishi Rosa is (01384). Other ex Adelaide 0305s are stored off-site and more to come. All the SL200s & O305s are being converted to B53F. Already done are 3, 4, 15, 29, 31, 33, 34, 38, 39, 63, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70



TOP: Now a frequent visitor to Victoria, is On Course Tours, Sydney TV 7623 a 2013 Scania K440EB/ Irizar. (Hayden Ramsdale)



CENTRE: Seen or rail replacement during September 2013 is Casula Bus & Coach m/o 9719 Scania K93CR/ CC. This was ex Kingsgrove Bus & Coach and has now reverted to them with their recent takeover of Casula. (Hayden Ramsdale)



BOTTOM: Moreland Group South Coast Bus, Wonthaggi 0793 AO Iveco Eurorider/ Custom Coaches of 2006. (Jason Lipszyc)



ABOVE related operators Wynne's of Maffra 5712 AO and Maffra Bus Lines 9484 AO a pair of 2013 MAN 18.360/ Express school buses on layover in Sale. (Jason Lipszyc).

BELOW: Stonestreet, Toowoomba 422 SMY a 2012 Volvo B13R/ Irizar i6 is seen at Coonabarabran on 30/12/12 working empty to Canberra to pick up a load of scouts for the national Jamboree at Maryborough Qld. (Hayden Ramsdale)

