

Fact sheet

21 June train and bus timetable changes

Geelong trains

From 21 June, V/Line's Geelong services will start using the dedicated Regional Rail Link tracks through Wyndham Vale, Tarneit, Deer Park, Ardeer, Sunshine and Footscray into Southern Cross Station.

- To Melbourne - five additional AM peak services, two from Geelong and three from Wyndham Vale Station.
- To Geelong - four additional PM peak services, two to Geelong and two to Wyndham Vale Station.
- Trains will leave Geelong on average every 10 minutes during the AM peak and to Geelong from Southern Cross Station on average every 10 minutes during the PM peak.
- Trains will run on average every 20 minutes on weekdays on the Geelong line during the day.
- A total of 40 extra Geelong services each weekday (21 Geelong to Melbourne/19 Melbourne to Geelong)
- A total of 200 extra services between Geelong and Melbourne (total both directions)
- 51 services from Geelong to Melbourne (one way) each weekday (30 currently)
- Extra peak trains from Waurin Ponds.
- An additional service to and from Waurin Ponds on Sundays.

Customers travelling to Werribee can travel to Wyndham Vale Station and catch a high-frequency bus to Werribee Station. Other customers traveling to Hoppers Crossing, Laverton or other parts of Wyndham can also use Tarneit Station and connect with high frequency buses. Bus timetables have been matched to the train timetable making wait-times minimal.

Wyndham Vale Station – Geelong line

- The new Wyndham Vale Station on the Geelong line will officially open on Sunday 21 June.
- Four additional trains will originate at Wyndham Vale Station in the morning peak and two will terminate at Wyndham Vale in the afternoon peak on weekdays.
- Trains will run on average every 20 minutes during the day on weekdays and every 60 minutes on the weekend.

Tarneit Station – Geelong line

- The new Tarneit Station on the Geelong line will officially open on Sunday 21 June.
- The six additional trains operating between Wyndham Vale and Southern Cross stations on weekdays will all stop at Tarneit.
- Trains will run on average every 20 minutes during the day on weekdays and every 60 minutes on the weekend.

Wyndham buses

From 21 June Wyndham will have a new bus network to coincide with the opening of new train stations at Wyndham Vale and Tarneit and to extend public transport to new growth areas in Wyndham.

The biggest changes are for locations between the Werribee train line and the new Geelong line including suburbs such as Wyndham Vale, Werribee, Hoppers Crossing, Tarneit, Truganina and Williams Landing.

Smaller route and timetable changes will take place in Point Cook, Seabrook, Altona Meadows, Laverton, and Werribee South.

Around 2300 extra bus trips will be scheduled in the Wyndham area, increasing the number of weekly trips from around 5600 to 7900, a major boost to transport in the Wyndham area.

Geelong and Bellarine Peninsula buses

From 21 June Geelong and the Bellarine Peninsula will have a new bus network that has been designed to provide better connections to train services.

The new Geelong bus network will connect with key destinations such as Deakin University, shopping and employment precincts in the Geelong area.

<p>Deer Park Station – Ballarat and Geelong lines</p> <p>Ballarat and some off peak Geelong line services will now stop at Deer Park Station, meaning Deer Park residents will have more choices for where they want to travel and much more frequent train services.</p> <p>Weekday daytime services mean Deer Park Station will get three to four trains an hour, instead of every two hours.</p>	<p>Ararat line</p> <p>Ararat customers will get an earlier service for Ballarat as part of the overall V/Line changes which will occur as part of the RRL activation. This means the AM Ararat service will now arrive at 08:21am in Ballarat, instead of 08:26am. It arrives into Ballarat earlier for customers travelling for work, especially those starting at 8:30am.</p>
<p>Ballarat line</p> <p>From 21 June customers will have one additional AM peak service and one additional PM peak service from Ballarat, Wendouree and Ballan stations. There are also four additional peak trains for Bacchus Marsh Station on weekdays, three in the AM peak and one in the PM peak.</p> <p>On average trains will run to a 30 minute frequency during the day on weekdays between Bacchus Marsh and Southern Cross stopping at Melton, Deer Park and Ardeer. This is a significant boost to daytime services on weekdays. Rockbank customers will also have a train every 60 minutes.</p> <p>Weekend services between Melbourne and Ballarat will stop at all stations improving the frequency of train services at Rockbank, Deer Park, and Ardeer stations on weekends.</p>	<p>Maryborough line</p> <p>Maryborough customers will benefit from timetable changes to their weekday services. The AM Maryborough service to Ballarat will now arrive at 08:05 instead of 08:22. This will be beneficial for customers travelling for work, especially those starting at 8.30am, and for students travelling to Ballarat’s educational institutions.</p> <p>Bendigo line</p> <p>There will be some changes to journey times, including improved travel times on some services between Bendigo and Southern Cross. Departure times for some services have changed.</p> <p>Warrnambool line</p> <p>In June 2015, V/Line’s Warrnambool trains will start using the dedicated Regional Rail Link track through Wyndham Vale, Tarneit, Deer Park, Ardeer, Sunshine and Footscray into Southern Cross Station providing a more reliable journey.</p>
<p>Seymour/Shepparton line Traralgon/Bairnsdale line Echuca/Swan Hill</p> <p>Departure times for some services have changed and there will be some changes to journey times on some services.</p> <p>Customers are advised to pick up a copy of the new timetable, to see which services best suit their travel needs.</p>	
<p>Bus and train coordination</p> <p>Around 45 bus and coach services around the state would have timetable improvements to better coordinate with the new train timetable.</p>	