

Newsrail - Operations Observations for May 2024 - addendum

V/LINE

Scheduled evening coach replacement services

These coach replacements for rail services, to permit several hours of regular maintenance work on several evenings one week per month are referred to as Early Week Night Occupations (EWNO). Services are generally replaced after 20.00 or 21.00 ex-Southern Cross and 19.00–20.30 ex-Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo, Seymour and Traralgon. In the latter case, Metro and other Big Build works have been almost constantly ongoing and enable V/Line to access their Traralgon line tracks while closures in the Metro area have prevented V/Line services from operating. The Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo and Seymour Line closures take place every four weeks, with each line being worked on during a different week.

Closures during May were:

Geelong/Waurn Ponds: Sun.12 to Tues.14 inclusive (part of a longer shutdown).

Ballarat/Wendouree: Sun.26 to Tues.28 inclusive.

Bendigo/Eaglehawk/Epsom: Sun.19 to Tues.21 inclusive and Thurs.23.

Seymour: Mon.31.5 to Wed.5.6 inclusive (including Metro works).

Traralgon: included in a six-week total shutdown.

Geelong and Warrnambool Lines

From Sat.11.5 until Sun 19.5 inclusive, due to Waurn Ponds duplication work and V/Line maintenance works, coaches replaced train on the Geelong/Waurn Ponds Line for all or part of their journeys as follows:

On Sat.11 and Wed.15 until Sun.19 inclusive, coaches replaced all trains between Geelong and Waurn Ponds. Trains ran between Geelong and Southern Cross.

On Sun.12, Mon.13 and Tues.14, coaches replaced all trains between Geelong and Waurn Ponds until 20.30 (21.00 on Sunday). Trains ran between Southern Cross and Geelong. From 21.00, coaches replaced all trains for their entire journeys between Southern Cross and Waurn Ponds.

From Mon.13 until Fri.17 inclusive, the 05.56 Geelong to Southern Cross and 16.31 Southern Cross to Geelong were replaced by coaches for their entire journeys.

From Sat.11 until Sun.19.5 inclusive, due to Waurn Ponds duplication work and V/Line maintenance works, coaches replaced all trains between Warrnambool and Geelong. Trains ran between Geelong and Southern Cross, except for the following services – on Sat.11, Sun.12, Sat 18 and Sun 19.5, the 07.40 ex-Warrnambool was replaced by coaches for the entire journey to Southern Cross and 19.00 ex-Southern Cross replaced by coaches for the entire journey to Warrnambool. On Mon.13 to Fri.17.5 inclusive, the 17.36 ex-Warrnambool was replaced by coaches for the entire journey to Southern Cross.

Ballarat, Ararat and Maryborough Lines

No lengthy service construction or maintenance alterations during May.

Bendigo, Echuca and Swan Hill Lines

No lengthy service construction or maintenance alterations during May.

Seymour and Shepparton Lines

From Mon.15.4 until Mon.15.7 inclusive, following track works along the Shepparton Line, temporary speed restrictions were in place resulting in altered arrival and departure times for trains. All train to Melbourne departed up to eight minutes earlier from Shepparton, Mooroopna, Murchison East and Nagambie Stations. All trains from Southern Cross arrived up to eight minutes later.

Traralgon and Bairnsdale Lines

From Fri.3.5 (evening) until Tues.18.6 inclusive, due to Gippsland Line upgrade works, coaches replaced trains as follows – on Fri.3.5, coaches replaced trains for their entire journey from Southern Cross after 20.00 and from Traralgon to Southern Cross after 18.30. The 18.06 ex-Bairnsdale terminated at Traralgon, connecting with coaches to Southern Cross. From Sat.4.5 until Tues.18.6 inclusive, coaches replaced all trains between Southern Cross, Traralgon and Bairnsdale.

Coaches did not stop at Flinders Street, Richmond, Clayton and Berwick Stations on any of the above dates.

Albury Line

On Sat.4.5, due to ARTC works, coaches replaced some Albury trains for their entire journey: 12.51 and 17.57 from Albury to Southern Cross; 18.02 from Southern Cross to Albury.

On Mon.6.5, due to ARTC completing Inland Rail construction works on the Albury Line, coaches replaced all trains between Southern Cross and Albury for their entire journeys.

North Eastern Standard Gauge

Standard gauge interstate services observed during May were:

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Wed.1: ACD6048-6029-GL109, 2BM1 TGE intermodal to West Swanson Dock (WSD), Springhurst 08.05. 6029-ACD6048-GL109, 4MB1 TGE intermodal WSD to Fisherman’s Island, Broadmeadows 23.48.

Fri.3: ACD6050-ACD6055, 5BM1 TGE intermodal to WSD, Glenrowan 19.04.

Sat.4: ACD6055-ACD6050, 7MB1 TGE intermodal ex-WSD, Wallan Loop 15.35.

Sun.5: ACD6048-6029, 6BM1 TGE intermodal to WSD, Glenrowan 15.51.

Mon.6: 6029-ACD6048, 2MB1 TGE intermodal ex-WSD, Wallan Loop 17.07.

Wed.8: ACD6050-ACD6055, 2BM1 TGE intermodal to WSD, Avenel 10.48.

Fri.10: ACD6048-6029, 5BM1 TGE intermodal to WSD, Glenrowan 18.51.

Sat.11: 6029-ACD6048, 7MB1 TGE intermodal ex-WSD, Bunbury Street 14.30.

Wed.15: 6029-ACD6048, 2BM1 TGE intermodal to WSD, Violet Town 09.11.

Sat.18: ACD6055-ACD6050, 7MB1 TGE intermodal ex-WSD, Albion 15.19.

Pacific National (PN)

Wed.1: BL27-8152-BL26, 4CM6 grain ex-Oaklands to North Geelong Grain Loop (NGGL), Tungamah 15.38, stabled McIntyre Loop en route, observed Elders Loop 13.54 (Thurs.2).

Thurs.2: 8105-8166, 5CM6 grain ex-Oaklands to NGGL, Devenish 20.41, stabled McIntyre Loop en route.

Fri.3: BL27-8152-BL26, 6CM6 grain ex-Oaklands to NGGL, Tungamah 15.32, stabled McIntyre Loop en route.

Thurs.16: NR83-8167-NR93-NR36-8183, 4CM3 intermodal ex-Griffith, attached 8167 and 8183 at Bomen en route, Glenrowan 03.04.

Mon.27: 8170 top and tailed by 8144, 3M41 sleeper set ex-Cootamundra to Benalla, reversed and formed 3M41 to Devenish and stabled.

Wed.29: 8144 top and tailed by 8170, 3M42 empty sleeper set Devenish to Benalla, reversed and to Cootamundra.

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Thurs.2: 1104-1108-QL007, 5MS7 intermodal North Dynon to Moorebank, Sunshine 12.34.

Sat.4: QBX001-1104, 6SM7 intermodal Moorebank to North Dynon, Euroa 10.03.

Tues.7: 1104-QBX001, 3MS7 intermodal North Dynon to Moorebank, Sunshine 11.02.

Tues.14: QBX001-1108, 3MS7 intermodal North Dynon to Moorebank, Kilmore East 12.15.

Thurs.16: QBX001-QBX003, 5MS7 intermodal North Dynon to Moorebank, Kilmore East 15.25.

SCT

Mon.6: SCT014-CSR005-EL51-EL64, 2MB9 intermodal, Newport 21.03 – ELs being transferred to Goulburn ex-hire.

Southern Shorthaul Railroad (SSR)

Sat.4: C504-CLP9-BRM001, 7MC5 empty grain, Appleton Dock (AD) to The Rock, Craigieburn 00.59.

Sun.5: BRM001-CLP9-C504, 1CM4 grain, The Rock to AD, Euroa 21.52.

Sat.11: C504-CLP9-BRM001, 7MC5 empty grain, AD to The Rock, Craigieburn 22.42. C504 swapped with C505 at The Rock, and then ran as D376 light engine to Junee.

Sun.12: BRM001-CLP9-C505, 1CM4 grain, The Rock to AD, Glenrowan 20.08.

Tues.14: C505-CLP9-BRM001, 3MC5 empty grain, AD to The Rock, Wallan Loop 01.52. CLP9 swapped with C504 at The Rock.

Sat.18: C505-BRM001-C504, 7CM4 grain, The Rock to AD, Springhurst 18.35.

Mon.20: C504-BRM001-C505, 2MC5 empty grain, AD to The Rock, Albion 00.40. C505 swapped with C507 at The Rock.

Mon.27: SSR103-SSR104, 2CM4 grain, Cootamundra to AD, Euroa 22.24. The first visit of both new units to Melbourne.