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NEWS UPDATE FOR RAIL FUTURES MEMBERS # 4 January 2021

METRO TRAINS MELBOURNE - TIMETABLE CHANGES FROM 31/01/2021

• DANDENONG / PAKENHAM / CRANBOURNE LINES

- Dandenong, Cranbourne and Pakenham trains will traverse the City Loop in an anti-clockwise direction at all times. These trains will run express from South Yarra to Caulfield at all times (Stations between South Yarra and Caulfield will be served only by Frankston line trains)
- On Weeknights Cranbourne and Pakenham frequencies are increased to 20 minutes up to midnight (with shuttles operating between Dandenong and Cranbourne after 2130)

• FRANKSTON LINE

- Frankston Line trains will run direct to Flinders Street at all times, then via Southern Cross to Werribee or Williamstown or Laverton via Altona
- Stations south of Mordialloc gain increased evening frequency with selected services extended to Frankston
- Weeknights after 2000 and on Weekends after 1900 frequency improves to 20 minutes until late
- Sunday mornings between 0700 and 0930 frequency improves to 20 minutes

• NEWPORT GROUP LINES

- Weekday Laverton via Altona and Williamstown peak trains will run every 20 minutes, improved from an awkward 22 minute frequency
- Werribee line Weekday peak services have a more even frequency and an extended shoulder period
- Werribee and Williamstown lines all evenings, the 20 minute frequency is extended to the last train
- At Weekends through running of Williamstown trains to Flinders Street is introduced between 1030 & 1900, with shuttles between Newport and Williamstown before 1030 and again after 1900
- At Weekends stations Footscray to Newport get a train every 10 minutes with 3 trains per hour to/from Werribee via Altona, and 3 trains per hour to/from Williamstown
- On Sunday mornings frequency improves to every 20 minutes from first train on both Werribee via Altona and Williamstown services.

• NORTHERN GROUP LINES

- On Weekdays there are small but worthwhile shoulder peak additions to Sunbury and Craigieburn
- On Weekdays the Upfield line gains a few extra peak trips but at irregular intervals
- Weekday peak services on the Craigieburn line, and also to Watergardens, are upgraded to a 10 minute or better frequency over both extended AM and PM peak periods.

• OTHER CHANGES

- At Weekends the Sandringham line runs direct to Flinders Street at all times instead of using the City Loop, with Sundays now operating at 20 minutes frequency between 0930 and Midnight.
- 40 minute early Sunday morning frequencies remain on the Craigieburn, Upfield, Pakenham, Mernda and Sandringham lines, also from Eltham and Watergardens.
- Discounted Weekday Off-Peak fares are offered for travel on Metro train services at interpeak times (after 0930 and before 1600) and then again after 1900 for a trial period of three months

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