

Media Release

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MORE TRAINS FOR BOOMING GEELONG COMMUNITIES

Passengers on the Geelong line between South Geelong and Waurin Ponds will soon have more options for their travel, with the Andrews Labor Government delivering 31 extra extended services every week thanks to new train stabling facilities in Waurin Ponds.

There will be 21 extra services for South Geelong and Marshall stations and 26 extra services to Waurin Ponds Station. Extended services in the morning and evening peaks, including the last train to Geelong on Saturday night, will start running from Sunday 28 May.

A newly built train stabling yard in Waurin Ponds has made the extra services possible by providing storage for trains overnight, supporting more services on Victoria's busiest regional train line.

The 31 extended services are on top of the 20 extended services per week delivered last May following upgrades to Waurin Ponds Station.

Major construction is also ramping up on the South Geelong to Waurin Ponds Duplication which will enable even more services to support Geelong's rapid growth.

The project is delivering eight kilometres of duplicated track, station upgrades, level crossing removals and more than five kilometres of new walking and cycling paths.

Passengers further up the line will benefit from platform extensions at Sunshine Station, which will allow nine-car VLocity trains to stop at Sunshine, boosting capacity along the south-west corridor by 50 per cent.

More detailed information on the new timetable is available at ptv.vic.gov.au, vline.com.au and PTV's journey planner app.

Quote attributable to Transport and Infrastructure Minister Jacinta Allan

"We're continuing to improve services for passengers on Victoria's busiest regional rail line, giving the growing Geelong community better access to more reliable, frequent and affordable public transport."

Quote attributable to Public Transport Minister Ben Carroll

"The new Waurin Ponds stabling facility provides the extra storage we need to start and finish trains at Waurin Ponds, allowing more services for the growing communities south of Geelong."

Quote attributable to Member for South Barwon Darren Cheeseman

"The new train stabling facility will support the important upgrades being delivered on the Geelong Line, including the South Geelong to Waurin Ponds Duplication and the Waurin Ponds Station upgrade."

Quote attributable to Member for Geelong Christine Couzens

"Adding these extended services for South Geelong, along with the major upgrades happening at the station, will make train travel an even more appealing option for locals."

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