

M E L B O U R N E - A R A R A T - H A M I L T O N - P O R T L A N D .

RAIL MOTOR SERVICE.

SERVICE:

A Rail Motor Passenger Service, operated by an "AEC" petrol-driven Rail Motor was Instituted on 27th November, 1944. This service was provided following upon request from Dunkeld and District Progress Association; and, ran between Ararat and Hamilton on Thursdays only.

Following favorable patronage afforded the Thursday's service it was decided to operate the service on Tuesdays in addition to Thursdays. Commencing date of additional service was 7th January, 1946.

Commencing on Monday 25th November, 1946; a Daily Rail Motor Passenger Service between Ararat and Hamilton was provided by an "AEC" Double-ended Diesel operated Rail Motor. The service provided one round trip Daily, and, was in addition to a Daily Mixed Goods train Service.

After completion of last trip on Saturday 19th April, 1948; the 'AEC' Rail Motor was withdrawn from service and was replaced in service by a 153 Horse Power Diesel Rail Car & Trailer. The D.R. Car and Trailer provided an accelerated service of one round trip Daily.

On and after Monday 1st July, 1949; the Passenger Rail Motor service between Ararat and Hamilton was extended to operate one round trip Daily between Ararat and Portland, and an additional trip Daily between Ararat-Hamilton-Ararat. To enable the service to be carried out a 102 HP Diesel Rail Car was utilized as well as existing 153 HP D.R. Car.

To provide a faster and improved service between Ararat and Portland, a 280 HP Diesel Rail Car was provided in lieu of 153 HP Motor. The 102 HP Motor was retained to operate a 'local' service as between Ararat and Hamilton. Each motor making one round trip Daily.

With the adjustment of Main Line Passenger Services it was decided to vary the existing services in this section to accord with main line connecting trains. In addition it was decided that as from date of adjustment viz:- 16th August, 1954; to withdraw the 102 HP D.R.C. and replace it with a larger D.R. Car of 153 HP.

TOTAL MILEAGE:- 2244. miles Weekly.
(as at 15th August, 1957)

Rail Motor Staff:

2 Rail Motor Drivers stationed at Ararat.
2 Rail Motor Drivers stationed at Portland.

MELBOURNE-ARARAT-HAMILTON-PORTLAND.

- 27:11:1944: Consequent upon a request from Dunkeld Progress Association for additional Passenger Train Service between Ararat and Portland on Tuesdays and Thursdays; (Secy's 44/3226); investigation proved it was impracticable to grant a Steam Passenger Service on these days. However; it was agreed that, as Ararat-Maryborough Rail Motor was not operative on Tuesdays and Thursdays; a service would be provided:- on trial-; and would run between Ararat and Hamilton on Thursdays as under:- (W.T.T.136/44).
- Down:- 'AEC' dep Ararat 10.0 am arrive Hamilton 12.35 pm. Thursday.
Up:- 'AEC' dep Hamilton 5.0 pm arrive Ararat 7.50 pm. Thursday.
- 7: 1:1946: Commencing on Tuesday 7th January, 1946; and each Tuesday thereafter until further notice the Rail Motor Service as above will operate in addition to Thursdays. (W.T.T. 1/46).
- 5: 7:1946: Altered schedules:-
Commencing 5th July, 1946, No.16 will depart Hamilton at 5.10pm instead of at 5.0pm Tues & Thurs; run later throughout and arrive Ararat 8.00 pm. (W.T.T. 18/46).
- Due to conditions brought about by General Coal and Fuel Shortages; Rail Motor Passenger Services between Ararat and Hamilton were withdrawn on 18th July, 1946 as per (W.T.T.65/46); and were restored on 30th October, 1946 (W.T.T.97/46).
- 5:11:1946: Additional and altered services:- (W.T.T.101/46)
Commencing on 25th November, 1946 a Rail Motor Passenger Service operated by an 'AEC' Double-ended Rail Motor will provide a service as under:-
Down:- dep Ararat (No.21) at 10.0 am arrive Hamilton 12.35 pm. Daily.
Up:- dep Hamilton (No.28) at 5.0 pm arrive Ararat 7.50 pm. Daily.
- 7:11:1946: Commencing Saturday 30th November, 1946 No.28 ^{was} ~~will be~~ altered to depart 1.25 pm from Hamilton on Saturdays only and arrive Ararat 4.20 pm. On other days No 28. ~~will~~ depart Hamilton at 5.0 pm as now and run to existing schedule. (W.T.T. 104/46)
- 1: 4:1948: On and after Saturday 19th April, 1948; 'AEC' Rail Motor will be withdrawn from service, and, in lieu thereof; a service will be provided by a 153HP Diesel Rail Car and Trailer operating to schedules hereunder:-
(information obtained from Advert Book).
- Down:- dep Ararat 10.50 am (No.23) arrive Hamilton 1. 5 pm. Daily.
Up:- dep Hamilton 1.40 pm (No.28) arrive Ararat 3.40 pm. Sats.
" Hamilton 5. 0 pm (No.34) " Ararat 7.10 pm. Sats exc.
- (This service gives no direct connection to and from Melbourne; and is operated in conjunction with a Steam Passenger Service which runs between Ararat and Portland Daily.)

1: 7:1949: Altered and Extended Services:- (W.T.T.51/49)

Commencing on Monday 1st July, 1949; the service between Ararat and Hamilton, at present operated by 153 HP Diesel Rail Car will be extended to operate as between Ararat and Portland and an additional 102 HP D.R.Car will provide a 'local' service as between Ararat and Hamilton; Schedules hereunder:-

	(23) 102 HP D.R.C.	(27) 153 HP D.R.C. & Tr.	(39a) 102 HP D.R.C		(6a) 153 HP D.R.C	(34a) 102 HP D.R.C.	(34) 102 HP D.R.C
	Daily. am.	Tu, W, F, S. pm.	Thur. pm.	Up:-	Tu, W, Th, S. am.	Sat. pm.	Sats exc. pm.
Down:							
Ararat.	10.50.	1.40.	5.40.	Portland.	6. 0.
	pm.						
Hamilton.arr.	<u>1. 5.</u>	3.40.	<u>7.40.</u>	Hamilton.arr	7.42.		
		D.R.C.			D.R.C & Tr.		
	dep.	3.57.			dep	8. 0.	4.20.
							5. 0.
Portland.		<u>5.40.</u>		Ararat.	<u>10. 0.</u>	<u>6.20.</u>	<u>7.10.</u>

Due to the General Coal and Fuel shortages; this service along with other services throughout the State, was heavily curtailed between the dates 14th July, 1949 and 5th February, 1950.

2:12:1950: In order to provide an improved and accelerated service between Ararat and Portland; it was decided to withdraw the 153 HP Diesel Rail Car & Trailer from this line; and; in lieu thereof; to operate the service with one 280HP Diesel Rail Car and one 102HP Diesel Rail Car operating on the following schedules:- (W.T.T.57/50)

Down:-	102 HP 'DRC'	dep Ararat (23)	9.20 am	arrive Hamilton	11.25 am	Daily.
	280 HP 'DRC'	" Ararat (27)	1.40 pm	arrive Portland	5.10 pm	Daily.
Up:-	280 HP 'DRC'	dep Portland (6.)	6. 5 am	arrive Ararat	10. 5 am	Daily.
	102 HP 'DRC'	" Hamilton (28)	1.35 pm	" Ararat	3.45 pm	Sat.
	102 HP 'DRC'	" Hamilton (34)	5. 0 pm	" Ararat	7.10 pm	Sat exc.

3:11:1951: In consequence of Genral Coal Strike and the resultant fuel shortages; the Diesel Rail Cars were withdrawn to provide service elsewhere and a Steam Passenger Train Service was instituted between Portland and Ararat. as from 28th November, 1951. (W.T.T.117/51)

3:12:1951: As from date, a Diesel Electric Rail Motor will be provide to operate services instead of Steam Passenger Train (restricted services will remain in operation until further notice).

On 5th March, 1952; Portland Borough Council made representations, to the Commissioners on tour, requesting that an improved passenger train service be given the district. The deputation was informed that the 280 HP 'DRC' would be restored to service as soon as circumstances would permit. (Secy's 52/2227).

6: 5:1952: Commencing on Monday 6th May, 1952; the Diesel Electric Rail Motor will be withdrawn and will be replaced in service by a 280 HP Diesel Rail Car. The service will be as per W.T.T. 57/50 as operative at 12/12/1950.

13: 4:1953: Improved and accelerated services:- (W.T.T. 30/53)
Commencing on Monday 13th April, 1953 the following schedules will become effective:-

Down:- 102 HP 'DRC' dep Ararat 9.20 am arrive Hamilton 11.25 am. Daily.
280 HP 'DRC' " Ararat 1.15 pm " Portland 4.45 pm. Daily.
Up:- 280 HP 'DRC' dep Portland 6.35 am arrive Ararat 10. 5 am. Daily.
102 HP 'DRC' " Hamilton 1.10 pm " Ararat 3.25 pm. Sats.
102 HP 'DRC' " Hamilton 5. 0 pm " Ararat 7.10 pm. Sats exc.

16: 8:1954: In conjunction with adjustment of Main Line Passenger Services, the Ararat-Portland section was varied to accord with such alterations. It was also decided, to withdraw the 102 HP Diesel Rail Car and to operate this section with one 280 HP "D.R.C." and one 153 HP "D.R.C." as under:-

Down:- 153 HP 'DRC' dep Ararat 9.20 am arrive Hamilton 11.25 am. Daily.
280 HP 'DRC' " Ararat 1. 0 pm " Portland 4.30 pm. Daily.
Pass. " Ararat 5.40 pm " Hamilton 7.35 pm. Sats exc.
Up:- 280 HP 'DRC' dep Portland 6.35 am arrive Ararat 10. 5 am. Daily.
153 HP 'DRC' " Hamilton 1.30 pm " Ararat 3.50 pm. Sats.
Pass. " Hamilton 1.30 pm " Ararat 3.50 pm. Sats exc.
153 HP 'DRC' " Hamilton 5. 0 pm " Ararat 7.10 pm. Sats exc.

15: 3:1955: A request from Mr. L.C.Black. Myamyn; asking that Diesel Rail Cars be scheduled to stop at Myamyn each week day, instead of, as at present; 3 days only each week. After investigating this request, it was decided that traffic offering from and to Myamyn did not warrant any additional stoppages. (Secy's 55/2241).

MELBOURNE-ARARAT-HAMILTON-PORTLAND.

Service as at 7th January, 1946.

Nth-Western Line Pass:-
 Ararat-Hamilton Pass:-
 'AEC' Rail Motor. :-
 102 HP 'D.R.Car.' :-
 153 HP 'D.R.Car.' :-
 280 HP 'D.R.Car.' :-

Monday.

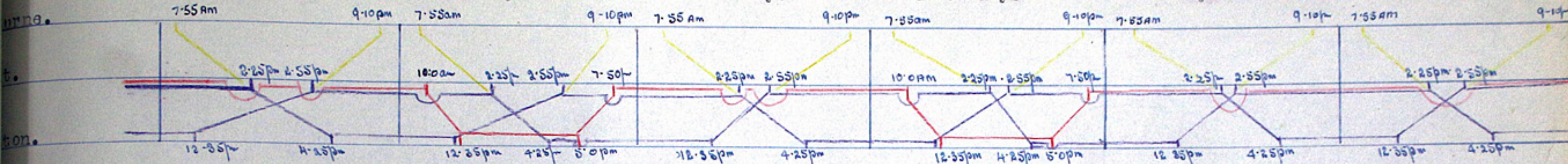
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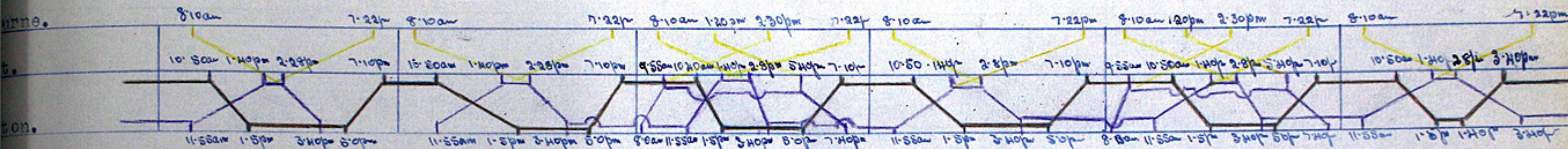
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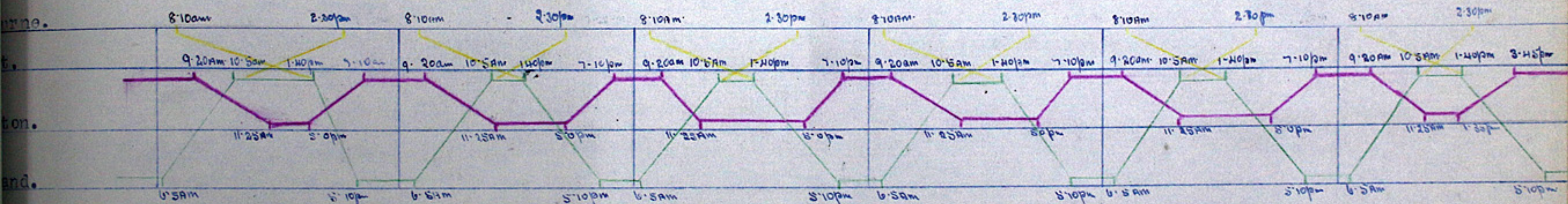
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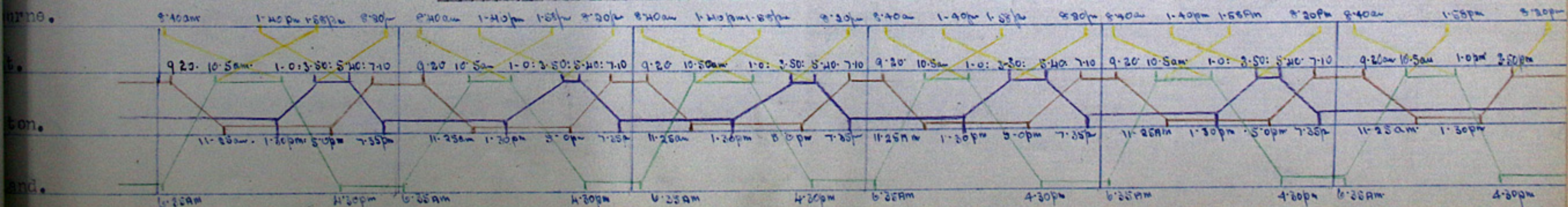
Service as at 21st April, 1948.



Service as at 12th December, 1950.



Service as at 6th August, 1954.



Melbourne-Ararat-Hamilton-Portland:

CO-ORDINATED; CONNECTING AND OTHER PRIVATE ROAD MOTOR SERVICES.

HAMILTON-DIGBY:

Service frequency:-

1 round trip Daily.

Operator:-

Mr. B. Wombwell. Merino.

TIMETABLE.

dep Hamilton for Digby.

4. 0 pm. Daily.

Fare. 12/- Single.

dep Digby for Hamilton.

9.45 am. Daily.

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HAMILTON-COLERAINE-CASTERTON-MT GAMBIER.(S.A.):

Service frequency:-

2 round trip Daily.

Operator:-

Ansett Roadways. Swanston St, Melbourne.

TIMETABLE.

dep Hamilton for Mt Gambier.

1. 0 pm; 4. 0 pm. Daily.

dep Mt Gambier for Hamilton.

4.15 am; 8. 0 am. Daily. Fare. 25/6d Single.

" Casterton for Hamilton.

6.15 am; 10.10 am. Daily. Fare. 13/9d Single.

" Coleraine for Hamilton.

7. 5 am; 10.50 am. Daily. Fare. 7/3d Single.

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HAMILTON-NARACOORTE. (S.A.):

Service frequency:-

1 round trip Daily.

Operator.

Ansett Roadways. Swanston St. Melbourne.

TIMETABLE.

dep Hamilton for Naracoorte.

4. 0 pm. Daily.

Fare 33/3d. Single.

Dep Naracoorte for Hamilton.

7.30 am. Daily.

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CO-ORDINATED: CONNECTING A ND OTHER PRIVATE ROAD MOTOR SERVICES.

HAMILTON-BALMORAL-HORSHAM:

Service frequency:-

1 round trip Daily.

Operator:-

Ansett Roadways. Swanston St; Melbourne.

TIMETABLE.

dep Hamilton for Balmoral and Horsham.

4.10 pm Daily.

Fare. Horsham. 22/6d Single.

dep Horsham for Hamilton.

8.15 am Daily.

Balmoral 10/3d Single.

" Balmoral for Hamilton.

10. 5 am Daily.

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HAMILTON-BALLARAT:

Service frequency:-

1 round trip Daily.

Operator:-

Ansett Roadways. Swanston St; Melbourne.

TIMETABLE.

dep Hamilton for Ballarat.

8. 0 am. Daily.

Fare. 33/6d Single.

dep Ballarat for Hamilton.

4.15 pm. Daily.

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HAMILTON-KOROIT-WARRNAMBOOL:

Service frequency:-

1 round trip Daily.

Operator:-

Ansett Roadways. Swanston St; Melbourne.

TIMETABLE.

dep Hamilton for Koroit and Warrnambool.

1. 0 pm. Daily.

Fare. Koroit. 15/3d Single.

Warrnambool. 17/6d Single.

dep Warrnambool for Hamilton.

1. 0 pm. Daily.

" Koroit for Hamilton.

1.35 pm . Daily.

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CO-ORDINATED; CONNECTING AND OTHER PRIVATE ROAD MOTOR SERVICES.

HAMILTON-PORTLAND:

Service frequency:-

1 round trip. Daily.

Operator:-

Ansett Roadways. Swanston St; Melbourne.

TIMETABLE.

dep Hamilton for Portland.

4. 0 pm. Daily.

Fare. 12/6d. Single.

dep Portland for Hamilton.

9.45 am. Daily.

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ARARAT-WARRNAMBOOL:

Service frequency:-

1 round trip Daily.

Operator:-

B.R.Bulmer. Barkly St. Ararat.

TIMETABLE.

dep Ararat for Warrnambool.

8. 0 am. Daily.

Fare. 30/- Single.

dep Warrnambool for Ararat.

1. 0 pm. Sat.

1.30 pm. Mon to Fri.

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ARARAT-MARYBOROUGH:

Service frequency:-

1 round trip Daily.

Operator:-

A.C. McNeil. Amphitheatre.

TIMETABLE.

dep Ararat for Maryborough.

7.45 am. Daily.

Fare. 16/- Single.

dep Maryborough for Ararat.

1. 0 pm. Sats.

1.15 pm. Mon to Fri.

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Melbourne-Ararat-Hamilton-Portland:

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CO-ORDINATED; CONNECTING AND OTHER PRIVATE ROAD MOTOR SERVICES.

ARARAT-ELMSHURST:

Service frequency:-

1 round trip Daily. (Sats exc.)

Operator:-

Mr. J.A.Baker. Elmshurst.

TIMETABLE.

dep Ararat for Elmshurst.

5.0 pm. Mon to Fri.

Fare. 5/- Single.

dep Elmshurst for Ararat.

7.0am. Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri.

7.30am. Wed.

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PORTLAND-MELBOURNE:

Service frequency:-

1 round trip Weekly.

Operator:-

Ansett Roadways. Swanston St; Melbourne.

TIMETABLE.

dep Portland for Melbourne.

5.30 pm. Friday.

Fare. 50/- Single.

dep Melbourne for Portland.

3.0 pm. Sunday.

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PORTLAND-Pt FAIRY:

Service frequency:-

1 round trip Daily.

Operator:-

Ansett Roadways. Swanston St; Melbourne.

TIMETABLE.

dep Portland for Pt Fairy.

12.45 pm. Daily.

Fare. 12/6d. Single.

dep Pt Fairy for Portland.

2.30 pm. Daily.

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