

Media Release

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MORE SERVICES AND RELIABLE TRAINS ACROSS VICTORIA

The Allan Labor Government is delivering more reliable trains and new and extended services across the Geelong and Warrnambool lines, as part of our transformation of Victoria's regional rail network.

Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams today announced that a new V/Line timetable will deliver a range of new travel options for regional passengers on one of Victoria's busiest lines.

The timetable will take effect on Sunday, 1 December, and will deliver 68 new weekend services for Geelong Line passengers, with trains set to run every 20 minutes between 8am and 9pm on Saturdays and Sundays – while 20 existing weekend services will now be extended from Wyndham Vale through to Waurnd Ponds.

On weekdays, more services will be extended to South Geelong, Marshall and Waurnd Ponds stations – enabled by the completion of the South Geelong to Waurnd Ponds Duplication in August this year.

Passengers on the Warrnambool Line will also see the introduction of a fourth service on the weekend, and starting from Friday 1 November, VLocity trains will be introduced on the Warrnambool Line for the first time – delivering more modern, reliable and accessible journeys.

The new services are part of the Labor Government's election promise to deliver up to 200 extra weekend services, which are being rolled out progressively across the regional network.

The introduction of VLocity services follows the completion of the Geelong and Warrnambool line upgrades, which replaced around 70,000 sleepers between Waurnd Ponds and Warrnambool, duplicated eight kilometres of track, upgraded Marshall and South Geelong stations and removed or upgraded 67 level crossings.

The Government's regional fare cap has transformed the way people travel around the state, with more than 33 million train trips taken across the network and more than \$90 million saved since it was introduced last year.

Information on the new timetables will be available from Friday, 1 November – to learn more, visit ptv.vic.gov.au, vline.com.au or call 1800 800 007.

Quote attributable to Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams

"We're adding more than 60 new weekend services for Geelong Line passengers – making it easier for Victorians to get to where they need to go."

Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Jacinta Ermacora

"New Velocity trains for the first time on the Warrnambool line, and with an extra service on weekends, is a big improvement for people across the South West."

Quote attributable to Federal Labor Senator for Victoria Raff Ciccone

"Our massive investment in rail upgrades across Victoria's south west is delivering huge benefits for local motorists and train passengers."

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