

# Media Release

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## BETTER REGIONAL TRAIN SERVICES ON THE WAY

The Allan Labor Government is extending train services across the Ballarat, Albury and Bendigo lines – delivering more public transport connections for regional passengers.

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 some of Victoria’s busiest lines.

The timetable will take effect on Sunday, 1 December, with Ballarat Line passengers set to benefit from three evening peak services extending to Bacchus Marsh instead of terminating at Melton.

The five morning and five afternoon Bacchus Marsh services will also have journey time savings of three to five minutes, making travel easier and more convenient for those passengers.

Responding to the increased popularity of V/Line service following our introduction of fairer fares, the two special weekend services we have introduced on the Albury and Bendigo lines will also be made permanent.

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](http://ptv.vic.gov.au), [vline.com.au](http://vline.com.au) or call 1800 800 007.

### Quote attributable to Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams

*“We’re adding almost 100 new services across Victoria’s regional public transport network – making it easier for Victorians to get to where they need to go.”*

*“We’re delivering more modern and reliable trains, and giving passengers more travel options to travel around our state.”*