

# Travel to/from Melbourne for 23rd AMHA Conference Traralgon

## V/Line Transport to and from Traralgon Conference



V/Line operates regular rail services between Melbourne and Latrobe City, stopping at Moe, Morwell and Traralgon. Services include the V/Locity railcar sets and conventional locomotive and carriage trains, with the latter including a buffet car for onboard catering. The timetable has hourly services on weekdays with approximately 20 services a day. On Saturdays 14 services are offered (from 27/8/17) at mostly 40 to 75 min intervals and on Sundays 12 services at mostly hourly intervals. All V/Line rail services commence or end at Southern Cross Station (Spencer Street) in the Melbourne CBD, with stops at Flinders Street and Dandenong for those wishing to transfer to or from south-eastern suburban train services.

For more information on timetables and fares please contact V/Line on phone 136 196 or visit [www.vline.com.au](http://www.vline.com.au) to view and download a current Gippsland timetable.

A pre-purchased and pre-charged Myki card is required for all V/Locity services. A one-way Myki fare between Southern Cross and Traralgon (or vice-versa) should be \$20.40 adult/ \$10.20 concession on weekends. Myki cards can be purchased at railway stations or at authorised retail outlets such as newsagents and some convenience stores. Peak fares during the week will be a little more.

**Note:** V/Line timetables will be changing from 27/8/2017, with additional services added on most routes and some changes to departure times. The following is a list of train times that will be running from Traralgon over the weekend of 30/9 – 1/10.

### Saturday (departure times at Traralgon):

6:01am, 7:21am, 7:55am (☺ R), 8:30am, 9:20am, 10:40am, 11:40am, 12:54pm, 1:48pm (☺ R), 2:54pm, 3:54pm, 4:40pm, 6:03pm (☺ R), 6:49pm

### Sunday (departure times at Traralgon):

6:01am, 8:01am, 9:09am (☺ R), 10:40am, 11:40am, 12:54pm, 1:54pm, 2:54pm, 3:54pm, 4:40pm, 6:03pm (☺ R), 6:49pm

☺ - includes buffet car service      R – reserved seating (book online or at Traralgon Station)

Travel time through to Southern Cross is typically 2 hrs 10 min to 2 hrs 20 min, with arrival times for the last three train services on Sundays being: 4:40pm > 7:00pm, 6:03pm > 8:19pm, 6:49pm > 8:59pm

## Returning to Southern Cross (Melbourne) after South Gippsland Tour

The itinerary for the post-conference South Gippsland Coalfields Tour on the weekend of Saturday 30/9 – Sunday 1/10 has been adjusted to have the tour bus returning to Traralgon by 4:00 pm on the Sunday. This should leave participants with enough time to make any of the last three train services to Melbourne, departing Traralgon at 4:40pm, 6:03pm (🚗 R), and 6:49pm.

For those needing to travel through to Melbourne Airport to catch flights the same evening – assuming an hour for the Skybus connection from Southern Cross Station – you should arrive at the airport by 8:00pm 9:19pm or 9:59pm for these three services.

For anyone needing to catch an earlier flight there is the additional option of catching a V/Line bus from Wonthaggi back to Melbourne. The bus departs Biggs Drive Bus Terminal Wonthaggi at 2:40 pm and travels via Anderson & Koo-Wee-Rup (with bus change), then direct to Southern Cross arriving at 4:57 pm. With one hour for a Skybus connection you should get to Melbourne Airport by 6:00pm.

If you wish to follow the bus option you will be advised to pre-book a bus ticket at the Traralgon Railway Station earlier in the week and let the tour guides know. The tour bus will drop you off at the Wonthaggi bus terminus by 2:30 pm. A one-way bus fare from Wonthaggi to Southern Cross is \$16 adult /\$8 concession.

## Connections from Southern Cross to Melbourne Airport

For those needing to travel on from Southern Cross to Melbourne Airport (Tullamarine) to pick up interstate or international flights, the best options are Skybus, taxi or Uber.

The Skybus Melbourne Airport express service departs from the Southern Cross Station bus terminal on the lower level. Buses leave Southern Cross every ten minutes from the hour (i.e. 8:00pm, 8:10pm, 8:20pm, etc). Journey time is approximately 30 to 45 minutes with drop offs at the T1, T3 & T4 terminals.

One-way adult fare is \$19.

For more information:

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