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Timetable changes for Newcastle and Hunter region

One hundred and fifty train services a week will now make additional stops at Wickham Station as part of changes to CityRail's train timetable, which come into effect on Sunday 23 October.

RailCorp acting Chief Operating Officer said the focus is on improving capacity to better match passenger demand, as well as creating a more efficient network.

"Changes to services in the Newcastle and Hunter region include some earlier arrival and departure times, as well as additional stops at Wickham Station on weekdays and weekends," Mr Eid said.

"As part of the changes, the 6.03am Broadmeadow to Newcastle service will no longer operate due to low passenger demand. Customers will be able to catch the earlier 5.47am service from Broadmeadow."

Other changes include:

- The 5.03am peak service from Newcastle to Central, and 4.18pm, 4.45pm and 5.45pm peak services from Central to Newcastle, make an additional stop at Wickham
- All services to and from City on the weekends make an additional stop at Wickham

"As part of the timetable changes, stopping patterns for some Hunter train services will also change and will now depart between one and six minutes earlier," said Mr Eid.

Some of the changes to Hunter Line services include:

- The 1.37pm Telarah to Newcastle departs all stations six minutes earlier
- The 6.00pm Telarah to Newcastle departs all stations two minutes earlier
- The 6.50am Newcastle to Telarah departs all stations five minutes earlier
- The 12.52pm Newcastle to Telarah departs all stations four minutes earlier
- The 1.03pm Newcastle to Dungog departs stations two to six minutes earlier
- The 3.10pm Newcastle to Maitland departs Newcastle, Wickham, Hamilton, Warabrook and Metford one minute earlier
- The 5.30pm Newcastle to Dungog departs stations one to five minutes earlier

"Our message to customers is to be ready for 23 October, plan ahead and find out how these changes will affect your journey. Timetable information is available from www.131500.com.au today, or from train stations from 12 October."