

Media Release

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Major Infrastructure Upgrade on the Newcastle & Central Coast Line from 1 to 12 June 2009

Buses replace trains between Morisset and Wyong

RailCorp will invest \$8.6 million over the next two weeks as part of its extensive track reconstruction program on the Newcastle & Central Coast Line.

Over 5 kilometres of track between Morisset and Wyong will be replaced from Monday 1 June to Friday 12 June 2009.

RailCorp spokesperson Marianne McCabe said the work includes replacing timber sleepers with concrete sleepers, installing new rails, renewing the overhead wiring and track adjustments, as well as a general clean up of the area.

“The reconstruction of the track will benefit customers by providing increased track stability and improved reliability in the long term,” Ms McCabe said.

“The end of this two-week trackwork will see the completion of the entire length of track between Gosford and Adamstown.”

The work will see buses replacing **weekday** trains between Morisset and Wyong from Monday 1 to Friday 5 June 2009, and from Tuesday 9 to Friday 12 June 2009.

During the morning peak:

- Some direct train services will operate south from Newcastle to Central. These services depart stations between Newcastle and Warnervale some 25 minutes earlier than normal.
- Customers travelling north will need to catch a bus from Wyong to Morisset. Trains will continue to operate to an amended timetable from Central to Wyong and Morisset to Newcastle.

During the afternoon peak:

- Some direct train services will operate north from Central to Newcastle. These services arrive at stations between Warnervale and Newcastle some 35 minutes later than normal.
- Customers travelling south will need to catch a bus from Morisset to Wyong. Trains will continue to operate to an amended timetable from Newcastle to Morisset and Wyong to Central.

Outside the weekday peak, buses will replace trains in both directions between Morisset and Wyong. Trains will operate in both directions between Newcastle and Morisset to an amended timetable; most trains between Wyong and Central will operate to the normal timetable.

Some services on the **Hunter Line** will also be affected and will operate to an amended timetable. To ensure you make your train connections please refer to the Newcastle & Central Coast track upgrade booklet.

Newcastle & Central Coast Line customers travelling on the evenings of Sunday 31 May and Friday 12 June are advised that trackwork extends to Gosford from approximately 10.40pm, with buses replacing trains between Morisset and Gosford.

Trackwork is also scheduled for the **June long weekend** from **Saturday 6 to Monday 8 June**:

- Buses will replace all trains in both directions between Newcastle and Central
- Buses will also replace all services on the Hunter Line.

Customers travelling through areas affected by weekend trackwork during this upgrade should allow up to 60 minutes extra travel time.

CityRail's suburban services will also be affected by extensive trackwork on the Northern and North Shore lines and the Epping to Chatswood rail link across the June long weekend.

"Remember to plan ahead. Check the train and bus times in the Newcastle & Central Coast track upgrade booklet, now available at stations, before you travel," Ms McCabe said.

For more information on alternative transport arrangement passengers should visit www.cityrail.info, check at their local station or call the Transport Infoline on 131500.

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