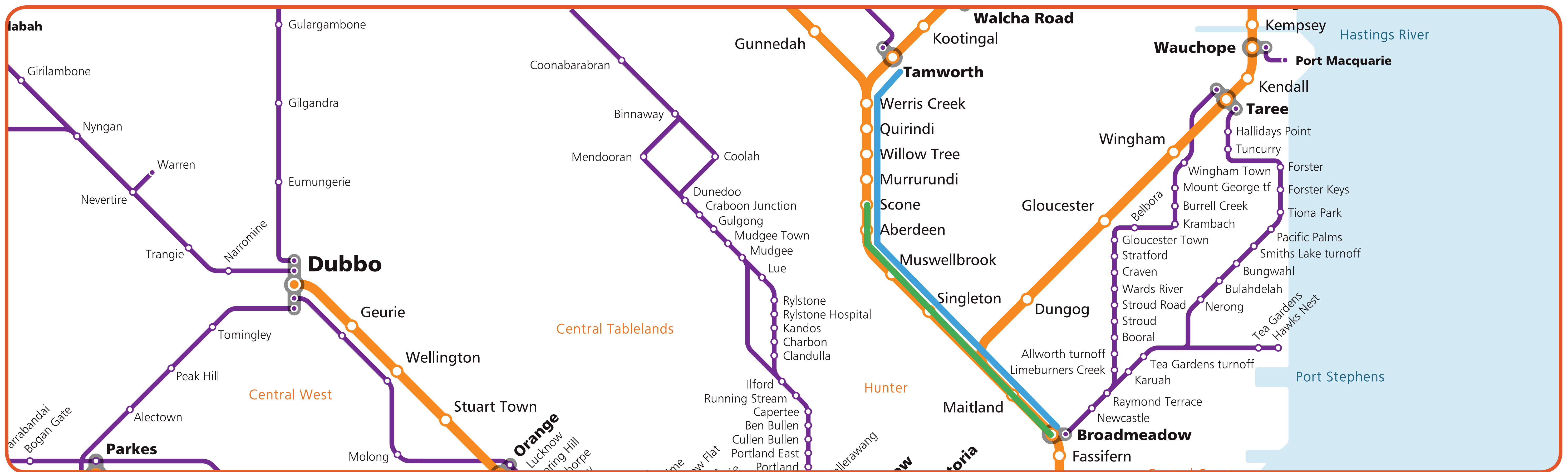


Tamworth to Newcastle Coach Rail Day Return



— Rail — Coach



CURRENT STATE

NSW TrainLink currently operates one regional rail service from **Sydney to Armidale** and return each day stopping at Tamworth, three intercity rail services to **Scone** and one extra train to **Muswellbrook** each weekday. Two intercity trains run to **Scone/Muswellbrook** on weekends.

The current rail services in the **North West** allow one way travel in a day to **Newcastle** but no return option on the same day.

Around 600,000 journeys are made from this region each year, and around 550,000 to the region each year.



MARKET

The **Tamworth** area is expected to see growth over the coming years with the population expected to increase from 61,400 in 2016 to 71,050 in 2036.

This option could:

- service the growth area of **Tamworth** and provide connectivity to Newcastle University, John Hunter Hospital and Legal services; and
- provide connectivity to intercity services from **Newcastle Interchange to Sydney** providing an earlier arrival into **Sydney** than the current regional train.



THE PROPOSAL

Customers travelling from Tamworth to Newcastle

OPTION 1: Allow for a 8-hour stay in **Newcastle:** Departs **Tamworth** at 4:00am, connects with a train at **Scone** at 6:07am, and arrives in **Newcastle** at 8:00am. Return train leaves **Newcastle** at 4:29pm, arrives in **Scone** at 6:24pm to connect with a coach and arrives in **Tamworth** at 9:00pm.

OPTION 2: Allows for a 6-hour stay in **Newcastle:** Departs **Tamworth** at 7:30am, connects with a train at **Muswellbrook** at 10:09am and arrives in **Newcastle** at 11:45am. Return train leaves **Newcastle** at 5:59pm, arrives in **Scone** at 7:53pm to connect with a coach and arrives in **Tamworth** at 10:10pm.

OPTION 3: Allows for a 4-hour stay in **Newcastle:** Departs **Tamworth** at 7:30am, connects with a train at **Muswellbrook** at 10:09am and arrives in **Newcastle** at 11:45am. Return train leaves **Newcastle** at 4:29pm, arrives in **Scone** at 6:24pm to connect with a coach and arrives in **Tamworth** at 9:00pm.

Customers travelling from Newcastle to Tamworth

OPTION 1: Allows for an 8.5 hour stay in **Tamworth:** A train departs **Newcastle** at 3:20am, connects with a coach at **Scone** at 6:15am, and arrives in **Tamworth** at 8:10am.

Return coach leaves **Tamworth** at 4:45pm, arrives in **Scone** at 6:42pm to connect with a train and arrives in **Newcastle** at 9:00pm.

OR

Return coach leaves **Tamworth** at 6:05pm, arrives in **Scone** at 8:02pm to connect with train, and arrives in **Newcastle** at 10:45pm.



THE PROPOSAL (CONT)

OPTION 2: Allows for a 4-hour stay in **Tamworth:** A train departs **Newcastle** at 8:17am, connects with a coach at **Muswellbrook** at 10:15am, and arrives in **Tamworth** at 12:40pm. Return coach leaves **Tamworth** at 4:45pm, arrives in **Scone** at 6:42pm to connect with a train and arrive in **Newcastle** at 9:00pm.

OR

Return coach leaves **Tamworth** at 6:05pm, arrives in **Scone** at 8:02pm to connect with train, and arrives in **Newcastle** at 10:45pm.



TICKET INTEGRATION

Coach travel would require reservations but the rail portion of the trip is unreserved.

Tickets would be booked on line or through 13 22 32 with details in the Trip Planner.



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