



South Coast Line

More frequent services, more local connections and more reliable journeys from November

Transport is introducing a new train timetable on Sunday 15 November 2026 to deliver service improvements for South Coast, T8 SYD Airport & South West, T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra and T2 Leppington & Inner West line passengers.

Passengers on the South Coast Line will benefit from more frequent services, more local connections and more reliable journeys.

The improvements will deliver more seats and less crowding – meaning more comfortable journeys for many passengers.



More services: Peak services will run every 15 minutes and off-peak services will run every 30 minutes on average between Wollongong and the Sydney CBD.



Simpler timetable: Services will run on a more consistent timetable, providing extra weekend services between Wollongong and the Sydney CBD to match the weekday off-peak timetable.



Reduced wait times: More services will reduce peak wait times by up to five minutes and off-peak by up to 30 minutes between Wollongong and the Sydney CBD.



Metro services: All South Coast services between Wollongong and the Sydney CBD will stop at Sydenham station for a connection to the Sydney Metro.



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South Coast Line changes

Today, a large section of track between Waterfall and Bondi Junction is shared by the South Coast and T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra lines.

The changes will separate the South Coast and T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra lines between Arncliffe and Central, allowing more local connections, and more trains to run on each line, including a new fleet of Mariyung trains on the South Coast Line.

With all T8 SYD Airport & South West Line services now operating via the Airport tunnel, South Coast services will operate on the tracks previously used by the T8 SYD Airport & South West Line via Sydenham north of Wolli Creek, reducing bottlenecks and improving reliability.

By separating these services, passengers will benefit from fewer service disruptions and more reliable, consistent journeys.

Together, new trains and more frequent services will deliver a significant improvement for passengers who regularly make the journey between the South Coast and Sydney CBD.



Better local connections: The all stops shuttle service between Wollongong and Thirroul will run more often improving local connectivity.



New Mariyung fleet: More new intercity trains will operate on the South Coast Line and all services will terminate at Central Station on platforms 1 to 14 in line with other intercity services.



More reliable services: Separating the T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra and South Coast lines boosts service reliability and improves network capacity.



Service times: New train services will operate across the line, with updated departure times and stopping patterns. This means trains people use may depart at different times and stop at different stations.

Passenger profile



Sarah, 44, Travels from Thirroul to Wollongong five days a week for work.

Today's journey

'I travel from Thirroul to Wollongong for work every weekday. Today, I can catch a train every 30 minutes and reach North Wollongong in around 19 minutes during the morning peak.

The journey is quick and convenient, but if I just miss a train, I can end up waiting quite a while for the next service.'

Future journey

'I travel from Thirroul to Wollongong for work every weekday. Under the new timetable, I can catch a train every 20 minutes and still reach North Wollongong in around 19 minutes.

The journey time stays the same, but the more frequent services mean less waiting and more flexibility. Knowing another train will be along sooner makes my commute easier to plan and helps me get to work with greater confidence.'

Passenger profile



Michael, 35, travels from Wollongong to Sydney Airport several times a year for work and personal travel. He uses a wheelchair and typically travels with a suitcase.

Today's journey

'I travel to Sydney Airport several times a year and use a wheelchair. During the morning peak, I can catch a train every 20 minutes and reach the airport in around 85 minutes via Wolli Creek, or travel via Central on some services.

Interchanging can be challenging when lifts are busy or platforms are crowded, particularly when travelling with luggage.'

Future journey

'I travel to Sydney Airport several times a year and use a wheelchair. Under the new timetable, I can travel via Central and use the new Mariyung trains, which have improved accessibility features.

While the journey may take a little longer, the large lifts and upgraded concourse at Central make changing trains easier, and the more reliable services give me greater confidence when travelling to the airport.'

How your trip will change

Passengers will experience changes to their journey including different departure times, stopping patterns or interchanges.

While some passengers who previously had a direct journey may now need to interchange, these changes support a timetable designed to deliver significant benefits across the network, including reduced wait times, better connections, improved reliability and increased service frequency.

For South Coast Line passengers travelling to Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport, interchange locations may change. Passengers can choose between the fastest journey option, which requires two interchanges, or interchange at Central for a simpler journey requiring just one interchange.

The new timetable provides more travel choices, shorter wait times and improved connections for South Coast passengers and the wider Sydney Trains network.

Passengers are encouraged to plan ahead and check the Trip Planner or the Opal Travel app before travelling. **Trip Planner | transportnsw.info**

Bus timetable changes

To improve connections with the new train timetable, changes will be made to some bus services across the Illawarra and Shoalhaven. This includes the introduction of new bus services and improvements to existing services.

These improvements are part of a broader program of bus network uplift. Amongst other benefits, the bus changes will ensure that buses connect with train times and provide better regional connections for passengers.

Some bus routes, timetables and bus stop locations will change.

We encourage passengers to plan their journeys by visiting transportnsw.info closer to when the changes come into effect.



Mariyung trains

A new level of comfort and convenience with 19 more Mariyung trains operating on the South Coast Line.

Comfort

- Wider, more spacious two by two seating with armrests, tray tables and high seat backs
- Dedicated spaces for wheelchairs and accessible toilets

Convenience

- Charging ports, dedicated spaces for luggage, prams and bicycles, and climate controlled air conditioning
- Digital information screens, onboard announcements and CCTV with emergency help points

The new 610-carriage fleet will operate in 4-Car, 6-Car, 8-Car combinations with 10-Car trains to follow in 2027.



Plan your trip

The new timetable starts on Sunday 15 November 2026.

From early November 2026, passengers can plan their journeys with **Trip Planner** | transportnsw.info or using the **Opal Travel** app.



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