



SYDNEY BUS ROUTES

Brief histories from 1925 to the present of the routes and operators of private bus services in the metropolitan area of Sydney, NSW, Australia

Routes & Operators as at March 1937

at the time of the takeover of certain private bus routes by the DRTT on 1 March 1937

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These lists show private bus routes and their operators at the time of the takeover of 15 private bus routes simultaneously in March 1937. These were not the first examples of takeovers by the Government, but they represented the most substantial step of this nature before World War II. It followed a forecast by the Government the previous year that it intended to apply a policy of progressive consolidation of ownership under a single operator, where routes were in territory that was competitive with Government bus routes. In these circumstances, routes were to be merged into the “general transport system,” meaning that run by the DRTT. Feeder services to suburban railway stations and ferry wharves, many of which were owner-operated, were not affected.

Following the takeovers and until the growth of the suburban area in the post-World War II population boom, the number of private bus routes in operation was at a low ebb, compared with any time since the full establishment of motor bus routes in the early 1920s. A comparison may be made with the lists of routes in 1925 and 1931 herein.

Further details of each route are given in the Route Histories. All private bus routes in this list are in the 1925 route number system.

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Part A: Private bus routes taken over by the Department of Road Transport & Tramways (DRTT) on 1 March 1937

Route Number	Destinations	Operator/s	Notes re DRTT route as from 1 March 1937
9	Ashfield – Five Dock – Burwood	Burke, LG & Sheppard, W	Combined with 11 as DRTT 9, Hurlstone Park – Ashfield – Five Dock – Burwood – Rookwood Cemetery.
11	Ashfield – Hurlstone Park	Dunn’s Motor Bus Service	Combined with 9 as DRTT 9, Hurlstone Park – Ashfield – Five Dock – Burwood – Rookwood Cemetery.

Route Number	Destinations	Operator/s	Notes re DRTT route as from 1 March 1937
38	Campsie – Earlwood	United Motors	Combined with 87, 213 & DRTT 90 as DRTT 90, Drummoyne – Campsie – Earlwood.
43	Canterbury – Campsie Canterbury – Sharp St, Belmore	United Motors	Combined with DRTT 70 as DRTT 70, Summer Hill – Canterbury – Sharp St, Belmore.
44	Campsie – Kingsgrove – Bexley – Rockdale	United Motors	Combined with DRTT 92 as DRTT 92, Drummoyne – Campsie – Rockdale.
47	Chatswood – Willoughby – Northbridge	Rohrs, F	DRTT 47.
69	Darling Point – Edgecliff	Davis, Mrs L	DRTT 69. Takeover effected on 28 February 1937, one day earlier than other routes. Route extended from Edgecliff to Central Railway.
72	Dobroyd Point – Ashfield – Ashbury – Canterbury	Gates, AS	Combined with 212 as DRTT 72, Dobroyd Point – Belmore.
87	Canterbury – Earlwood – Dulwich Hill	United Motors	Combined with 38, 213 & DRTT 90 as DRTT 90, Drummoyne – Campsie – Earlwood.
140	Manly – Manly Vale via Balgowlah Rd.	Manly West Bus Co	DRTT 140.
187	Campsie – Victoria Rd, Punchbowl	United Motors	DRTT 187.
212	Belmore – Earlwood	United Motors	Combined with 72 as DRTT 72, Dobroyd Point – Belmore.
213	Bexley North – Earlwood – Campsie	United Motors	Combined with 38, 87 & DRTT 90 as DRTT 90, Drummoyne – Campsie – Earlwood.
214	Strathfield – South Strathfield (Ada Av)	Moreton, JC	DRTT 214. Route extended from Ada Av to Homebush.
215	Strathfield – South Strathfield – Belmore	Moreton, JC	DRTT 215. Route extended from Strathfield to Burwood.

Part B: Private bus routes remaining in operation after the takeovers by the Department of Road Transport & Tramways (DRTT) on 1 March 1937

Route Number	Destinations	Operator/s	Notes
1	Auburn – Skarratt St via Hampstead Rd	Sinclair, S & Schofield, LH	
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7	Arncliffe – Bexley via Forest Rd	Innes Bros & Drover	
8	Arncliffe – Bexley via Wollongong Rd	Innes Bros & Drover	
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13	Auburn – Princes Rd, Berala via Park Rd	Sinclair, GR	
14	Auburn – Chiswick Rd, South Auburn via Cumberland Rd	Sinclair, GR	
15	Auburn – Skarratt St via Macquarie Rd and/or Kihilla Rd	Sinclair, S & Schofield, LH	
16	Auburn – Newington	Willcox, WH	
17	Rockdale – Fripp St, Arncliffe	Innes Bros & Drover	
18	Newtown – Alexandria	Lowe, S	
19	Newtown – Dowling St	Lowe, S	
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21	Bankstown – Bass Hill Bankstown – Deepwater	McVicar, ARB	
22	Bankstown – Milperra Bridge via Beaconsfield St	McVicar, ARB	
23	Bankstown – Panania (possibly extended to East Hills)	McVicar, ARB	
24	Bankstown – Padstow – One Tree Point	McVicar, ARB	
25	Bankstown – Eldridge Rd Bankstown – Simmat St [now Av], Condell Park	Clayton, AJ	
26	Bankstown – Punchbowl – Lakemba	Doughty, R	
27	Bankstown – Enfield – Strathfield	McVicar, ARB	
28	Punchbowl – Narwee – Hurstville	Marrin, A	
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31	Berowra – Berowra Creek	Corrigan, RH	
32	Bexley – Kogarah – Ramsgate	Ramsgate Bus Co	
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34	Enfield – Lakemba – Hurstville	Marrin, A	
35	Belmore – Lakemba	Marrin, A	
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39	Campsie – Belfield	Marrin, A	
40	Cabramatta – Bonnyrigg	Roberts, Mrs EL	
41	Liverpool – Bonnyrigg	Roberts, Mrs EL	
42	Liverpool – Hammondville Liverpool – Newbridge Rd/Gordon Rd [now Governor Macquarie Dr]	Bridges, JC	
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45	Canley Vale – Edensor Park	Prowse, CC	
46	Campsie – Harcourt Campsie – North Belmore – Punchbowl	O'Hara, AF	
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48	Waterfall – Sanatorium [now Garrawarra Hospital] Waterfall – Woronora Dam	Storks Bus Service	

Route Number	Destinations	Operator/s	Notes
49	Carlton – Rockdale	Iffland, N <i>or</i> Harrigan, RO	
50	Taren Point – Caringbah – Lilli Pilli	Hume, JN	
51	Helensburgh – Helensburgh township Helensburgh – Woronora Dam	Selby, E	
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53	Artarmon – Hatfield St Frenchs Rd, Willoughby – Chatswood – Mowbray Rd West	Jarman, LR	
54	Chatswood – Northern Suburbs Cemetery	Webber Bros Motor Service	
55	Chatswood – Asquith via Lane Cove Rd [now Pacific Hwy]	Kuring-gai Bus Co	
56	Chatswood – Penshurst St Chatswood – Roseville Chase	Royle Bros	
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58	Liverpool – Leppington – Rossmore – Bringelly	Lovell, G	
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60	Castle Hill – Glenorie	Deaman, G	
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62	Sutherland – Cronulla	Bardsley's Deluxe Blue Bus Service	
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64	Kogarah – Miranda	Collins, C	
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76	Fairfield – Fairfield West	Fisher, CP	
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78	Fairfield – Bossley Park	Evans, ME & AR	
79	Eastwood – Waterloo Rd via Vimiera Rd	Myers, F	
80	Fairfield – Wetherill Park (selected trips extended to Horsley Park)	Money, SF	
81	Fairfield – Lansvale – Cabramatta	Stanton, GW	
82	Malton Rd – Epping – Ray Rd	Sinclair, JE & Moore, AJ	
83	Hurstville – Narwee	Marrin, A	
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85	Eastwood – Waterloo Rd via Balaclava Rd	Myers, F & Dickson, ?	
86	Eastwood – Carlingford		
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89	Epping – Eastwood – Ryde	Troy, CME	
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91	Epping – West Pennant Hills	Wallis, FA	
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95	Gladesville – Lane Cove – Chatswood	Longueville Motor Bus Co	
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98	Granville – South Granville via Blaxcell St	Sinclair, GR	
99	Greenwich – Crows Nest	Hollely, Mrs JB	
100	Sutherland – GyMEA Bay Sutherland – Sylvania Heights	Jennings, JT	
101A	Parramatta – Pennant Hills	Atkins, WA	
101B	Parramatta – Pennant Hills	Morrow, J	
102	Lidcombe – Burwood	Sinclair, GR	
103	Hornsby – Galston – Birralee	Black, F	
104	Hornsby – Palmerston Rd, East Hornsby	Newson, AA	
105	Granville – South Granville via Clyde St	Sinclair, GR	
106	Hurstville – Connells Point	Leach, CA	
107	Hurstville – Kingsgrove	Ross Bros <i>or</i> Ross & Parkinson	
108	Hurstville – Hymen St, Peakhurst Hurstville – Lugarno	Saint, HT	
109	Hurstville – Carss Park Entrance	Jamieson, TM	
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111	Hurstville – Ramsgate	Red Transit Co	
112	Patrick St – Hurstville – Rockdale	Iffland, C	
113	Hurstville – Dumbleton [now Beverly Hills] – Peakhurst via Gloucester Rd	Saint, HT	
114	Hurstville – Miranda – Yowie Bay	Blakesley Bus Co	
115	Hurstville – Hurstville Grove	Iffland, J	
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118	Oatley – Oatley Bay (extended to Oatley Park on Sundays & Public Holidays)	Roberts, S	
119	Newtown – White Bay	Rozelle-Newtown Bus Co	
120	Stanmore – Lilyfield	Brien, T	Commenced 30 March 1937
121	Kogarah – Carss Park	Harrigan, AG <i>or</i> Scott, D	
122	Kogarah – Hurstville	Blythe, EH	
123	Lidcombe – Berala Lidcombe – Regents Park	McVicar, ARB	
124	Kogarah – Bexley North	Denner, A	
125	Lidcombe – Bankstown via Rookwood Rd & Lidcombe State Hospital	McVicar, ARB	
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127	Longueville – Chatswood Longueville – Penrose St	Longueville Motor Bus Co	
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129	Rockdale – Tempe	Harrigan, TE	
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133	Lindfield – Pymble (east side)	McDonald, EJ	
134	Killara – Killara Park (East Killara)	Tuohy, J	
135	Manly – Cliff St Manly – Manly Hospital (extended to North Head on Sundays & Public Holidays)	Curtis, AE	
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137	Revesby – East Hills		
138	Botany (Springvale) – La Perouse (Sundays & Public Holidays) Kensington – Daceyville Junction – Botany Cemetery	Sullivan, M	
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145	Maroubra Beach – Maroubra Junction	Jones, M	
146	Mortdale – Oatley	Lawler, VR	
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152	Meadowbank – Gladesville via Tennyson Point & Putney Point	Armitage, S & Waller, FJ	
153	Merrylands (Cumberland Rd) [now Greystanes] – Merrylands	Barklimore, NRB	
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157	Narrabeen – Church Point	Stacey, R	
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165	Parramatta – Epping	Howell, H	
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167	Parramatta – Smithfield	Barklimore, NRB	
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171	Parramatta – Fowler Rd Parramatta – Guildford	Try ST	
172	Parramatta – Eastwood via Kissing Point Rd	Gambrill, WJ	
173	Parramatta – [West] Ryde via Victoria Rd	Phillips, WH	
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175	Parramatta – Granville via Alfred St, Rosehill	O'Bryan, T	
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177	Parramatta – Wentworthville – Flushcombe Rd, Prospect	Tattam, JP	
178	Parramatta – Toongabbie	Williams, SW	
179	Parramatta – Beresford & Merrylands Rds [current Greystanes] via Great Western Hwy & Old Prospect Rd Parramatta – Merrylands & Jersey Rds [current South Wentworthville]	Bourne, WH	
180	Parramatta – Blacktown – Parklea	Roser, A	
181	Parramatta – North Rocks – Beecroft	Watson, WP	
182	Sutherland – Audley Sutherland – Grays Point	Ramsay, GH	
183	Roseville – Lindfield (east side)	Driver, HW	
184	Pennant Hills – Castle Hill	Newson, AA	
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186	Granville – South Granville via Woodville Rd	Neely, WA	
187			
188	Punchbowl – Herne Bay [now Riverwood] – Henley Pleasure Grounds Punchbowl – Mortdale via Bonds Rd	Boatwright, JE	
189	Punchbowl – Greenacre Park – Bankstown	XL Transport	
190	Punchbowl – Chullora	O'Hara, AF	
191	Pymble – Hassell Park, St Ives Pymble – Kendall St, West Pymble Pymble – Warrimoo Rd, St Ives	Maunder, JH	
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195	Kogarah – Kogarah Bay	Dews, E	
196	Rockdale – Brighton-le-Sands via Bestic St	Bouche, r G	
197	Hurstville – Blakehurst – Kogarah	Jamieson, TM	
198			
199	Randwick – Maroubra Junction	Maroubra Bus Service	
200	Parramatta – Kellyville Parramatta – Lake Parramatta Parramatta – Rogans Hill	McIntosh, Mrs F	
201	Roseville – Roseville Chase	Royle Bros	
202			
203	Bondi Junction – Alfred St, Waverley	Bronte Bus Co	
204	Cremorne Junction – Georges Heights	Nott, WE	
205	Gladesville – Field of Mars Cemetery Ryde – North Ryde – Northern Suburbs Cemetery	Beverley, SJ	
206	Windsor – South Windsor	Gospe, r AJ	
207	Windsor – Windsor Town	Mortley, WJ <i>or</i> Gosper, AJ	
208	Penrith – Silverdale	Bale, WJS	
209	Granville – Old Guildford – Guildford	Neely, WA	
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211	Penrith – Wallacia	Bale, WJS	

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221	Roseville – Lindfield – Killara – Gordon (west side)	Wagg, AJ	
222	Sydenham – Dulwich Hill	Warren, Mrs P	
223	Turramurra – Lady Davidson Home – Bobbin Head	Turramurra & Kuring-gai Motor Bus & Transport Co	
224	Tambourine Bay – Lane Cove – Northwood	Ritchie, FR	
225	Wahroonga Sanitarium – Warrawee	Farrell, JG	
226	Wahroonga – Turramurra – Pymble	Elliott Bros	
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234	Woolwich (Valentia St Wharf) – Gladesville	Hunters Hill Bus Co	
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237	Sutherland – Woronora River	Ramsay, GH	
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239	Granville (Blaxcell St) – Auburn – Water St, Auburn	Sinclair, GR	
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241	Hurstville – Cronulla	Bardsley's Deluxe Blue Bus Service	

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