

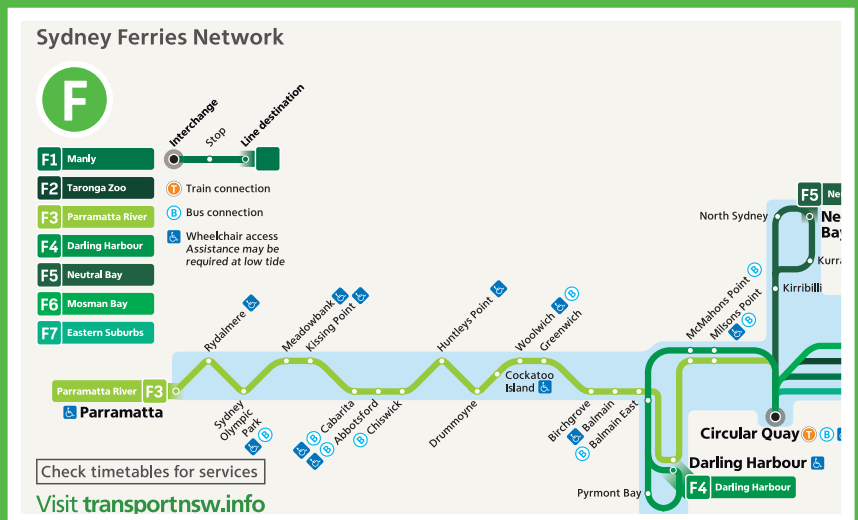
New ferry timetable

Services west of the Sydney Harbour Bridge

The NSW Government has rewritten timetables to deliver more services and improve connections between modes for customers.

The new ferry timetable introduces 55 extra services across the network a week. It improves routes, stopping patterns and hours of operation to better match customer demand and travel patterns.

The new ferry timetable is part of the first stage of Sydney's Ferry Future, a plan which was released by the NSW Government in May 2013 which outlines short and longer term initiatives to get the most out of the ferry network including investment in new modern wharves and vessels.



Key improvements the Customer Timetable will introduce to ferry services west of the Sydney Harbour Bridge include:

- During the peak, three stopping patterns will be provided along the Parramatta River. The first is an express service, stopping at all wharves between Rydalmere and Abbotsford, then direct to McMahon's Point, Milsons Point and Circular Quay. The second runs from Chiswick to Circular Quay, as an all wharves service to McMahon's Point, Milsons Point and Circular Quay. The third pattern runs to all wharves from Sydney Olympic Park to King Street Wharf.
- The timetable will include new express services on the Parramatta River serving wharves between Rydalmere and Abbotsford during the commuter peaks, which will be up to 10 minutes faster than current travel times.
- New all-stops services between Parramatta, Darling Harbour and Circular Quay during weekday off-peak periods and on weekends will cater for tourists and leisure travel.
- On Sundays Parramatta and Rydalmere customers will also benefit from four extra trips in the morning to Circular Quay, with four extra trips returning in the afternoon.
- During weekday off-peak periods and on weekends during the day there will be a consistent 30-minute frequency from Circular Quay to wharves along the Parramatta River as far west as Sydney Olympic Park.
- From Monday to Sunday, night services to wharves along the Parramatta River as far west as Sydney Olympic Park will be extended by about one hour, with the last service departing Circular Quay at 11.37pm.
- Most weekday off peak and weekend trips on the Parramatta River will now stop at Cockatoo Island, increasing journey options for customers.
- On Sundays the new timetable will include four extra trips in the morning from Huntleys Point to wharves between Darling Harbour, with four extra trips returning in the afternoon.
- Under the new timetable new shuttle services between Parramatta and Rydalmere during the commuter peak will free up a Rivercat which currently ferries only a small number of customers and allow us to provide more services to wharves along the Parramatta River which are experiencing strong growth in patronage.
- As announced in May, Bayview Park and Balmain West wharves will no longer receive ferry services due to extremely low patronage. Balmain West has a daily peak patronage of 48 compared to around 760 at Balmain, and Bayview Park has a weekday patronage of 28 compared to around 870 at Cabarita. Bus services have been enhanced from Bayview Park to connect customers to improved ferry services at Cabarita Wharf.

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