

MELBOURNE - DIMBOOLA - SERVICETON.

RAIL MOTOR SERVICE.

SERVICE:-

On Monday 9th August, 1937; the existing Mixed Goods Train Services operating between Dimboola and Serviceton were withdrawn and were replaced by a Petrol Electric Rail Motor and Trailer which provided a Daily Passenger Service between these two points, and giving connection at Dimboola with Main Line Steam Passenger Trains to and from Melbourne.

Due to an extreme Coal and Fuel shortage; steam passenger services were curtailed and to provide a daily connection with passenger trains to and from Melbourne the service operated between Serviceton and Dimboola Mon, Wed, Fri and Sat and between Serviceton and Horsham on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This service operated from 23rd June, 1949 until 7th September, 1949 when normal services were resumed.

On and after 13th September, 1949 the service was provided by a Petrol Electric Rail Motor only. The Trailer being withdrawn for service elsewhere.

Once again, the incidence of Coal & Fuel shortages made it necessary to extend the Rail Motor service to give the necessary connections to and from Melbourne. To enable this operation to be effectively carried out, the Rail Motor service operated between Serviceton and Ararat Mon, Wed, Fri and Sats. The service was cancelled on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This service operated from 26th February, 1951 until 9th April, 1951.

After completion of trip on 18th March, 1953; the Petrol Electric Rail Motor was withdrawn from service and was replaced by a Walker Type 103 HP Diesel Rail Car and Trailer. There was no alteration to existing schedules.

TOTAL MILEAGE: (as at 13/8/1956.) 747 miles weekly.

RAIL MOTOR STAFF;

2 Rail Motor Drivers. Stationed at Serviceton.

MELBOURNE-DIMBOOLA-SERVICETON.

Commencing from 9th August, 1937; the existing Mixed Goods Train Services will be withdrawn as between Dimboola and Serviceton, and, a Petrol Electric Rail Motor and Trailer will provide a Passenger Service between these points operating upon schedules as under:-

Daily.		Daily.	
Down.	pm.	Up.	am.
Dimboola.	4.55.	Serviceton.	11. 0.
Serviceton.	6.45.	Dimboola.	12.40.

(Connection will be made from and to Melbourne Daily.)

Altered and amended schedules;

Commencing from 17th November, 1945 the following schedules will become effective:-

Mon ex.		Mon.		Daily.	
Down.	pm.		pm.	Up.	am.
Dimboola.	5.50.		6. 5.	Serviceton.	9.30.
Serviceton.	8.25.		8.25.	Dimboola.	11.30.

Owing to the incidence of the General Coal Strike; schedules were slightly curtailed until 12th April, 1946 when normal schedules were re-instituted.

Altered and Extended services:-

(W.T.T. 51/49.)

Due to Industrial Troubles throughout the State; and to conform with the altered running of Main Line Steam Passenger Trains; the following schedules were temporarily introduced and operated until 7th September 1949; when once again normal running was re-introduced; as per W.T.T. 81/49.

dep Dimboola 5. 5 pm arrive Serviceton 7.40 pm. Thur and Sat exc.

dep Serviceton 9. 0 am arrive Dimboola 11. 0 am. Thur and Sat exc.

On Thursdays and Saturdays the Down and Up Rail Motors will be extended to operate as between Serviceton and Horsham as under:-

dep Horsham 7.55 pm arrive Serviceton 11.20 pm. Thur & Sat.

dep Serviceton 5. 5 am arrive Horsham 8. 0 am. Thur & Sat.

Commencing 9th September, 1949; normal schedules as per W.T. Table issued and operative as from 27th September 1948 (as shown hereunder) became operative.

Daily.		Daily.	
Down.	(25) pm.	Up.	(34) am.
Dimboola.	5. 5.	Serviceton.	9. 0.
Serviceton.	6.50.	Dimboola.	11. 0.

Commencing from 13th September, 1949 and thereafter the service will be provided by a Petrol Electric Rail Motor only. The Trailer previously utilized on this service will be returned to Melbourne for service at other locations as required.

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Due to extreme coal and fuel shortages occasioned by the General Coal Strike in progress Main Line Steam Passenger services were cancelled as between Melbourne and Dimboola, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Further economies were effected by extending the operation of Dimboola-Serviceton Rail Motor service to operate between Serviceton and Ararat, Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat to make connection with Main Line Steam Passenger Trains to and from Melbourne. Schedules as per W.T.T. 25/51 operative between Serviceton and Ararat are as under:-

	M, W, F, Sat. (P.E.) am.		M, W, F, Sat. (P.E.) am.
<u>Down.</u>		<u>Up.</u>	
Ararat.	2. 5.	Serviceton.	7.40.
Serviceton.	7.30.	Ararat.	1.45.

9: 4:1951:

Following upon settlement of Coal Strike it was decided that as from 11th April, 1951 normal services would be resumed, and; normal Rail Motor Passenger Services between Dimboola and Serviceton were resumed as from date. (W.T.T. 37/51).

18:12:1952:

Amended and accelerated services: (W.T.T. 107/52).  
Commencing 13th January, 1953; the following accelerated schedules will become effective:-  
No. 25 dep Dimboola 4.35 pm and arrive Serviceton 6.35 pm Daily.  
No. 34 dep Serviceton 11.5 am and arrive Dimboola 12.45 pm Daily.  
Both services making connection at Dimboola with trains to and from Melbourne.

6: 3:1953:





On and after 18th March, 1953; the existing Petrol Electric Rail Motor Service will be withdrawn and a service operated by a 103 HP Diesel Rail Car (Walker type) and Trailer will provide the service, operating to the present schedules.

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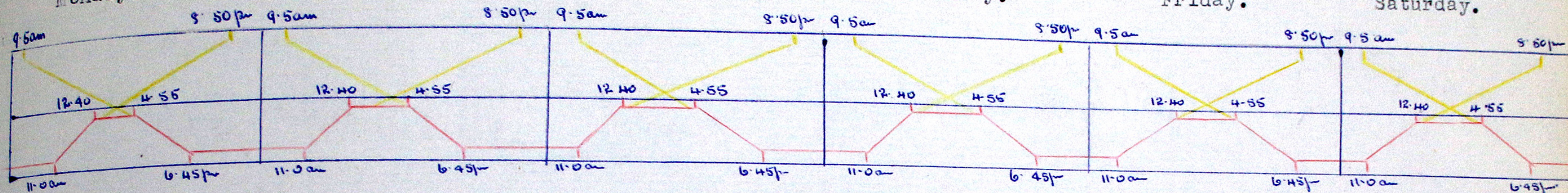
Introduction of new Working Time Table.  
Commencing from 13th August, 1956; the following timetables will become effective:-

	Pass.		D.R.C & Tr.
	Daily. (25) am.		Daily. (34) am.
<u>Down:</u>		<u>Up:</u>	
Melbourne.	8.40.	Serviceton.	11.35.
	pm.		pm.
Dimboola. arr.	3.40	Dimboola. arr.	1.20.
	D.R.C & Tr.		Pass.
	dep.		dep.
Serviceton.	3.55.	Melbourne.	1.35.
	5.50.		8.20.

Rail Motor Service.

Petrol Electric	
Rail Motor & Trailer:-	
Petrol Electric R. Mtr:-	
Diesel Rail Car	
& Trailer:-	
Nth West Passenger:-	
Friday.	Saturday

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MELBOURNE-DIMBOOLA-SERVICETON.

CO-ORDINATED; CONNECTING, AND OTHER PRIVATE ROAD MOTOR SERVICES.

DIMBOOLA-RAINBOW:-

Service frequency:

1. round trip Daily.

Operator:

Ansett Roadways.  
465 Swanston St. Melbourne.

TIMETABLE.

dep Dimboola for Rainbow.

4.40 pm Mon to Fri.

Fare. 10/9d Single.

3.55 pm Sats.

dep Rainbow for Dimboola.

7.35 am Mon.

12. 5 pm Tue to Sat.

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DIMBOOLA-ADELAIDE:-

Service frequency:

2 round trips Daily (Sunday inc.)

Operator:

Pioneer Express.  
465 Swanston St. Melbourne.

TIMETABLE.

dep Dimboola for Adelaide.

1. 5 am & 2.45 pm. Daily. (Sunday inc).

dep Adelaide for Dimboola.

7.30 am & 6.30 pm. Daily. (Sunday inc).

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