

# New rail timetable by Keith Anderson

The draft timetable incorporating the proposed changes once the Epping-Chatswood rail link comes into operation was released for comment by Railcorp in late 2008. There will be major changes to the routing of trains to and from North Shore Line and the Northern Line and as they interlink with Western Line services.

Overall, weekday services to and from Artarmon will increase. For travel between the City and Chatswood, Artarmon has benefited, along with Chatswood / St Leonards, from two extra trains per hour (+4 from Macquarie Park, -2 from Lindfield/Gordon). Artarmon passengers will now be able to access Macquarie Park line stations (for eg. the University and shopping centre) as well as Epping and stations north to Hornsby via the Northern line.

Weekend services remain at similar levels, with 6 trains per hour for the majority of the day. There are some proposed changes late at

night, where gaps of 30 minutes, rather than the current 15 minutes, are timetabled.

After detailed analysis of the timetable, the APA identified 2 large gaps in the morning peak – between 7:11am and 7:23am, and again between 8:11am and 8:23am, when trains would bypass Artarmon station.

After submissions to Railcorp, the APA is extremely pleased that an additional stop at Artarmon has been agreed to at 8:16am. This will close the 12 minute gap in what is probably the peak time for weekday rail journeys beginning at Artarmon. The gap between 7:11am and 7:23am will remain as per the proposed timetable.

The rail line is not expected to be operational until the second half of 2009, while CityRail/ Railcorp iron out (yet more) issues. Details of new arrangements can be viewed at [www.cityrail.info](http://www.cityrail.info).

## Quiz No 12:

### Street Names

1. What do Elizabeth, Drake, Raleigh and Hawkins Streets have in common?
2. What do Kitchener and Buller Streets have in common?
3. What do Cleland, Dickson and French Streets have in common?
4. What do Broughton, Muttama, Tindale and Stafford Roads have in common?

Answers on page 15.



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