

## 25 Newcastle special

*This section deals with special tickets.*

### **General**

From November 1983 all Newcastle passes were replaced by a \$6 blue Travelpass which included the Stockton ferry) and an \$8.30 outer area red Travelpass.<sup>1</sup> At this time the 20c surcharge on Blue Arrow (express services) on Sydney routes 165, 167 and 172 was dropped.

In Newcastle a route 888 service operated to the 1986 Newcastle show for 50c each way.<sup>2</sup>

A service to the Newcastle Sports centre over route 3 later that year cost \$1. However specially subsidised sports services in Newcastle ceased after removal of the subsidy from the Newcastle Jockey Club.

During celebrations in Newcastle on 18-19 July 1987 specially endorsed tickets were used in normal traffic. Special buses in Newcastle also operated to Lakes 88 and included ferries. A \$1 (50c) was applied on special buses to the Australian Bicentennial Exhibition later in 1988 in Newcastle.

A Transcard smart card trial in Newcastle commenced at certain retail outlets in December 1995 and five buses were fitted with ‘Quicklink’ consoles but a decision on how to handle cash refunds for incorrectly issued tickets delayed introduction of the system until trialled on University services in 1997.

A private NightLink minibus for \$5 was operating in the early 2000s.  
Newc WN 31.5.96 trial of “Quicktrak” ticket selling ???

A Christmas city free fare zone to Seima or Gordon st Hamilton commenced 8 December 2004 and was retained from 7.30am-6pm from January 2005.

NWN9/88 Nle DayRover & sports both \$3/\$1.50 3.7.88

Fares 6.5.89 Light & Sound Show Newcastle Harbour rtes 880 & 990 Ad \$1, ch \$50c, family \$3 with returns available to the car parks.

Rte 300 Oktoberfest 28-30.10.91 \$1/50c.

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<sup>1</sup> A green Travelpass was introduced from 28 June 1987.

<sup>2</sup> Apparently introduced in 1985. Also operated in 1987 (routes 888 & 999). In 1988 888 used a 2 section fare, 999 was free. In 1989 both had a one section fare. See also FL 5-6/1998 for route 001.



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Dated 1990. What service used these?

**Transfer**

The only transfer ticket as such (apart from AES Datafare types) was produced for transfer at Charlestown, Newcastle from 23.5.83. From 30 July 1989 Charlestown transfer tickets ceased to be valid on Newcastle services. Only Metro ten tickets, valid for the number of sections on each trip, were permitted. Dept. records (supplied by Ross Willson) indicate first use 23.5.83.



NWN(11.2.94) through fares allowed 327/363, 101/104, 309/332, 208/209 where buses reach a terminus then continue. A transfer ticket through the AES console to be issued

*Souvenir*

During the Royal Visit of 1954 special excursion tours were run in both Sydney and Newcastle.<sup>3</sup>



Showing the way to increasing co-ordination with private bus services, a Sydney Public Transport Map costing \$1 was issued early in 1987.<sup>4</sup> A special \$1 shopper fare operated in Sydney and Newcastle in December 1986.



*also light blue & red*

<sup>3</sup> A Newcastle pass was listed in 2003 on Ebay for \$400. It did not sell.

<sup>4</sup> Later co-ordination saw the renumbering of private services into area groups and further maps. See details on the [www.131500](http://www.131500) website. See FL 5/1984.



*A special brochure was also produced with historical details.*

A trial of Quicklink was to be made in Newcastle (NWN31.5.96) but was postponed or cancelled for operational and union reasons. Some buses were fitted with consoles. No other details are known.



The 2007 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary (Pet) ticket is also known used in Newcastle.

**Tickets presumed to have been used in Newcastle**

- Day tripper
- Bus tripper

