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Regular double heading of a suburban passenger train because of load was rare but for a short while in late 1973 and early 1974 the Bloemfontein to Thaba Nchu service was double headed on a Friday evening when the normal 14 coach set was strengthened with an additional 3 or 4 coaches. This did not last long as it was later decided to run two separate trains. Note the motley collection of mainly timber bodied side door suburban coaches of various types. Photo: P.A. Stow

## DECEMBER 2023

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
48						1	2
49	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
50	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
51	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
52	24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

## APRIL 2024

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
14		1	2	3	4	5	6
15	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
17	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
18	28	29	30				

## JUNE 2024

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
22							1
23	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
24	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
26	23	24	25	26	27	28	30

## AUGUST 2024

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
31					1	2	3
32	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
33	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
34	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
35	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## OCTOBER 2024

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
40			1	2	3	4	5
41	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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43	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
44	27	28	29	30	31		

## DECEMBER 2024

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
49	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
50	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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52	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
01	29	30	31				

## JANUARY 2024

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
01		1	2	3	4	5	6
02	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
03	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
04	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
05	28	29	30	31			

## FEBRUARY 2024

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
05					1	2	3
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08	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
09	25	26	27	28	29		

## MARCH 2024

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
09						1	2
10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
11	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
12	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
13	24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

## MAY 2024

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
18				1	2	3	4
19	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
21	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
22	26	27	28	29	30	31	

## JULY 2024

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
27		1	2	3	4	5	6
28	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
29	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
30	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
31	28	29	30	31			

## SEPTEMBER 2024

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
36	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
37	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
38	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
39	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
40	29	30					

## NOVEMBER 2024

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
44						1	2
45	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
46	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
47	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
48	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## JANUARY 2025

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
01					1	2	3
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For many years the route from Johannesburg/Pretoria to Durban was well served by main line passenger trains, there being no less than four daily services in each direction throughout the 60's and 70's. The most well-known named one, the "Trans Natal", is seen here Durban bound having just passed through Cavendish as it negotiated its way through curves and cuttings towards Mount Vernon in late 1984. Photo: P.A. Stow



Lessor known services but of no less importance to those using them were the weekend trains in the 70's between East London and Cookhouse, one leaving East London on a Friday evening and the other on a Saturday afternoon for Cookhouse, returning as a combined train on Sunday. Here the combined train is near Debe Nek on its return to East London in September 1978. Note the mixture of suburban and main line coaches. Photo: P.A. Stow



There was a suburban service out of Bloemfontein to Kloofend and Melorane for many years until December 1972 when the services were curtailed, leaving only the trains to Thaba Nchu, Brandfort and Springfontein. Here the train to Thaba Nchu leaves Lynchfield in January 1973 with its collection of interesting but certainly not uniform side door suburban coaches. It was an era of well-kept rolling stock, stations and track. Unfortunately, the train service has since been replaced by a bus service. Photo: P.A. Stow