



ASSOCIATION OF TOURIST & HERITAGE RAIL AUSTRALIA

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ATHRA General Meeting Melbourne – March 2009 Detailed Itinerary

Please note:

- **Costs are to be advised**
- **Accommodation suggestions will follow shortly**

Optional Pre-meeting Tour

Wed 18th March:

0745: Early departure from Melbourne to visit the Victorian Goldfields Railway (Maldon to Castlemaine) in the morning and Ballarat Tramway Museum in the afternoon (dinner in Ballarat).

Thu 19th March:

0845 hrs: Melbourne pick-up, bus to Belgrave.

1000 – 1100: Inspection Puffing Billy Workshops.

1115 for 1130: Board Puffing Billy's *Steam & Cuisine* luncheon train.

1130 – 1330: Luncheon train to Gembrook.

1400: Bus to Healesville.

1530: Yarra Valley Railway, dinner at Healesville.

Fri 20th March:

0815 hrs: Melbourne pick-up, bus to Newport Workshops.

0830 – 1000: Inspection Steamrail (to be arranged).

1000 – 1100: bus to ARHS Railway Museum, inspection and morning tea (to be arranged).

1100: bus departs for Queenscliff with 1130 pick-up from Avalon Airport by prior arrangement. Late arrivals into Melbourne can also make own way to Newport Workshops or ARHS Railway Museum to join bus by prior arrangement.

1230: arrive Queenscliff, accommodation drop-off, lunch by own arrangement.

ATHRA General Meeting

Friday 20th March

ATHRA General Meeting to be held at:

YMCA Queenscliffe Conference Room

1400 – 1830: ATHRA Meeting session 1 (afternoon tea 1600 – 1630).

1930: Dinner at selected Queenscliff venue.

Saturday 21st March

ATHRA General Meeting to be held at:

YMCA Queenscliffe Conference Room

0830 – 1300: ATHRA Meeting session 2 (morning tea 1030 – 1100).

1300 – 1400: Lunch provided on-site (catered by YMCA).

1400 – 1730: ATHRA Meeting session 3 (afternoon tea 1530 – 1600).

1830 for 1900: The Blues Train (dinner and entertainment).

Sunday 22nd March

The following arrangements are subject to confirmation by Bellarine Railway.

0900 – 1000: Inspection of facilities at Laker's siding.

1000 – 1100: Inspection of facilities at Queenscliff.

1100: Option of bus to airports arriving Avalon 1145 and Tullamarine 1300.

1115 – 1300: Ride on Bellarine Railway.

1300 – 1400: Lunch in Queenscliff (own arrangements).

1400: Bus to airports and Melbourne arriving Avalon 1445, Tullamarine 1600 and Melbourne 1630.

Please Note:

Accommodation

- All **accommodation should be booked well in advance** to avoid disappointment as several venues book out very early.
- The **bus will depart** from the stated and suggested accommodation/meeting and function venues. Times are critical so please ensure you are there in plenty of time.
- Queenscliff has a vast range of accommodation. It can be most easily found by visiting the Queenscliff Visitor Information Centre web page at the Borough of Queenscliffe web site (www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au).

Transport:

Gallivantours operates a local on-demand shuttle bus service that will be used for transport around Queenscliff. They also operate an airport shuttle service if the times scheduled above are not suitable for everyone. Gallivantours will be providing the bus transport for the pre-meeting tours so people can stay in Queenscliff and travel with the bus to Melbourne.

Partners Program:

If people are interested, a Partners Program of a Bellarine Peninsular tour on Friday and Great Ocean Road tour on Saturday can be arranged.

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