



3801 Limited Newsletter

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Welcome to the Summer 2012 edition of the 3801 Limited Newsletter. Our Newsletter is issued periodically to inform our friends and passengers, both past and future, of news and events relating to 3801 Limited and its tours and activities.

Our Regular Tours



On selected Thursdays and Sundays travel in comfort aboard a restored heritage train from Sydney through to Robertson and Moss Vale via Wollongong.

Enjoy spectacular coastal scenery and the 600 metres ascent of the Illawarra Escarpment through rainforests and past waterfalls. At our Summit Tank stop admire the view over Lake Illawarra out to the Tasman Sea.

Visit the historic Southern Highland township of Robertson with its old town atmosphere and rustic appeal or travel on to Moss Vale.

For full details and fares and timetable visit our website at

www.cockatoorun.com.au



The Illawarra Tree Top Flyer combines The Cockatoo Run with The Illawarra Fly Tree Top Walk.

At Robertson our specially reserved coach will transfer you the short distance to the Illawarra Fly – a tree top walk approximately 25 metres above the rainforest and enjoy spectacular views from this high vantage point.

After your visit the coach will return you to Robertson in time for a short stroll past the shops and back to the train for the return journey. Full details at

www.3801limited.com.au/illawarrafly.htm

Special Events

Sunday 18 March

McWilliams Wines will be holding a wine tasting on the Cockatoo Run. Enjoy a taste of some of McWilliams famous wines during your journey

Sunday 15 April

Robertson Heritage Railway Inc are holding a Vintage and Classic Car Day. Enjoy the event during the stopover at Robertson.

For more info visit our website at www.cockatoorun.com.au

Our Mainline Tours

From time to time 3801 Limited operates mainline tours to special events and places of interest. Some of these have included the annual Elvis Festival at Dubbo, Steamfest at Maitland and the very popular Lovedale Long Lunch in the Upper Hunter Valley. Details of our mainline tours are displayed on our website at www.3801limited.com.au

Our Next Mainline Tours

TRIP 1: Sunday 4 March 2012

On Sunday 4th March the train will depart Central at approximately 9:00am and travel to Carlingford. The train will then go to Sandown briefly before continuing on to Blacktown to join the branch line to Richmond. Here there will time for a leisurely lunch before the train departs, to arrive at Central around 4:30pm.

TRIP 2: Sunday 25 March 2012

On Sunday 25th March the train will depart Central at approximately 9:00am and travel to Hornsby, then via the North Shore line to Waverton and Lavender Bay, then again via Hornsby to Hawkesbury River. Approximately ninety minutes will be allowed for a leisurely lunch at Hawkesbury River before returning to Central where we arrive around 4:30pm.

Return Fares

Adults	\$70
Seniors	\$60
Children	\$35



Restored 10 Class locomotives No. No. 18 near East Greta Junction.

Photo: Trent Nicholson

www.cockatoorun.com.au/1203steam.htm

Cockatoo Run and Illawarra Fly Tour Dates

Thursday	15	March
Sunday	18	March
Sunday	1	April
Sunday	15	April
Thursday	19	April
Sunday	6	May
Sunday	27	May

Mainline Tour Dates

Steam to the Suburbs

Sunday	4	March
Sunday	25	March

Information and Reservations

Phone:
1300 65 3801

Recent Special Event

Sydney Special Children's Christmas Party – Tuesday 13 December 2011

Each year since the mid nineties a group of major sponsors have provided this special event for children with special needs – those challenged by a physical or intellectual disability, a serious illness or an extreme circumstance. For several years 3801 Limited has been a participant in this special event by providing a steam train to convey children from Central Station to the venue at Rosehill Gardens.

This year with the cooperation of Lachlan Valley Railway steam locomotive 3237 hauled the special train of ten cars with over 450 special children and carers aboard to Rosehill Station adjacent to the venue. Here a huge number of amusements awaited the special guests including rides and jumping castles, hands-on displays by Police, Fire and Ambulance services, concerts, face painting and farm animals to touch.



PHOTOS:

1. The New South Wales Railway Band performs at Platform 1 at Central Station prior to the train's departure..
2. New South Wales Premier, Barry O'Farrell, visited the footplate of steam locomotive 3237 and crew Tony Healey (left) and Simon Foster (right) before flagging the train off.
3. On the way! A young passenger takes in the passing parade enroute to Rosehill Gardens.
4. Rosehill Gardens, our destination.
5. The joy and delight is evident in young faces anticipating the day ahead.
6. Some of our special passengers and their carers aboard the train to Rosehill.
7. Lachlan Valley Railway's steam locomotive 3237 arriving with the special train at Rosehill Station.
8. Our guests disembarking at the platform at Rosehill Station adjacent to the venue at Rosehill Gardens.
9. Mr Bean was in attendance to greet the children.
10. A highlight of the day's entertainment was the Scooby Doo concert.



Recent Tours

Kandos – Celebrating the End of an Era – Saturday 3 December 2011

To mark the closure of the historic Kandos cement works, as well as the railway line, 3801 Limited made a final visit to this industrial township. The tour utilised heritage diesel Locomotives 4473 and 4486 hauling seven cars and was well patronised with approximately 250 passengers. During the lunch stopover a 40-minute shuttle to Clandulla was provided for local people including many children experiencing their very first train ride!

Kandos has been a popular tour destination for 3801 Limited for a number of years with significant features of the journey being the spectacular scenery crossing the Great Dividing Range over the Blue Mountains and passing through the beautiful Capertee Valley.

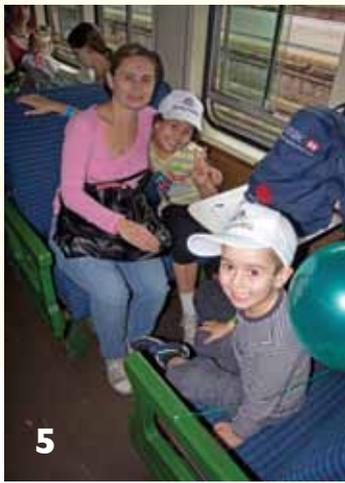
Kandos came into existence in 1913 when a cement works was set up to take advantage of local supplies of limestone being quarried in the area.



The tour train pauses for a photo stop at Brogans Creek on the Mudgee line, a most popular location for rail photographers
Photo: Sohtaka Kikuchi



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11. 3237 at the head of the train for the return run to Central Station.
Photos: Fred Sawyer, Sohtaka Kikuchi, John Clifton



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Steam on South Maitland Railways – Friday 5 August 2011

30 years of the Hunter Valley Training Company and 100th anniversary of steam locomotive No. 18

To celebrate these two historically significant events 3801 Limited joined with the Hunter Valley Training Company (HVTC) to bring steam back to the South Maitland Railways between East Greta Junction and Neath. 3801 Limited's heritage diesel hauled train of five cars and 230 people aboard travelled from Sydney to East Greta Junction where the diesel locomotive 4473 was exchanged for former SMR steam locomotives Nos 10 and 18, one on each end. The now steam-hauled train took on board guests and dignitaries and continued to Neath where all on board enjoyed a hearty lunch at the historic Neath Hotel. An important part of the day was an address at lunch by Chairman of the HVTC and well known former NSW Minister for Transport, Milton Morris.



SMR 18 about to leave Neath for the return trip to East Greta Junction.
Photo: Trent Nicholson

The South Maitland Railways was once an extensive network of colliery and passenger railway lines which served the South Maitland coalfields of the Hunter Valley in New South Wales. The most common steam locomotive on the SMR was the 10 class of which Nos. 10 and 18 are members.

After lunch the train returned to East Greta Junction where the diesels again took charge of the train for the return run to Sydney.

Become a Volunteer

Ever thought of becoming a Volunteer with 3801 Limited?

3801 Limited faces a huge task in maintaining a Heritage fleet of diesel locomotives and carriages ranging from the 1920s to the 1960s with a mainly volunteer workforce. We need volunteers for various tasks in both operating and restoration environments.

Some of these activities include:

Operating -

Carriage attendants, buffet and souvenir sales, carriage cleaning of both internal and external, running repairs to curtains, seats, etc. Our volunteer work days for preparing the trains are usually Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Restoration -

Carpentry, upholstery, painting and polishing, plumbing and electrical, carpet laying and flooring, general assistants. Work is mainly carried out on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Please don't be daunted - we will give you all the assistance and training we can – all we ask is that you come down and give it a go!

There are no fixed hours and of course no pay cheques. But you will have the experience of making some new friends, having some fun, learn new skills and watching the movable heritage of the NSW Railways continue to operate for future generations to enjoy.

New volunteers are now encouraged to hold first aid certificates

If you have any questions relating to volunteering please call our office on 1300 65 3801 or complete the email enquiry form on our website at

www.3801limited.com.au/volunteer.htm



3801 Limited guard and volunteers await passengers boarding at Robertson.

Volunteer passenger attendants aboard the Cockatoo Run.

Can you see yourself as a volunteer in these pictures?

Photos: Fred Sawyer



Hire a Carriage

Have you ever thought of hiring a carriage for your special occasion with your group activity? Weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, club functions – enhance the occasion with your own private carriage. Carriage and full train charters are available for our Heritage Main Line Train operations and also the Cockatoo Run.

We can make that occasion something to remember.

Part of the spectacular Illawarra coastal scenery seen from the Cockatoo Run. A view of Stanwell Park and its beach as seen from Bald Hill.



Group Bookings

If you have a group of 15 or more (Coach Groups, etc) ask about our special discount rates.

Cockatoo Run Gift Certificates

Looking for that special gift for a friend or relative?

A 3801 Limited "Cockatoo Run" Gift Certificate can be purchased for as little as \$40. Gift Certificates are valid for a period of six months from the date of issue and can be used as credit towards a ticket on a selected tour date.*

Just call us to arrange or visit the website and we will post the Gift Certificate to you, ready to give as a gift.



For more information and reservations please contact our office at

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or visit our website at

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for tour dates and online bookings