



3801 Limited Newsletter

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Welcome to the Winter 2011 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.3801limited.com.au/cockatoo.htm



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

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 Tour

Steam on South Maitland Railways Friday 5 August 2011

Hunter Valley Training Company is celebrating 30 years of Training and the 100th anniversary of Loco No.10 and is joining with 3801 Limited to bring steam back to the South Maitland Railways from East Greta Junction to Neath.



The South Maitland Railway was once an extensive network of colliery and passenger railway lines which served the South Maitland coalfields in the Hunter Valley of New South Wales. The most common steam locomotive on the SMR was the 10 Class and restored locomotives No. 10 and No. 18 will haul our train.

Our heritage diesel hauled train will leave Sydney at 9:06am, picking up at Strathfield and Hornsby, arriving at East Greta Junction at 12:02pm, and Neath at 1:15pm. The return journey will leave Neath at 3:00pm, Hornsby arr. 6:41pm Strathfield arr. 7:08pm and Sydney Terminal arr. 7:22pm.

The fare includes a light lunch at Neath.

Information and Reservations

Phone: 1300 65 3801

Restored 10 Class locomotives No. 10 and No. 18 near Telarah .

Photo: Sohtaka Kikuchi

Return Fares

- Adults \$150
- Seniors \$140
- Children \$100

Details

- Heritage diesel train from Sydney to East Greta and return
- Steam train from East Greta Junction to Neath and return
- Light lunch at Neath



Large Erecting Shop Upgrade Works

The Large Erecting Shop is the home of 3801 Limited's operations at Eveleigh and is a significantly historic building being a major part of the old Eveleigh Railway Locomotive Depot and Workshops.

A contract has been awarded by the Office of Rail Heritage to Mulally Constructions for stage one of the upgrading of the Large Erecting Shop.

Work has now commenced on the Redfern end of roads 1, 2 and 3.

Work on stage one includes:

- Floor and pit cleaning and repairs to restore a safe working surface
- Restoration of rail track and associated foundations within the building
- Replacement of pit lighting on the Erskineville end of No. 1 road
- Cleaning and painting of internal walls
- Demolition of the old overhead amenities block over No. 7 road
- Cleaning and repair and strengthening of external walls
- Manufacture and installation of 10 pairs of large access doors to the original design. These doors are being manufactured in the LES under sub-contract awarded to Blue Ridge Woodworking
- Installation of new pallet racking and supply of pallets for storage of parts and materials

It is anticipated that stage one works will be completed later this year.



Some of the new large access doors recently installed at the Large Erecting Shop as part of the upgrade works. *Photo: Keith Audet*

Summit Tank Platform Repair

Summit Tank is the stop off point on the Cockatoo Run and Illawarra Tree Top Flyer journey between Unanderra and Robertson where passengers enjoy spectacular views of the Illawarra panorama.

The Cockatoo Run is now the only regular passenger service that stops at this location. The lookout is only accessible by train. Recently repairs were carried out to the platform at Summit Tank by Wollongong Rotary Club under the supervision of a 3801 Limited protection officer.

Thanks to these volunteers for their efforts which will ensure our continued use of this wonderful facility.



Members of Wollongong Rotary Club hard at work carrying out repairs to the platform at Summit Tank. The platform is a scheduled stop on the Cockatoo Run and allows passengers to alight from the train and enjoy spectacular views of the Illawarra panorama.

Photos: Fred Sawyer and Chris Miller

Testimonial from a Satisfied Customer

We often receive appreciative emails and letters from our passengers after travelling on our tours. Here is one received after the Cockatoo Run on Sunday 10 July.

"We had the best day on Sunday! Thank you so much to all the dedicated volunteers who made the trip such a wonderful experience. A special way to travel and experience such natural beauty just on our doorstep. I'm spreading the word. Many thanks. Trish."

Other testimonials and comments from passengers are displayed on our website.

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.

*Gift Certificates are not a ticket for travel and must be redeemed prior to travel. A booking must be made for a selected tour date and any difference in the value of the Gift Certificate and the fare payable is due at the time of booking. Unused portion is not redeemable for cash. 3801 Limited Gift Certificates are only redeemable on The Cockatoo Run tourist train.



For Further Details Call 1300 65 3801

Or Visit www.3801limited.com.au

Lovedale Long Lunch

Our annual tour to the Heart of the Hunter was once again a huge success in May 2011.

The Lovedale Long Lunch is an annual event, held on the third weekend in May. It is a progressive-type lunch where visitors on our tour wine and dine their way around three participating wineries enjoying a glass of wine, gourmet food, fabulous music and art.

Passengers enjoyed a heritage train trip and were able to experience an exquisite range of wines along with gourmet food, fabulous music and art at three of the Hunter's best vineyards.

The history of Lovedale dates back to the 1800s when local wheat, dairy and general produce farmers turned their hand to grape growing.

The Lovedale Long Lunch was started in 1994 to market Lovedale as a premium wine producing area and tourist attraction. Now in its 16th year, it includes seven wineries and vineyards to visit over the Long Lunch weekend.

The Lovedale Long Lunch has been the winner at the Hunter Region Awards for Excellence in Tourism for the category Significant Regional Festivals and Special Events in 1996, 1998, 2000 and 2007. In 2006 the event was classified as a Regional Flagship Event by Tourism NSW.

This event is a must for all food and wine lovers. Come and see for yourself!

Watch for details of the 2012 tour to the Lovedale Long Lunch on our website and in this newsletter.

Book early to ensure your place for this popular event.



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. Can you see yourself as a volunteer in this picture?

Photo: Fred Sawyer

Hire a Carriage

Have you ever thought of hiring a carriage for your special occasion or 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.

Group Bookings

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

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.



Cockatoo Run and Illawarra Fly Tour Dates

Thursday	28	July
Sunday	31	July
Thursday	11	August
Sunday	28	August
Sunday	4	September
Thursday	8	September
Sunday	25	September
Thursday	29	September
Thursday	13	October
Sunday	16	October
Sunday	30	October

Mainline Tour Dates

Steam on the South Maitland Railways

Friday 5 August

New tour dates are regularly added



For more information and reservations please contact our office at

1300 65 3801

or visit our website at

www.3801limited.com.au

for tour dates and online bookings