

Journeys from Mt Barker

Southern Encounter

A day journey from Mt. Barker to Goolwa and Victor Harbor and return, travelling in part on the first public railway line in Australia.

Departing Mt. Barker, the train powers up the short climb to Philcox Hill, the highest point on the line, then drifts down out of the Adelaide Hills onto the rich farmlands of Strathalbyn and Finnis, passing through the former Sandergrrove siding, where a line branched off to Milang. Then it's over the Finnis River and "Black Swamp" bridges and through scrub country with native vegetation where kangaroos are often noted bounding alongside. Further on, we cross one of the tallest rail bridges in South Australia at Currency Creek, before arriving at the River Port of Goolwa. After a short stay, the train combines with the Cockle Train and goes on to Victor Harbor. Passengers may alight at Goolwa or Pt. Elliot and catch a later train to Victor. Experience the picturesque views from your carriage window as we travel alongside the Southern Ocean just above the sand.

There are about three hours in Victor Harbor for lunch, ride the Horse Tram to Granite Island or visit some of the many attractions Victor has to offer. Ask about our meal deals.

Late afternoon, relax as we retrace our steps to Mt. Barker. Listen as the locomotive tackles the long climb out of Strathalbyn back up the hill to Philcox Hill before descending into Mt. Barker. A Buffet Car is included on the train.

Duration 10.00 am to 6.10 pm **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**
Departs Mt. Barker – Sundays 5th & 19th June, 3rd, 17th & 31st July, 7th & 21st August, 4th & 18th September, 2nd, 16th & 30th October and *6th & *20 November 2016. *denotes services may be diesel hauled.
Note:- Sunday 18th September 2016 - FIRST CLASS car attached for packages only.

Highlander

Experience the power of the locomotive as it climbs out of Mt. Barker for the highest point on the line, Philcox Hill. See the rolling hills and the grand old gum trees as we wind our way down through the many curves and cuttings before arriving at historic Strathalbyn. Ample time for a meal at one of the many eateries, then perhaps a stroll visiting the antique and craft shops for which Strathalbyn is renowned.

Duration 10.30am to 3.00pm **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**
Departs Mt. Barker - Sundays 10th July and 11th September 2016

Strathalbyn's Great Duck Race

Join in the fun and activities of Rotary's annual event on the banks of the Angas River. Food and drinks, etc. will be available plus a Children's entertainment area and possibly a classic car display. Purchase your very own duck, train it up and watch its progress as it swims down the river to the finish line. A Rotary fundraising event well worth attending.

Duration 10.00am to 3.30pm **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**
Departs Mt. Barker – Sunday 13th November 2016

Mystery Trips and other services

Join us for an excursion to a mystery destination which will be operated by either a Heritage Railcar or, a Steam or Diesel locomotive hauling historic carriages. Other forms of transport may be used and a lunch will be included in all Mystery packages.

Duration To be advised (departing mid morning and returning late afternoon).
Departs Mt. Barker – Sundays 14th August, 9th October 2016.

Note:- **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** - Telephone 1300 655 991

Other services may be scheduled - usually advertised in "What's On" & on our website.

The Bugle Ranger

If you are looking for something to do next time you're in the Adelaide Hills and is not expensive, then The Bugle Ranger represents great value for money.

The 45 minute journey aboard our heritage Railcar will take you from Mt. Barker station to the Bugle Ranges station site and return, via the highest point on the line at Philcox Hill.

Duration 2.00pm to 2.45pm **PURCHASE TICKETS ON DAY OF TRAVEL**
Departs Mt. Barker – Sundays 12th & 26th June, 24th July, 28th August, 25th September, 23rd October 2016.

Note:- A Rhythm & Rail service operates Sunday 26th June to a special Timetable.

SteamRanger Dinner Excursions

Celebrate Valentine's

Here's an ideal way to celebrate Valentine's with your partner or a group of friends by joining our rail excursion from Mt. Barker to either Strathalbyn or Goolwa for a twilight country style meal at one of the towns' "pubs". Package includes a train journey and a two course meal. A popular outing.

Duration 4.45pm to 11.15pm (approx. times) **PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**

Departs Mt. Barker – Saturday 11th February 2017.

Christmas in July

Join our steam hauled heritage train for our Christmas in July dinner excursion from Mt. Barker to Strathalbyn. Traditional Christmas dinner at an historic Strathalbyn "pub". Ideal for a family get together or social club outing.

Duration 6.30pm to 11.00pm **PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**
Departs Mt. Barker – Saturday 30th July 2016.

Rail to River

The Riverport of Goolwa is understood to be one of only two places in the world where one can travel on a Steam train and then transfer to a Steam vessel (in this case, a Paddle Steamer). A dinner and cruise is included in this package.

Duration 3.45pm to approx. 11.15pm. **PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL**
Departs Mt. Barker – Saturday 22nd October 2016.

Dinner Enquiries and Bookings:- 1300 655 991

Charter Your Own Train

SteamRanger has trains available for charter at both Goolwa and Mount Barker; ideal for special events or large groups to various destinations of choice. If you are planning a party, corporate launch, conference, wedding, family get together or social function, etc., why not charter your very own train? We can meet a range of budgets with either railcars or steam or diesel locomotives and heritage carriages. Alternatively, take advantage of the savings available to groups booking a whole carriage on one of our scheduled services. Group savings only apply when booking with SteamRanger direct. For charter enquiries or group bookings, phone 1300 655 991 for more details.

Fares and Enquiries

For fares, bookings and specials please contact SteamRanger Heritage Railway Phone 1300 655 991
9.00am to 5.00pm – Mon. to Sat.
bookings@steamranger.org.au or visit our web site www.steamranger.org.au

Cockle Train tickets can be purchased on the day of travel at the Goolwa, Port Elliot and Victor Harbor stations. Allow at least 15 minutes before departure time to purchase tickets and board the train.

Part and one way journeys on the Cockle Train can be purchased individually. Details at each station.

Group Bookings: Groups of 10 passengers or more must pre-book with SteamRanger direct to receive a group discount.

Child fares: 4yrs to 16yrs inclusive.

Children under 4 travel free (No seat is allocated).

A family ticket is available for 2 adults with 2 children (4 to 16 years) or 1 adult with 3 children (4 to 16 years).

Seniors Card concession applies only for the full round journey upon presentation of any State or New Zealand Government issued Seniors Card.

Tickets are sold subject to the 'Conditions of Travel' displayed at our stations and online.

Visa and Mastercard are accepted at all stations except Pt. Elliot and Middleton.

Book on line

Web www.steamranger.org.au
Email: bookings@steamranger.org.au

Volunteers

All trains rely on a team of volunteers to keep this historic service operating. It's a big job but lots of fun. All volunteers, from guards & ticket sales staff to drivers, firemen & station masters are trained to effectively operate SteamRanger. If you would like to join the team, you would be most welcome. Contact SteamRanger on 1300 655 991

Email: HRmanager@steamranger.org.au
PO Box 960, Mt Barker SA 5251

SteamRanger

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The Society was founded in 1952 and regular services to Victor Harbor commenced in 1984. SteamRanger is a volunteer based not for profit organisation which has proudly developed a fully accredited operational railway system.

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Conditions of Travel

Trains will operate with Diesel power when a total fire ban is declared for the Mount Lofty Ranges district.

SteamRanger reserves the right to change motive power, vary schedules or fares if for unforeseen circumstances, it is deemed necessary.

Smoking is not permitted on any SteamRanger service.

Due to our Duty of Care Policy, the Cockle Train will not operate if temperatures of 35° or over are forecast at Victor Harbor.

The Cockle Train will stop at Middleton on request.

SteamRanger reserves the right to refuse or terminate passage to any person who appears intoxicated or is demonstrating disruptive behaviour.

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REFUND POLICY For Cockle Trains, Bugle Ranger and other trains where "over the counter" tickets sales are made, our Refund Policy will be displayed at those stations. For all other services where bookings in advance are required, including Group, Carriage and Charter bookings, our Refund Policy can be requested from our Booking Officers at the time of Booking.

Don't miss the train!

Passengers who miss the last train to their destination are liable for alternative means of transport. There is no frequent public transport on the south coast other than a taxi service which can be expensive! Train tickets are not refundable if the train is missed.



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Journey from Goolwa, Pt Elliot, Middleton & Victor Harbor

On Cockle Train running days, you can contact SteamRanger on (08) 8552 2782 (Victor Harbor Station) or (08) 8555 2691 (Goolwa Station)

The Cockle Train

Step back in time and ride one of South Australia's most well known train trips, the historic Cockle Train. Of all SteamRanger's services, the Cockle Train is the icon, travelling over the first public railway line in Australia.

The 30 minute journey from either Goolwa or Victor Harbor travels along some of the most picturesque coast on the Fleurieu Peninsula. Passengers can also join at the historic settlements of Middleton (stop if required) and Port Elliot.

Tickets can be purchased at stations on the day of travel (allow at least 15 minutes before departure time to purchase tickets and board the train). Family tickets are available and discounts apply to holders of any State or New Zealand Government issued Seniors Card. Full round trip, part sector returns and one way journey tickets also available. Timetable permitting, journeys may be broken to visit other Fleurieu tourist attractions.

Large groups of 10 or more must book through our Booking Office on 1300 655 991 to receive a 10% discount.

On your bike?

There is a well established cycle path (dedicated tracks and some road) between Goolwa and Victor Harbor. Touring by bike is an alternative way to see the sights. Bike it one way and rail it the other! The Cockle Train can cater for a limited number of bikes on any one journey. Large groups of cyclists are requested to book a few days ahead through our Booking Office, 'phone 1300 655 991.

Hot weather and fire bans.

Services scheduled to be steam loco hauled will be changed to heritage diesel or railcars if a fire ban is declared for the Mt Lofty district. The Cockle Train will not operate if the forecast temperature for Victor Harbor is 35°C or over.



Photo Ivan Marchant



Cockle Train services are scheduled to be steam hauled Easter, most SA School Holidays (except July) and Southern Encounter days (see over). At other times, the Cockle Train is operated by heritage Railcars or diesel locos hauling historic carriages.

The Cockle Train does not run every day. To determine which time table to use match the colour of the calendar dates to the time table heading.

Time Table 1

Goolwa	10.00	12.15	2.45
Middleton*	10.10	12.25	2.55
Pt. Elliot	10.15	12.30	3.00
Victor Harbor	10.30	12.45	3.15
Victor Harbor	11.00	1.30	3.45
Pt. Elliot	11.10	1.40	3.55
Middleton*	11.15	1.45	4.00
Goolwa	11.30	2.00	4.15

Time Table 2

Goolwa	10.00	12.15	2.45	4.30
Middleton*	10.10	12.25	2.55	4.40
Pt. Elliot	10.15	12.30	3.00	4.45
Victor Harbor	10.30	12.45	3.15	5.00
Victor Harbor	11.00	1.30	3.45	5.30
Pt. Elliot	11.10	1.40	3.55	5.40
Middleton*	11.15	1.45	4.00	5.45
Goolwa	11.30	2.00	4.15	6.00

Time Table 3

Goolwa	10.00	10.55	12.15	1.25	2.45	4.30
Middleton*	10.10	11.10	12.25	1.40	2.55	4.40
Port Elliot	10.15	11.20	12.30	1.50	3.00	4.45
Victor Harbor	10.30	11.35	12.45	2.05	3.15	5.00
Victor Harbor	11.00	12.05	1.30	2.35	3.45	5.30
Port Elliot	11.10	12.15	1.40	2.45	3.55	5.40
Middleton*	11.15	12.20	1.45	2.50	4.00	5.45
Goolwa	11.30	12.45	2.00	3.15	4.15	6.00



Photo Peter Michalak

Calendar

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Finniss Flyer

Goolwa to Finniss – Travel towards Strathalbyn on one of our Heritage Railcars to the Finniss siding. Visit the recently refurbished Finniss Store for a cuppa or meal.

Departs Goolwa - Tuesday 3rd & 17th January 2017.

Timetable Trains depart Goolwa at ^11.35am & 1.10pm and Finniss at 12.35pm, ^2.10pm.
^^ denotes connects with the Cockle Train to and from Victor.

The Southern Hills Special

Take a step back in time! This service provides a day's journey from Victor Harbor travelling the famous Cockle Train route along the picturesque Fleurieu Coast to the heritage River Port of Goolwa. From Goolwa, the journey continues over the most historic section of the 82km of railway track, several rail bridges, including one of the tallest bridges in the State at Currency Creek, small rail sidings, natural scrublands and rich farmlands to Strathalbyn. A short comfort stop then the train winds its way over the southern slopes of the Mt. Lofty Ranges to the destination of Mt. Barker, the "home" of SteamRanger Heritage Railway.

Time to enjoy a meal and take a stroll around this historic area.

Alternatively, alight at Strathalbyn, have a picnic on the banks of the Angas River or a meal at one of the many eateries, then spend time visiting the antique and craft shops, etc. Rejoin the train later in the afternoon for your return to the South Coast.

Duration: 10.00am to 5.25pm **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Departs Victor Harbor - Saturdays 2nd April and 5th November 2016.



Photo Alan Potter

New Year's Eve

Travel on SteamRanger's heritage Railcar from Goolwa, Middleton (stop if required) and Pt. Elliot to enjoy the festivities at Victor Harbor. The train arrives in ample time to join in the celebrations and enable you to get a good position to view the fireworks display on the causeway at midnight. On the return journey, enjoy the view of the lights of the Fleurieu as we wind our way along the coast. Avoid the parking hassles at Victor Harbor by parking at your nearest railway station and catching our special train.

Duration 8.30pm – 1.00am **BOOKINGS ADVISABLE**

Departs Goolwa – Saturday 31st December 2016.