



ASSOCIATION OF TOURIST & HERITAGE RAIL AUSTRALIA

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ATHRA News #2 – April 2010 Advance Notice for Perth Meeting in September 2010

Planning is underway for the next ATHRA Meeting which will be held in Perth in September 2010. We aim to make this meeting more the style of a mini-conference with presentations on topics of interest to those active in the tourist and heritage rail sector. Preceding the meeting will be a tour visiting railways and tramways in the region.

So that people can take advantage of the current specials being offered by the major airlines, below are the Tour Itinerary and Meeting Schedule. Although the details are still being worked on, the dates are fixed.

TOUR ITINERARY

Sunday 29th August (or earlier)

Tour participants arrive in Perth. Enjoy the sights of Perth or shopping at your own leisure.

Monday 30th August

Tour will pick you up from the hotel and take you to Perth Terminal for an 8.55am departure on the Merredin Link to Northam - along the spectacular Avon Valley in spring time! Then it is down south to the Kojonup Tourist Railway. Overnight in the South-West.

Tuesday 31st August

Inspect Collie Railway Heritage Group and restoration works followed by visit to SW Rail Heritage Centre, Boyanup and other sites (e.g. historic Yarloop Workshops). Overnight in the South-West.

Wednesday 1st September

Travel to Pinjarra for 10.30am trip on Hotham Valley Railway to Dwellingup and then return to Perth on the new electric train service from Mandurah. Overnight Central Perth hotel (luggage delivered).

Thursday 2nd September

Pick up from Perth to Whiteman Park – inspect and ride on the PETS trams and Bennett Brook trains with time to visit Revolutions or Motor Museum and Bus Preservation Society. In the afternoon we visit some Swan Valley tourist icons.

Friday 3rd September

Free time in Perth to visit the sights with the option of a River Cruise.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Saturday 4th September

Full day meeting at Rail Museum Bassendean – conference style presentations.
Evening function ‘buffet roast’.

Sunday 5th September

Morning meeting at Rail Museum Bassendean – presentations and/or workshop.
To the airport for afternoon flights by your own arrangements.

Full details with pricing will be published in a future issue of ATHRA News once they are available. Registrations and deposits will be called for at that time. Details will also be available on the ATHRA web site www.athra.asn.au.

ATHRA Board members are reminded that when making their travel arrangements that there is a full-day Board Meeting on Friday 3rd September.