

The Rail Motor Society Paterson

A Winter Wonderland and South Coast Tour

In The Rail Motor Society's Heritage 621/721 Rail Cars.

The Ski Tube and the Canberra Light Rail.

By Coach to Cooma and Bullocks Flat, Captains Flat, Crookwell and Taralga.

Follow the Closed Branch Lines. Queanbeyan to Cooma,
Bungendore to Captains Flat, Goulburn to Crookwell and Taralga.

Travel from Paterson, Maitland, Broadmeadow, Gosford, Hornsby,
Concord West, Moss Vale, Goulburn, Canberra.

Returning via Goulburn, Moss Vale, Robertson, Summit Tank,
Unanderra, Port Kembla, Kiama, Bomaderry, Wollongong, Waterfall,
Meekes Road Junction, Enfield, Chullora, Concord West,
Broadmeadow and Paterson.

Thursday to Tuesday 5-10th June 2025

Come and join The Rail Motor Society for a new six day adventure on our annual Kings Birthday Weekend Tour. Explore a Winter Wonderland in the Canberra Monaro Region over a two night stay, A day coach trip visiting Cooma and Bullocks Flat with a visit to the Cooma Monaro Railway Museum and the restored Cooma Heritage Railway Station. Travel on to Bullocks Flat to ride the Ski Tube Railway to Perisher and Blue Cow in the Snowy Mountains Region of NSW. Travel on the Canberra Light Rail System, visit the Australian War Memorial and follow the closed Captains Flat Railway before returning to Goulburn for another two night stay. Visit Taralga and the Crookwell Heritage Railway to experience the life of a railway fettler riding the trikes at the station. Travel then by our train to Moss Vale, Robertson, Port Kembla and Bomaderry for the last night of the Tour crossing the Shoalhaven River into Nowra for our accommodation. Enjoy a wine tasting and two course evening meal at the Coolangatta Estate Vineyard at Shoalhaven Heads. Return rail travel via the picturesque Illawarra Coastline to Sydney and a return to Paterson.

Thursday 5th June. Our heritage 621/721 Rail Cars will leave from Paterson picking up passengers at Maitland, Broadmeadow, Gosford, Hornsby and Concord West. A welcome Devonshire Morning Tea will be served as we proceed through the South Western Suburbs of Sydney and begin our journey into the Southern Highlands with a lunch stop at Moss Vale. Continue on to Goulburn and join the branch line to the Monaro District at Joppa Junction passing Tarago, Bungendore, (former junction for the Captains Flat Line), Queanbeyan and into the ACT and Canberra Railway Station. A short walk to our accommodation at the Ramada Diplomat Hotel to check in for our Dinner, Bed and Breakfast accommodation for our 2 nights stay. Drinks in the Bar before Dinner in the Dining Room.

Friday 6th June. After breakfast, join our coach for our Snowy Mountains adventure. Following the Monaro Highway and closed Railway Line to Cooma stopping to visit to the Railway Station and the Cooma Monaro Railway Museum for Morning Tea. Continue on into the Snowy Mountains passing Berridale and Jindabyne to arrive at Bullocks Flat where we will join the Ski Tube Rack Railway to Perisher and Blue Cow. After a short look around Blue Cow, return to Perisher for lunch. Return to the Ski Tube for the down hill run to Bullocks Flat to rejoin our coach for the return to our Canberra Hotel for our second night stay. Drinks and Dinner in the Dining Room.

Saturday 7th June. Following breakfast, Luggage to our coach then climb aboard to travel to the Civic Terminus of the Canberra Light Rail System. Travel the length of the track to the northern terminus at Gungahlin for a Morning Tea break. Return to Civic and rejoin our coach to proceed to the Australian War Memorial for time to inspect some of the exhibits and a light lunch at the adjacent Poppy's Cafe. A City Sightings Tour on the way to Canberra Railway Station to commence our train journey to Bungendore where our coach will be waiting for us to travel to Captains Flat. Inspect the remaining relics of the former Railway Branch with a look at the former locomotive turntable. Return to Bungendore to rejoin our train for the run into Goulburn. Our coach will be waiting to transfer us from the station to the Mercure Hotel for our next two nights Dinner Bed and Breakfast stay. Drinks at the Bar and Dinner in the Dining Room.

Sunday 8th June. After breakfast we will be joining our coach at 9.00am to explore the former Branch Line to Crookwell and Taralga. Our hosts in Crookwell will be the Crookwell Heritage Railway Committee. Inspect the workings of the Rail Trike Museum and enjoy a Fettle's Day on the Rails. A BBQ lunch is included. A mid afternoon departure to return to Goulburn to our Motel for our second night for Drinks and Dinner.

Monday 9th June. Following breakfast, we say farewell to our hosts and transfer to Goulburn Railway Station to rejoin 621/721 to embark on our next day of rail travel. **Travelling north through the Southern Highlands to Moss Vale where we divert to the cross country line to the coast. A stop at Robertson for an early lunch then back on the train passing Mount Murray on our way to Summit Tank and the scenic descent of the escarpment through Dombarton to join the South Coast Line at Unanderra. Travel via the Allens Creek triangle to terminate in the station at Port Kembla.** We head again for Unanderra and follow the South Coast Line to Kiama, Berry and terminate at Bomaderry. Station. A coach will be waiting to transfer us across the Shoalhaven river to the Archer Hotel/Motel in Nowra. We will then rejoin the coach to travel to the Coolangatta Estate for a Wine Tasting and Two Course Dinner. Return to our Hotel for our nights accommodation.

Tuesday 10th June Enjoy a hearty Hotel Breakfast before joining our coach to transfer to Bomaderry Station to join our train for our final day on the rails. A packet lunch on board as we proceed on our last leg of the tour to Sydney. Enjoy some spectacular scenery along the coast as we travel toward Sydney. Great views after leaving Thirroul and passing Stanwell Park, Otford and into the Sydney Metropolitan area at Waterfall.

Continue to Meeks Road Junction to join the Metropolitan Good Line, noting the conversion of the adjacent Bankstown Line Stations to Metro Standards. Through to Enfield, Chullora, Flemington Junction and the Homebush Loop to arrive at Concord West to farewell our Sydney travellers. Our train will then return to Hornsby, Gosford, Broadmeadow, Maitland and home to Paterson to complete the tour.

You may wish to travel to Paterson or Maitland to join our train before our Thursday departure. Limited accommodation is available in Paterson and Rutherford (close to Telarah Station) for the preceding Wednesday night at your own arrangements and cost.

The Tour cost is all inclusive of Rail Travel in 621/721, Coach Travel and transfers, Dinner Bed and Breakfast accommodation for 5 nights, lunches, entry to all venues with morning and afternoon teas when on board our train and at Cooma Station. The train is now licensed for the sale of wine and beers together with other refreshments.

Souvenirs are also available for purchase whilst travelling on board our train.

Drinks at Motels and Venues and items of a personal nature are at your own expense.

Tour Notes will be distributed on departure from Broadmeadow.

You may wish to arrange your own domestic Travel Insurance for this Tour.

Please accept my Booking for this Tour. (Please complete Booking Form details below).

BOOKING FORM

A Winter Wonderland and South Coast Tour

Name.....

Address *Post Code*.....

Telephone *Mobile* *E-mail*

Accompanying Person(s)

Please Note any Special Dietary or Accommodation requirements

I require Twin Share *Double* *Single Supplement* *Accommodation*

I will join this tour at

..... 6 Day All Inclusive Tour Package for TRMS Members and Guests Twin Share Accommodation per person @ \$2595.00

..... Single Supplement available on request @ \$ 375.00

If paying by Credit Card please add transaction Fee of 1.5% to Total

\$

Total (GST Incl) \$

Payment by Instalment can be arranged on application.

Contact Trish Short on Mobile 0413 672408 or Spencer Ross on Mobile 0428 333443

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Card No. Expiry .../.../.... 3 Digit Security No.

Signature Booking Date

Final Tour Information and Tickets will be posted to your address within 10 days before the tour departure date.

The Rail Motor Society is not responsible for any last minute changes to timetables or destinations due to unforeseen issues arising.

Refund Policy: Cancellations up to 30 Days prior-100%: Less than 30 days to 14 Days-90% Less than 14 Days, Regret no refund.

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