

Cockatoo Run – Sunday, 17 November 2024

Our booking has been confirmed, subject to the number attending and payment being received, with the itinerary outlined below.

Description & Where: Operating since 1995, the Cockatoo Run is a scenic journey along the Illawarra Line, passing first through the rugged natural beauty of the Royal National Park before a spectacular shift to coastal scenery as the line runs parallel to the south coast from Stanwell Tops through to Wollongong and Unanderra. The vintage diesel locomotive tackles the steep grades up the Illawarra Escarpment, where we can enjoy the transition from splendid coastal views to waterfalls and magnificent rainforest as the train climbs up to Summit Tank, where the train pauses for passengers to admire the breathtaking views over Lake Illawarra to the Tasman Sea from the lookout.

There is a buffet service on the train with tea/coffee/water & scone/jam/cream included in the price.
NO BYO permitted.

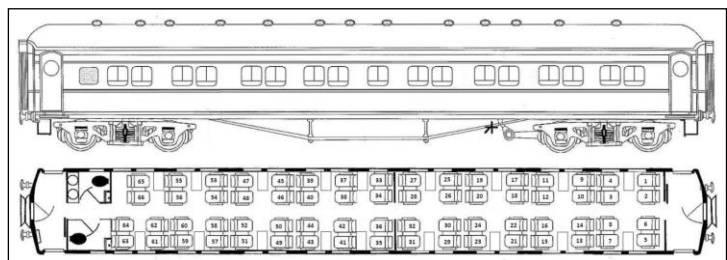
- The train departs from **No 1 platform at Central 9.00am**, stopping at
- Wollongong
- Sutherland
- Thirroul
- Wollongong
- Unanderra
- **Summit Tank 11:50am (an exclusive platform and viewing area for 20 minutes)**
- **Robertson arriving 12:31pm** (approximately 3 hours in town).

We **depart Robertson 3:45pm** returning to **Central Station 6:47pm**.

If we have 50 members attending we will have sole use of the carriage below. Currently we have 50 expressions of interest.

MFS 2096 'Minnamurra' – Sitting Car

Specifications: Entered Service: 1936 Builder: Clyde Engineering, Granville, NSW Rebuilt: 1981
Previous numbers: FS2096, MFS1648 Length: 20.4m Weight: 40t Seating Capacity: 64



Payment: \$88.00 pp

Cost of \$88.00 per person due with Treasurer Paul Nix by **Thursday 10 October**.

The price includes the train trip and tea/coffee/water & scone with jam/cream served to your seat.

Lunch

Lunch is available at a limited number of venues in Robertson, and given the number of people who may be there on Sunday, including other Cockatoo Run passengers, dining options may be tight.

Robertson Bowling Club

A reservation will be made at Robertson Bowling Club for those wishing to attend. The club is about 5 minutes walk from the station.

A lunch selection is to be made prior with payment on the day. *See below for current available options.*

If not lunching at Robertson Bowling Club it is suggested that members making their own arrangements to reserve a table at their preferred location.

Other lunch options are:

Robertson Hotel

<https://www.therobertsonhotel.com/the-robertson-restaurant>

Moonacres Kitchen

<https://moonacres.com.au/kitchen/>

Robertson Village dining

<https://robertson.nsw.au/restaurants.html>



ROBERTSON BOWLING CLUB – Sample Lunch Menu

Early November I will send everyone going on the Cockatoo Run a separate email with the current lunch menu inviting those interested to indicate their preference. The above is the current lunch menu, which while remaining essentially the same, may have some variation.

Looking forward to an enjoyable day on the railway and in Robertson.

Chris C
Co-ordinator