



Home of The Downs Explorer

**December 2023
Greetings**



WISHING ALL OUR SDR
MEMBERS A VERY SPECIAL
CHRISTMAS
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU
ON OUR TRIPS DURING 2024
From all the Warwick volunteers

Southern Downs Steam Railway, preserving our railway heritage

Open Day 2023

What a great day we had....thank you to all those who brought along their special items for display.



John Goonan with his stationary engines
Rob Hoffman with the old American thing
Tim Knowles explaining the workings of steam
Jenny Loy looking after visitors to our museum
Glen Dixon from WATCO with his V16 heavy metal

A video of the Open Day is available on our
Downs Explorer website

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MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

Downs Steam Drayton 9th December 2023



The girls at Clifton Station fed us well.

Betty Wells told cheeky stories and Mary-Jane plied us with drinks.....

What more could you ask!!!

This was the inaugural visit to Drayton, Toowoomba when we took our train into the rail yard and museum at Downs Steam. If you missed out, don't worry there will be other visits in 2024. Besides the leisurely ride through the rolling Downs countryside, we had a fine silver service lunch in the beautifully equipped dining cars and of course a good look around this working heritage railway museum, set in colourful gardens. Next planned tour to Drayton is on the 27th January 2024.



EXCITING PLANS AHEAD FOR OUR TOWN STATION - MORE NEWS AFTER XMAS

SDSR would like to thank Whitehaven Coal for their generous donations of fuel for our boiler!!



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THE YEAR AHEAD....well, the first 6 months anyway

Downs Explorer – Tour Timetable - January 2024 to June 2024

Month	Day	Date	Time	Tour – Destination/Return & Activity	Hours	Adult	Child
JAN							
	Saturday	13th	8:30am	Warwick - Clifton – Nobby Morning tea at Clifton. Two course lunch, incl coffee & tea at Rudd's Pub, Nobby	8hrs	\$145.00	\$110.00
	Saturday	27th	8:00am	Warwick – Clifton – Drayton (Toowoomba) Morning tea at Clifton Station Downs Steam, working siding and Railway Museum – two course lunch, coffee & tea	10hrs	\$205.00	\$110.00
FEB							
	Saturday	10th	4:30pm	Warwick – Clifton, Darling Downs by sunset, followed by 2 course meal at a local Pub	5hrs	\$110.00	\$60.00
	Saturday	24th	8:00am	Option #1 Warwick – Stanthorpe regional Winery Tour & 2 course lunch	10hrs	\$220.00	\$150.00
				Option #2 Warwick – Stanthorpe – Tenterfield, NSW Train to Stanthorpe, for morning tea. Bus trip through the Granite Belt hills to Tenterfield Railway Station Museum for lunch, followed by a quick tour and return to your train at Stanthorpe	10hrs	\$200.00	\$130.00
MARCH							
	Friday	8th	11:30am	Warwick – Toowoomba [one way train journey only]	3hrs	\$60.00	\$30.00
	Saturday	9th	8:00am	Toowoomba – Wyreema, short trips ideal for younger members of the family	2hrs	\$50.00	\$25.00
			11:15am 2:30pm 5:30pm				
	Friday	22nd	11:30am	Warwick – Toowoomba [one way train journey only]	3hrs	\$60.00	\$30.00
	Saturday	23rd	10.00am	Warwick – Toowoomba – Dalby for BBQ lunch at Dalby Railway Station	10hrs	\$200.00	\$120.00
				Toowoomba - Warwick (one way train journey only)	10hrs	\$60.00	\$30.00
APRIL							
	Saturday	6th	8:00am	Option #1 Warwick – Stanthorpe regional Winery Tour & 2 course lunch	10hrs	\$220.00	\$150.00
				Option #2 Warwick – Stanthorpe – Tenterfield, NSW Train to Stanthorpe, for morning tea. Bus trip through the Granite Belt hills to Tenterfield Railway Station Museum for lunch, followed by a quick tour and return to your train at Stanthorpe	10hrs	\$200.00	\$130.00
	Friday	19th	11.30am	Warwick – Toowoomba, one way train journey only	3hrs	\$60.00	\$30.00
	Saturday	20 th	8.00am	Toowoomba – Warwick Two course lunch on Warwick Station	10hrs	\$210.00	\$120.00
			6.30pm	Toowoomba – Warwick, one way train journey only	3hrs	\$60.00	\$30.00
MAY							
	Friday	3rd	8:00am	Warwick - Goondiwindi, with lunch at Inglewood [single journey, no accommodation]	8hrs	\$450.00	\$320.00
				Warwick - Inglewood - Goondiwindi, [3 day accommodation & food package]	3 day	\$1100.00	Single \$1200
	Saturday	4th	8:00am 12:30pm	Goondiwindi – Toobeah return	3hrs	\$50.00	\$30.00
	Sunday	5th	9.00am	Goondiwindi – Warwick, with lunch at Inglewood [single journey, no accommodation]	8hrs	\$200.00	\$110.00
	Saturday	25th	8:00am	Warwick – Clifton – Toowoomba Clifton station for morning tea Toowoomba, two course lunch at the famous Picnic Point Lookout	10hrs	\$205.00	\$110.00
JUNE							
	Saturday	8th	8:00am	Option #1 Warwick – Stanthorpe regional Winery Tour & 2 course lunch	10hrs	\$220.00	\$150.00
				Option #2 Warwick – Stanthorpe – Tenterfield, NSW Train to Stanthorpe, for morning tea. Bus trip through the Granite Belt hills to Tenterfield Railway Station Museum for lunch, followed by a quick tour and return to your train at Stanthorpe	10hrs	\$200.00	\$130.00
	Thursday to Monday	20 th to 24th		<i>Special all new, four day tour, presently in the planning stage. Details will appear on our website early in 2024</i>			

Thank you so much for your support over the past year.

Best wishes to you & your families for 2024



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