



Home of The Downs Explorer

April 2024 Easter Greetings

Always plenty to do around the place. The ex-Cottonvale Station museum building gets a new awning out front. This will help with keeping the weather off the section cars and other exhibits.

There is a good chance that we will be moving the old and original Mill Hill station building to our yard. This was the first station that served Warwick and is situated on the northern side of the Condamine River. It will be a good addition and also it will be saved from further decay



Wishing all our volunteers, members and other supporters a good Easter break
Never mind the calories



Around the yard

Investing in safety and improved efficiency
Our JLG telehandler replaces the worn out tractor and
folklift, loading coal into the tender was never easier!



Eric Peaty & Gerry Wiesner doing a great job of frame restoration on the carriage that once lived in a paddock down near Aratula.

Below: Here we are, still waiting on various engineering shops to get our axle boxes fixed and returned to us, so that we can get 971 back on the rails.
Time to say goodbye to QR loco 974 which goes back to Ipswich after Easter.



Mark has done an outstanding job of converting the drive system on our ride-on children's train. The old mechanical gearbox has been replaced with a hydraulic pump and motor.



Southern Downs Steam Railway, preserving our railway heritage

Coming trips

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Goondiwindi to Toobeah by Train Saturday 4th May 2024

SDSR will be operating a three day rail adventure from Warwick to Goondiwindi 3rd to 5th of May 2024
If you will be visiting the area or live locally, you may like to join us on a nostalgic rail journey on Saturday 4th of May

Option 1: Return heritage train ride Goondiwindi to Toobeah
8:00am returning 12:00 noon - \$50 Adult \$30 Child

Option 2: Return heritage train ride Goondiwindi to Toobeah
1:00pm returning 5:00pm - \$50 Adult \$30 Child



Book now 24/7 on our website www.downsexplorer.org.au
Phone (enquiries only 9am - 3pm) 0400 594 711

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DOWNS EXPLORER GOONDIWINDI 3 DAY WEEKEND SPECIAL



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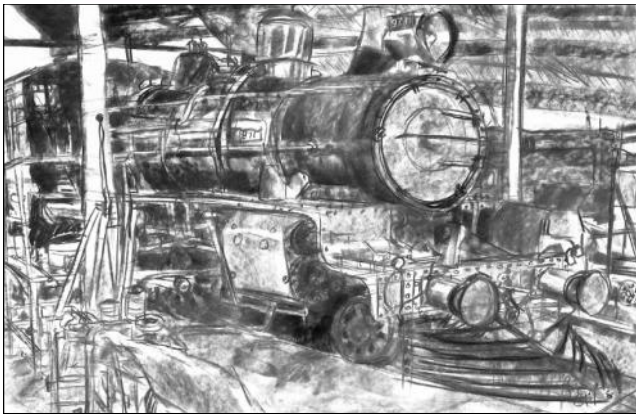
Join the Downs Explorer train as we head out west.
Historic rail travel at it's best!

Goondiwindi Show Weekend 3rd to 5th of May 2024

A fabulous 3 day adventure with 2 nights B&B
Options include an extra Saturday rail trip from Goondiwindi to Toobeah



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Mick Pospichil's charcoal sketch of our loco

Our very best wishes to Peter &
Irene Gregory

We are looking forward to seeing
Peter back in Warwick ASAP!

From your friends at
The Precinct

THE WALLANGARRA LINE
Seeking your help in lobbying your
representatives to re-open this
important piece of railway history.
Let them know your feelings!
THANK YOU



Old and new - Watco's powerful freight hauler and No 974 on an early morning start in Warwick yard

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