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# COTMA POST CONFERENCE TOUR

**Wednesday 19th – Sunday 23rd September**

The Perth Electric Tramway Society invites your booking for the 2018 Post Conference tour which commences on **Wednesday 19th** and continues to **Sunday 23rd.** A full itinerary will be provided on the coach when we depart Perth.

**Wednesday 19th**
**Breakfast at hotel**
**8.00 am** Depart by coach to Kojonup stopping at Williams for morning tea and a travel break.
At Kojonup, we arrive at the former Railway Station – now the home of the Kojonup Tourist Railway.
Click the link to find out more about this bush railway. < http://www.kojonuptouristrailway.com.au/>





Travel by train through the lush bush and farming country, returning to the station and the coach.
Departing Kojonup, we eat the boxed lunch provided and travel through the country to Albany, major city on the Southern Coast and departure point for the troops that sailed to Gallipoli in 1914.
Click the Albany link below to learn about this southern most city of Western Australia. http://www.amazingalbany.com.au/




We tour the Anzac Memorial and Fort overlooking King George Sound.

Click the link to find out about this Award-winning memorial. < https://www.nationalanzaccentre.com.au/>
We then travel to the motel where we enjoy a BBQ evening dinner.

**Thursday 20th**
**Breakfast at motel**
**8.00 am** Depart motel in the coach to the Whaling Station. We also visit the Botanic Gardens.






After lunch at the Whaling Station Café, we return to Albany and the local museum where we can see and visit the Brig Amity.



Walk up the gangplank and step back in time aboard the Brig Amity to find out what life was like aboard a convict ship in 1826. As you explore the ship, listen to the story of the Brig's perilous 6-week journey from Sydney to King George Sound to establish the first European settlement on the west coast of Australia. We also visit the museum from where souvenirs can be purchased.

We return to the coach and travel to Mt Clarence and Padre White's Lookout atop Mt Clarence. From here you can King George Sound from where the Anzac Fleet departed for Gallipoli and Turkey.



We return to the motel and have a free evening to wine and dine in Albany at one of the many fine restaurants in the city.
Dinner this evening is at your expense.

**Friday 21st**
**Breakfast at motel**
**8.00 am** Depart the motel and travel to Denmark on the south coast. Look for glimpses of the former Albany – Elleker – Denmark – Nornalup Railway built as a private line to bring timber from the forests to Albany for export. We enjoy some sightseeing at Denmark and morning tea. < https://www.denmarkwesternaustralia.com/>



Denmark Railway Bridge



Denmark Railway Bridge today – Part of one of the walking trails




Denmark Bakery

We leave Denmark and travel to Walpole and visit the Tingle Trees in the Valley of the Giants. There is also a "Tree Top Walk" for the intrepid, however the walk will be at your expense.

## Experience Denmark - Valley of the Giants, Tree Top Walk

### Walk through the tree tops of Denmark's unique tingle forest.

***Naturally*** the home of Denmark's famous gigantic tingle trees. Located within the Walpole Nornalup National Park is the world-renowned attraction, the Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk. This spectacular lightweight suspension bridge soars 40 metres above the tingle foliage, before descending to the Ancient Empire Walk at the base of the trees. The interpretive centre features interactive displays.

The Ancient Empire walk meanders through a grove of veteran trees at ground level and gives visitors another perspective of these magnificent trees.



We leave Walpole and travel to through to Manjimup and book into our motel for the night. After a quick freshen up, we then re-join the coach and travel to Hidden Valley, Eastbrook for our evening meal in the lush forests of Pemberton.
< http://www.hiddenriver.com.au/>

Hidden River Estate Eastbrook has on the property and forming part of the dining experience, former Kalgoorlie tram #19, which operated on the Perth electric tram system as G Class #39. Sumptuous three or four course meals have been arranged (depends on your choice when booking), and the magnificent view across the valley can be taken while dining.



The tram from below – the restaurant is at left.



Another view of the tram.



View over the valley

After dinner, we return to our motel for a well-earned sleep, but another early rise on Saturday.

**Saturday 22nd**

We depart after an early breakfast to Pemberton for a 1¾ hour ride on the Pemberton Tramway through the lush wildflower forests of southwest Western Australia. < http://www.pemtram.com.au/>



On a still day Tram 2 eases onto Warren River Bridge.



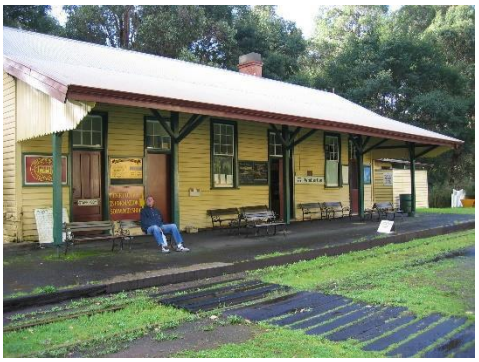
Passengers enjoying the Cascades in full flow during winter.



Cascades glistening in the sunlight



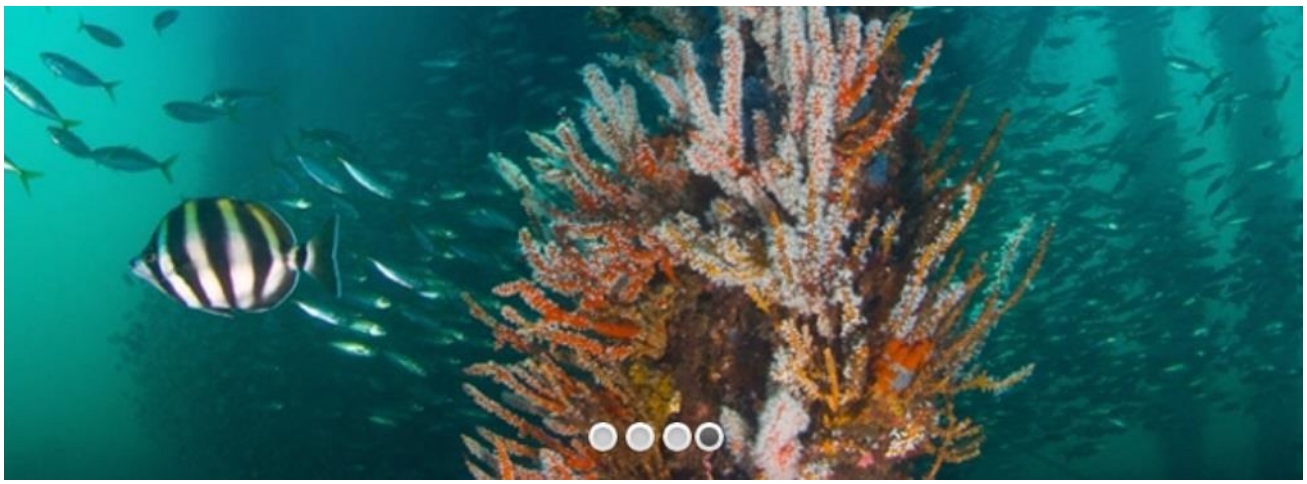




Looking out over the tramway. An overall view of the station yard – unfortunately the V class loco is not available for traffic, but you can inspect it – and the station building.

We depart Pemberton and – with a toilet stop on the way - head for Busselton where we have lunch. A trip on the Jetty tramway, and tour of the Underwater Aquarium has been arranged. < www.busseltonjetty.com.au/jetty-train/>





Busselton is home to the longest wooden jetty (pier) in the Southern Hemisphere, stretching almost 2 km out to sea. Construction of the jetty began in 1853 and was continually extended until the 1960s, when it reached its current length of 1841 m. It was closed to shipping in 1972, and maintenance was discontinued for a time. Following major damage caused by Cyclone Alby in 1978 and a fire in 1999, it was restored and improved. Since 2003, the jetty has offered visitors a tourist train ride, an underwater observatory, and an interpretive centre, where the locomotive Ballaarat is on display.

We depart Busselton for Pinjarra.

Some of our post conference group will leave us at Pinjarra and will catch the Australind to Perth to make a connection with the eastbound Indian Pacific on Sunday morning. The Australind leaves Pinjarra at 5:56pm on Saturday 22nd of September and arrives in Perth at 7:12pm. If you wish to take this option, you must make your own bookings for the train, and for accommodation in Perth that evening. Bookings are essential as the Australind only stops at intermediate stations (like Pinjarra) if bookings have been made. Book at: https://secure.transwa.wa.gov.au/ up to three months before travel.

A discount of $A190 applies for the post-conference activities and accommodation which this group will not need.

Those not leaving early will book into our motel, and then head off to Dwellingup for a fantastic dinner on the Etmilyn Diner train operated by the friendly team at Hotham Valley Railway (HVR). We travel through the bush of Dwellingup where special lighting allows you to observe the bush fauna and flora during the journey. We then return to Pinjarra for a sleep.
< http://www.hothamvalleyrailway.com.au/>





**Sunday 23rd**

Breakfast at motel and board the coach to Pinjarra again – this time for a special trip on the Steam Ranger train to Isandra and return behind (possibly 2) W class locos owned and operated by the HVR group.



On our return to Dwellingup, we have a look around the station yard and souvenir shop, before heading over the road to the Dwellingup Hotel for lunch < http://dwellinguphotel.com.au/>
Click on the link for a complete menu. Have a look at the display of photographs showing the damage caused by the 1961 bush fires.




The menus are on their website and include Lamb Shanks, Beef and Guinness Pies, Burgers and so on. Great fare from a great country hotel, and one of the few buildings left standing after the disastrous fires of 1961 that almost razed the town to the ground. Meals here are at your own cost.

**KIDS:**

*Drink included (Pop Top)*

**Fish & Chips $15**
*Battered Fish with Chips*

**Chicken Nuggets & Chips $15**

**Cheeseburger & Chips $15**

**Hawaiian Pizza $15**
*Ham, Pineapple & Cheese*

**DESSERTS:**

**Chocolate Brownie $10**
*Served with Ice Cream & Fruit*

**Sticky Date Pudding $10**
*Served with Ice Cream, Fruit & Caramel Sauce*

**Pavlova $10**
*Meringue, served with Ice Cream, Fruit and Coolie*

**Jar of Ice Cream $5**

**BAR SNACKS:**

**Basket of Chips $8**

**Seasoned Wedges with Sour Cream & Chilly Sauce $10**

**Sweet Potato Wedges $12**

**Onion Rings $12**

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# MENU

**ENTREE:**

**Soup of the Day $12**

**Garlic Bread (4 pieces) $10**

**Bruschetta (4 pieces) $15**

**Salt & Pepper Squid $16**

**Oysters Kilpatrick 1/2 Dozen $18**

**Oysters Kilpatrick Dozen $36**

**Kuro prawn $15**
*bamboo charcoal on bed of salad*

**Bread Board $18**
*Warm Turkish bread and either a selection of 3 dips or chorizo feta & olives*

**Grazing Platter $32**
*A meze style selection including cold meats and 2 cheeses with a dipping sauce & warm Turkish bread*

*FOR DAILY SPECIALS, PLEASE SEE THE BLACKBOARD*

**NO SEAFOOD PLATTERS ON SUNDAYS**

Whew, after all that, we board the coach for relaxing trip back to Perth and the hotel – or home for the locals.

We at Perth Electric Tram Society have taken many hours to put together this package. We have tried to fit in as many interesting destinations as possible as well as include as much rail travel through the bush and wild flower country as we can, and we think we have arranged an interesting blend of all of those things.

We are very excited about the tour and we urge as many visitors as possible to the 2018 COTMA conference to come with us on our discovery jaunt.