Important information for Delegates and Partners attending the 2008 COTMA Conference.

Please pay strict attention to the times shown in this program. As we have a lot happening it is essential that the timetable is strictly adhered to. In particular during the Sunday Tour as the coaches are unable to wait for stragglers.

Please be aware of the building work happening beside the LTMS Museum. This area is beyond our control regarding the placement of or movement of equipment and vehicles in connection to this work. Please take care when walking in this area.

Metro Buses will collect delegates and partners from the Mecure Hotel in Earl St and Sandors on the Park as per the times shown in Program to go to the appropriate location for the Conference activity and return to those locations after the activity. Anyone missing these buses or wishing to travel at a different time will need to arrange their own transport. Coaches for the optional Partners tours will collect those going on the tours from their motels.

At the Dinners Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the first drink for each person is included. After this drinks of your choice may be purchased from the bar.

If you have any problems during the Conference please ask a member of the LTMS (Identified by "HOST" on their name badge) or phone 0438390259.

Other Phone numbers that may be of use during the Conference:
LTMS Museum 0448921560
Taxi 131008
Capital Chemist City 63316235 Located in Brisbane St near Tamar St.
Launceston General Hospital 63487111 Charles St

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Tuesday August 26

8.30 am	Metro Buses collect delegates from motels for Inveresk
9am	Annual General Meeting of COTMA inc Morning Tea
12.30pm	Farewell Luncheon for Delegates
9am—5pm	Delegates and partners not attending AGM are free to visit sites around Inveresk Precinct and other nearby venues including Boags Brewery and the Centre for Beer Lovers, National Automobile Museum, Queen Victoria Museum, LTMS Museum and Tram rides in Inveresk Precinct.

Wednesday August 27—Saturday August 30
Post Conference Tour.

Monday August 25

8.30 am	Metro Buses collect delegates from motels for Inveresk
9.00am	*Discussion with introduction – Maintaining tram way traditions on Museum tramways* – Peter Kahn
9.40am	*Significance Assessment of collections* – Warren Doubleday
10.25am	Morning Tea
10.45am	*Trams versus Trains and Buses: The Case of Sydney in the 1920s* – Geoff Graham
11.25am	*MOTAT 2 - Extending the tramway – planning, building and results of the extension* Colin Zeff
12.10 pm	*Update on Melbourne tram news* – Rod Atkins
12.30pm	Buffet Lunch at Tramshed Function Centre
1pm	Coaches Depart Inveresk for Winery Tour for Delegates and partners.
5pm	Coaches return to Motels after tour.
6.15 pm	Metro Buses collect delegates and partners from Motels for Hotel Grand Chancellor
6.30pm	Award Dinner Hotel Grand Chancellor
10.45pm	Metro Buses depart to return to Motels

Friday August 22

12 noon—6pm	Registration open at LTMS Museum. LTMS Inc. Museum and Tram Rides operating.
7.00 pm	Metro Buses to collect Delegates and partners from Sandors and Mercure for Inveresk.
7pm –9.30pm	Registration and Cocktail Party Launceston Tramshed Function Centre Evening Tram Rides
9.45 pm	Metro Buses return delegates and partners.

Saturday August 23

8.30 am	Metro Buses to collect delegates from Sandors and Mecure Hotels for Inveresk
8.30 am	Registration Commences at Launceston Tramshed Convention Centre
9am	Formal Opening by the Mayor of Launceston , Albert Van Zetten, President of COTMA, Warren Doubleday and President of LTMS, John Binns.
10am	Morning Tea
10.20am	*Extending the Christchurch Tramway – Making the Most of an Opportunity!* Dave Hinman
11.00am	*Deaccessioning and interchange of equipment between Museums – everyone can be a winner* Howard Clark
11.40am	*Setting up a Museum Youth Group* David Critchley

12.30pm	Buffet Lunch
1.30pm	*Feedback and update on rail safety issues in Australia and NZ. – extended session Feedback and update on rail safety issues in Australia and NZ.* Warren Doubleday (ATRHA), Craig Hoey (Tas. Rail Regulator).
3.00pm	Afternoon Tea
3.20pm	*Retaining past design / technical information for the future* – Craig Tooke
4.00pm	*Some Environmental Objectives for Australasian Tramway Museums Contributing to a Sustainable Environment* – Trevor Burling
4.40pm	Day wrap up
5.00pm	Close business sessions. .Metro Buses return Delegates to motels.
5.50pm	Metro Buses to collect Delegates and partners from Sandors and Mercure for Country Club Casino
6.30pm—10.30pm	Deluxe Carvery and Buffet Dinner in Tasman Room, Country Club Casino. Including Quiz and Brag Sessions
10.45pm	Bus departs Country Club Casino to return to City

Sunday August 24

8.00 am	Metro Buses collect Delegates and Partners
8.15am	Meet at Inveresk Car Park
8.30am	Depart Inveresk on Bus Tour
9am	Arrive Westbury. Bus 1 to Pearn's Steam World Bus 2 to the White House Toy and Vintage Museum and Morning Tea.
9.55am	Buses leave to move to other venue
11am	Depart Westbury
11.30am	Arrive Sheffield. Bus 1 to Redwater Creek Steam Society Train Trip Bus 2 to the Highlander Restaurant and Scottish Scone Shoppe for Prepared Lunch and self guided tour of Sheffield (Maps will be at the Restaurant for delegates to collect)
12.30pm	Buses Leave to move to other venue
1.30pm	Depart Sheffield
2.30pm	Arrive Don River Railway to view site, Steam Train Trip and Afternoon Tea.
5pm	Buses depart Don River Railway
6.30pm	Arrive Aurora Stadium for Dinner, Brag Session and Quiz Night
10.45pm	Buses depart for return to Motels.