

THE UNSW STAFF SOCIAL CLUB
HERITAGE TRAIN RIDE AND GARDENS
(INCORPORATING COCKATOO HERITAGE TRAIN RIDE -
WOLLONGONG TO ROBERTSON- AND GARDENS IN SUTTON
FOREST)
Sunday 18 April 2010

Approximate Itinerary

8.00sharp	Leave UNSW (just inside Gate 14, Barker St)
9.30-10.15	Morning tea : own expense at McDonalds, Wollongong
10.50-12.45	Cockatoo Heritage Train Ride (Wollongong to Robertson)
1.00-2.00	Lunch at Robertson Inn
2.30-3.00	Visit to Red Cow Farm (Sutton Forest)
3.15-4.15	Visit to Montrose Berry Farm (Sutton Forest) and afternoon tea
6.30approx	Arrive UNSW

Cockatoo Heritage Train Ride (The Cockatoo Run - Wollongong to Robertson)

The Journey: The Illawarra Scenic Mountain Railway – known as the Cockatoo Run – travels one of the most scenic stretches of railway in Australia, 600 meters up the escarpment from Unanderra on the coast to Robertson in the Southern Highlands.

The Train: The train is hauled by one of the Heritage Diesel Locomotives and consists of fully restored 1930s and 1940s built carriages complete with its original open air windows.

During the ride you can buy (at your own expense) light refreshments. .

Lunch at Robertson

A 2 course lunch with tea/coffee will be served – (Chicken Schnitzel with salad and chips, apple pie and tea/coffee). If you require a different meal please advise.

Red Cow Farm (Sutton Forest) – free time at private garden

Red Cow Farm is a unique cool climate garden set on 2.5 hectares in the picturesque rural village of Sutton Forrest. It is a garden of beauty and deception. Developed by its creative owners Ali Mentesh and Wayne Morrissey around their historic 1820s cottage, the garden is abundant and secretive. You will be both enchanted and surprised by such wonders as a walled sanctuary where solitude invites quiet reflection. Red Cow Farm also features 20 rooms with an exuberant cottage garden, monastery garden, abbess's garden, a stunning collection of rare and unusual perennials, woodlands, old fashioned roses and clematis, beech walk, lake, bog garden, orchard and kitchen garden.

Montrose Berry Farm, Sutton Forest – Visit and Afternoon tea

Montrose Organic Berry Farm is a working berry farm in the Southern Highlands, featuring a classified homestead (circa 1861) beautifully restored by its present owners. Built late last century, Montrose celebrates the craftsmanship of yesteryear. Recently restored, the house retains all the beautiful and original features, including its exquisite dining room with pressed metal walls and ceiling, large sitting rooms and open fires. The beautifully landscaped garden and its 19th century trees and original crescent shaped rose garden still retains that feeling of timelessness.

Montrose Farm also have on sale a wide variety of organic homemade jams, jellies and vinegars. They produce as well a range of berries including blueberries, blackberries, loganberries, raspberries and red and black currents – they also grow hazelnuts, asparagus and apples which you can purchase in season from the farm shop. Also available from their farm shop, all year round, is a large quantity of ready packed frozen berries, berry pies, berry crumbles, berry coulis (might vary on the day – depends on availability)

During the visit you will be able to inspect the farm, purchase different types of berries/products – to be followed by afternoon tea.

Cost including: transportation from and to UNSW, Train Ride aboard the Cockatoo Heritage Train, Lunch, visits to Red Cow Farm and Montrose Berry Farm, afternoon tea:

Member (and one guest each at \$70): \$70;

Children 12 years and under: \$25 each;

Children 13-18 years: \$35 each;

Guests: \$80 each

Sorry no telephone bookings and no refunds. For any enquiries: please contact Nadia Withers, 9385-3652 or n.withers@unsw.edu.au . Deadline: Wednesday, 31/3/2010.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- SUN. 16/5/2010 – DAY TRIP TO LITHGOW INCLUDING ZIG ZAG RAILWAY
- SAT. 29/5/2010 – 2 P.M. – THEATRE : ME AND MY GIRL
- WED. 21/7/2010 – 1 P.M. – THEATRE : WEST SIDE STORY
- ENTERTAINMENT BOOK: PLEASE CONTACT HELEN MOUSTACAS (9385-6849 – H.MOUSTACAS@UNSW.EDU.AU)

More information will be available in the next few weeks

To : Nadia Withers, School of Marketing, UNSW, Sydney NSW 2052

Deadline: Wednesday, 31/3/2010

HERITAGE TRAIN RIDE AND GARDENS

Name: -----

School/Home Address: ----- Extn. No. -----

Email Address: ----- Mobile No./Home No.: -----

Dietary Needs (if different from menu stated above) : -----

----- places at \$70 each (max. 2 each at \$70) \$-----

----- places at \$25 each (children 12 years and under) \$-----

----- places at \$35 each (children 13-18 years) \$-----

----- places at \$70 each \$-----

Total \$-----

A cheque for \$----- made payable to The UNSW Staff Social Club is enclosed

(Cash OK by prior arrangement – to be hand-delivered)