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Puffing Billy Railway Launch Virtual Tours during closure

Travel plans might be on hold at the moment and with it the temporary closure of Puffing Billy, but that doesn't mean we can't transport guests from their living rooms to our real life heritage railway.

Finding new ways to share the history, projects and people who continue to preserve Australia's premier steam railway, Puffing Billy is inviting the community behind-the-scenes through a series of free virtual tours.

Beginning weekly on Friday 1 May, viewers can connect, explore and learn more about our 119-year-old narrow gauge railway, meet some of the friendly faces who make up and maintain the railway or keep up-to-date with works and projects being carried out safely during this time.

It could be a visit to the locomotive workshop or Menzies Creek Museum, a chance to meet a train driver or fireman and learn more about their roles, an up-close-and-personal look at the flora and fauna of the Dandenong Ranges, or you could jump on board our diesel-hauled train for a trackwork trip along the line.

"In today's current landscape and the new ways in which we are socially interacting, digital tools and technologies are shaping how we live and learn. This is a great opportunity for us to share Puffing Billy's story and showcase this much-loved tourist attraction in a new light," said Steve O'Brien, CEO.

Each Friday, a virtual tour will be uploaded to the Puffing Billy Railway Facebook page and official website.

So if you're looking for something to do at home, and in need of a change of scenery, just grab the laptop, tablet or phone, and join us on a virtual tour filled with history, fun facts, nature and more!

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