## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



### **DECEMBER 2018**

#### **Steam & Cuisine Luncheon Trains**

Daily at 12.30pm, excluding Christmas Day Ticket price range - \$80 - \$115

Be transported back to the golden era of train travel as you experience a *Steam & Cuisine Luncheon* aboard Australia's favourite steam train, Puffing Billy.

The grandeur begins from the moment you step onto the platform at Puffing Billy's Belgrave Station. Meet the train crew and watch the fire being prepared, and enjoy the antics of the railway characters as they direct you to your first class dining carriage.

Take in the luxurious heritage features as you sit back and prepare for the three-hour train journey through the magnificent Dandenong Ranges. As the whistle signals the train's departure, your entrees are served. Watch the station disappear behind you as the train winds its way through the forests and fern gullies of the Dandenongs, and over Puffing Billy's most famous landmark – the iconic Monbulk Creek trestle bridge.

Mains are served while you continue the journey to Lakeside Station, where you are free to disembark and explore the picturesque Emerald Lake Park. Upon boarding the train for your journey home, desserts and tea and coffee are served before returning to Belgrave.

Steam & Cuisine Luncheon guests can choose from a seasonal three-course menu of the Natter Platter filled with a selection of cured meats, fine cheeses and Devonshire Tea. The heritage carriages are fully equipped with heating during the cooler months, perfect for an afternoon filled with good food and local Yarra Valley wine.

Video: Steam & Cuisine Luncheon

Images: Steam & Cuisine Luncheon Train

### Summer 2018/19 School Holidays – Go Lakeside at Puffing Billy

Operates daily over the holidays, excluding Christmas Day Depart from Lakeside or Belgrave Stations Ticket price range - \$30.50 - \$118

Everyone is familiar with Puffing Billy's iconic Belgrave Station, but did you know that you can also start your journey from the historic and picturesque Lakeside Station? Get the same spectacular Puffing Billy experience while you take in some new scenery at the other end of the track!

Perfect for families with young children and those wanting to beat the crowds, passengers can enjoy a unique Puffing Billy experience exploring this lesser known part of the railway. The journey from Lakeside to Gembrook will take you over four historic timber rail bridges as it the train winds its way through the unspoilt Wright State Forest. As it climbs towards Gembrook, the lineside bush gives way to extensive views of rolling farmlands and distant mountain ranges.



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You'll have plenty of time in Gembrook to explore the quaint town, grab a bite to eat, visit the lolly shop, or play in the park located next to the station. Passengers can also visit Emerald Lake Park (at Lakeside Station) before or after their train journey for a picnic, BBQ, play on the playground or in the wading pool, or even hire a paddle boat.

Our Belgrave departures are also available every day of the school holidays, excluding Christmas Day.

Images: Lakeside and Emerald Park Lake images

**Images: Gembrook** 

## Long lead events - 2019

### Valentine's Day train

14 February 2019 \$115.00 per person (Adult)

Make this Valentine's Day memorable with a romantic Steam & Cuisine Luncheon aboard Australia's favourite steam train, Puffing Billy.

Be transported back to the golden era of train travel as you experience the ambience and old-world charm of travelling in first class dining carriages. Love will certainly be in the air as a rose if gifted to each couple and the whistle signals the train's departure on its three-hour journey through the picturesque Dandenong Ranges. Watch the station disappear behind you as you wind through the forests and fern gullies, and over Puffing Billy's most famous landmark – the iconic Monbulk Creek trestle bridge.

Indulge in a seasonal three course meal or choose from our Natter Platter filled with a selection of cured meats, fine cheeses and Devonshire Tea. When you arrive at Lakeside Station, take a romantic stroll around Emerald Lake Park before reboarding the train for your journey back to Belgrave.

Images: Valentine's Day Luncheon train

## **Day out with Thomas**

23 & 24 February, 2 & 3 March, 16 & 17 March, 23 & 24 2019 Ticket price range - \$23 (1-3 years) - \$40 (4 years and Adults)

If you have a Thomas fan in your household, then this is an event not to be missed! Puffing Billy's Day out with Thomas events sell out every season, and for good reason. Chugging into Puffing Billy's Gembrook Station in March 2019, A Day out with Thomas will see visitors take a steam train ride hauled by *Thomas* and *Diesel*, enjoy a pantomime show featuring *Thomas* and the *Fat Controller*, and be entertained by the jumping castle, animal nursery, Green Bulgy Bus rides and face painting.

**Images: Day out with Thomas** 



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## **Murder on the Puffing Billy Express**

Saturday 23 March, Saturday 30 March, Saturday 13 April, Saturday 11 May, Saturday 25 May, Saturday 15 June, Saturday 29 June 2019 \$120 per person

Come aboard for a night of deception, intrigue and mystery on Puffing Billy Railway's *Murder on the Puffing Billy Express*. As you ride the train into the dark of night, you will meet the characters and hear their stories as you try to solve the mystery of 'who dunnit?' Entrée will be served during the forward journey, before disembarking the train at the historic Nobelius Packing Shed. More of the story will unfold as guests enjoy a sumptuous dinner, before the killer is revealed in a dramatic ending. Guests will board the train back to Belgrave and enjoy tea and coffee to finish off the night. Come dressed to the 1920s and 1930s 'flapper' era. Prizes for the best dressed.

**Images: Murder on the Puffing Billy Express** 

For further information on any of these events, and to book, please visit www.puffingbilly.com.au

