

**SUNSHINE EXPRESS  
RAIL TOURS**

INVITES YOU TO TRAVEL ON THE

**"RANGELANDER"**

to

**TOOWOOMBA  
PLATFORM 9  
RESTAURANT**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

Here is a relaxing and unique way to spend a Saturday evening - sitting back with a glass of wine, far from the dreaded RBT, relaxing on an air conditioned train and enjoy the unique dining experience in the ambience and style of yesteryear in the one of the last of Queensland's once well known Railway Refreshment Rooms.

The Historic Toowoomba Railway Refreshment Rooms has been renamed "Platform 9 Restaurant" and this tour will take us right to the door so we can enjoy the great cuisine dining at the Heritage listed Toowoomba Station.

Our special train will depart from Roma Street station on Saturday, 15th November 2008 at 3.00pm. From the large windows of your air-conditioned carriage you will watch the Western Suburbs of Brisbane pass by as we head out to Ipswich and on to Rosewood, the end of the suburban electrification. The countryside then becomes more rural as we proceed to Grandchester where the tortuous climb of the Little Liverpool Range begins.

The next town is Laidley which marks the start of the fertile blacksoil plains of the Lockyer Valley - one of Queensland's most productive small crop areas. Onward the train takes us through Forest Hill, Gatton, Grantham and Helidon before we once again start to climb. These are the foothills of the Great Dividing Range and after Murphy's Creek the climb begins in earnest.

Imagine the railway workers of 1866 with picks and shovels carving out the cuttings and tunnels to enable trains to reach the Darling Downs!

As we near the summit there should just enough daylight left to note the panorama that unfolds on the left of the train as we approach Toowoomba, the Garden City.

**THE TRAIN:** Air-conditioned carriages from the "Sunlander" and "Westlander" trains will be used along with one of Queensland Rail's powerful diesel electric locomotives. Tea, coffee, light refreshments and a limited bar service will be available on board. Complimentary pre dinner nibbles will be served as we climb the range.

**THE TIMETABLE:**

<i>Forward Journey</i>		<i>Return Journey</i>	
Roma Street	3.00pm	Helidon	9.20pm
Corinda	3.15	Rosewood	10.20
Ipswich	3.45	Ipswich	10.45
Rosewood	4.10	Corinda	11.15
Toowoomba	6.50pm	Roma Street	11.30pm

**To enable us the return to the city at a reasonable hour the train will descend the range while we dine and passengers will travel by bus from Toowoomba to Helidon to re join the train.**

Note: These times are be confirmed by Queensland Rail. Definite times will be advised when tickets are forwarded.

**FARES:** Individual fare:- \$149.00 per person  
Group fares (10 or more):- \$135.00 per person

**SMOKING:** Queensland Rail has a policy of "NO SMOKING" on board all trains and railcars and stations. In accordance with this policy, smoking is not permitted on tour trains and passengers are advised to observe any areas in which smoking is prohibited at stations.

**RESERVATIONS:** Bookings may be made:-

- By MAIL: Forward the attached booking form with a cheque, money order, or credit card details to:-  
Sunshine Express Rail Tours,  
P.O. Box 1119, TOOWONG, 4066
- By FAX: Fax the booking form and credit card details to:-  
(07) 3252 1767.
- By TELEPHONE: Ring (07) 3252 1759 with your credit card details between 10.00am and 3.00pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday only. **Please note that all credit card bookings attract a 2% surcharge.**

**REFUNDS:** Will only be made if an unmarked ticket is returned by 13th November.

**TICKETS:** Reserved seat tickets will be mailed out about 10 days before the tour date.

**INFORMATION LINE:** (07) 3252 1759 This number is normally attended between 10.00am and 3.00pm - Tuesday to Thursday. A recorded message operates at other times.

**BOOKING FORM**

**"RANGELANDER"**

**15TH NOVEMBER, 2008**

TO: Australian Railway Historical Society,  
P.O. Box 1119, TOOWONG, QLD. 4066

Please forward tickets for the "Rangelander" to Toowoomba as under:-

..... Tickets @ \$149.00= \$

..... Group tickets (10 or more)  
@ \$135.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed (if paying a deposit the full balance is payable by 15th October) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS:**

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

..... P/C .....

Tel: (H) ..... (W) .....

**Full names of other passengers travelling**

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**Please Tick One:-** Cheque or Money Order attached   
Please debit my:-  Mastercard  Visa

Card Number .....

Expiry Date ...../.....

Cardholder's Name: .....

Signature: .....

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