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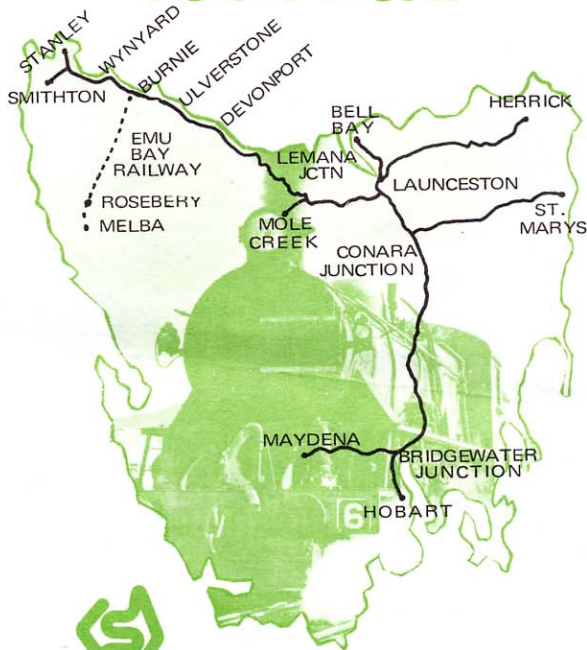
It is 180 miles from North to South and 190 East to West and shaped like a shield, yet within its neat confines live 382,000 Tasmanians enjoying an environment that nature bestows on very few places.

Tasmania is also an historic island with roots going back over 300 years. Tasman discovered it in 1642 and the first settlement took place in 1804, only 15 years after the first fleet arrived in Sydney. Tasmania has managed to preserve much of its history for the pleasure of its citizens and its visitors. SO MUCH TO SEE.

Tasmania is among the world's most mountaineous islands — you'll thrill to scenery so exciting you'll not believe it possible. Rivers and lakes, mountains and deep green valleys great industries in sylvan settings, a coastline so rugged yet hiding innumerable golden beaches.

Tasmania has everything and it's yours to enjoy on the Rail-Fans Festival Holiday.

TASMANIA 1974 Rail Fans Festival TOUR NO. 2



GO SEE AUSTRALIA

FROM THURSDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER
TO SUNDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1974

FEATURES OVER 500 MILES OF
RAIL TRAVEL

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INTRODUCTION

In view of the outstanding success of the 1973 Rail Fans Festival Tour of the Tasmanian Railways System, the Australian Railway Historical Society, Tasmanian Division, is again proud to be combining with the Tasmanian Government Railways and Ansett Airlines of Australia to present the 1974 Rail Fans Festival Tour.

With the experience gained from the last tour, provision has been made for the 1974 tour to cover an additional 2 days to permit patrons more time for sight-seeing, shopping etc. in both Launceston and Hobart.

Highlights of this tour again include travel on the newly constructed Bell Bay Line on this occasion as far as George Town near the mouth of the River Tamar, a journey over the Emu Bay Railway, five days of steam hauled running using three different types of locomotives and travel behind all classes of diesel electric and diesel hydraulic locomotives.



A variety in the use of car stock has again been provided from the Articulated Country Saloon Cars to the Vintage Cars restored as part of the 1971 Railway Centenary Celebrations.

This Festival has not been designed for rail fans alone, but caters equally for those who desire a leisurely and comfortable way of exploring Australia's most scenic state. I commend this tour to all who are interested in Railways and those who enjoy an interesting and unusual holiday.

Robin Wylie,
Tour Officer

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**Australian Railway Historical Society
Tasmanian Division**

RAIL-FANS FESTIVAL TOUR OF TASMANIA 1974

ITINERARY

THURSDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER

- 9.15 a.m. Depart Melbourne Airport per Ansett Airlines Flight 811 and arriving Launceston at 10.10 a.m.
On arrival in Launceston transfer to Motels.
- 12.30 p.m. Coach transfer to "Burwood" for lunch.
- 1.45 p.m. Transfer to Launceston Railway Station.
- 2.00 p.m. Train departs Launceston Railway Station and proceeds via East Tamar Junction for George Town, where it will reverse and return to Launceston. Train will traverse the newly constructed track from East Tamar Junction to Coldwater Creek Junction then onto the Bell Bay Link and travel to Longreach on the track opened to traffic on February 1, 1973 and from there to George Town again on newly constructed track.
On return to Launceston, transfer to Motel for dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation
- Equipment: T.G.R. "Z" Class diesel electric locomotive and Car Stock 2 ACS and DA Van.

FRIDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER

- Free time for shopping, etc.
- 10.30 a.m. Pickup at Motels for City and Cataract Gorge Tour.
- 12.00 noon Coach transfer to Flight Deck Restaurant at Launceston Airport for Lunch.
- 1.30 p.m. Coach transfer from Airport to Western Junction Railway Station.
- 1.54 p.m. Tasman Limited Service departs Western Junction Railway Station for Burnie passing through some of Tasmania's most productive rural areas with fine ocean vistas.
Transfer to Motel for dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation.
- Equipment: T.G.R. "X" Class Diesel Electric Locomotives and ACS Cars.



SATURDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER

- 7.30 a.m. Transfer to Burnie Railway Station.
8.00 a.m. Train departs for Smithton and Stanley. Smithton is a substantial town with its economy based on dairy farming and timber. Stanley is a seaside township and is well known for the geographical feature the "Nut" - a rock outcrop 480 feet in height.
Lunch will be served at Stanley, after which train will return to Burnie.
Transfer to Motel for dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation.

Equipment T.G.R. Steam Locomotive "M" Class and Car Stock AAR's, BBL and SSD.

SUNDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER

- 7.30 a.m. Transfer to Emu Bay Railway Company's Station.
8.00 a.m. Train departs for Melba Siding via Rosebery on Tasmania's rugged West Coast. On arrival at Melba, transfer by coach for trip to the historic mining town of Zeehan and inspect the Pioneer's Memorial Museum which houses one of the World's finest collection of minerals. Beside the Museum is a unique display of Steam Locomotives and rail carriages once used on the West Coast. Lunch will be served at Zeehan.
Return by coach to Melba and then Rail to Burnie.
Transfer to Motel for dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation.

Equipment E.B.R. Diesel Hydraulic Locomotives with T.G.R. Car Stock AAR's, BBL and SSD.

MONDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER

- 8.15 a.m. Transfer to Burnie Railway Station.
6.45 a.m. Train departs Burnie for Launceston via Mole Creek and travels within sight of the north coast as far as Devonport and then heads inland and after passing through the Mersey Valley; traverse the Kimberley Bank.
Lunch will be served at Mole Creek.
At Launceston transfer to Motel for dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation.

Equipment T.G.R. Steam Locomotive "M" Class and Car Stock AAR's, BBL and SSD.

TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER

- 8.30 a.m. Transfer to Launceston Railway Station.
9.00 a.m. Train departs Launceston and proceeds onto the North Eastern Line via East Tamar Junction for Herrick. This line

has a number of steep grades and minimum radius curves of 100.5 metres.
Lunch will be served at Scottsdale.
On arrival at Herrick, proceed by Coach to the East Coast seaside resort town of St. Helens for dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation.

Equipment T.G.R. Steam Locomotive "CCS" Class and Car Stock BBL, SUB, BBA and ABL.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER

- 8.15 a.m. Coach departs Motels at St. Helens for St. Marys.
9.15 a.m. Train departs St. Marys via the Esk Valley, joining the Main Line at Conara Junction. A stop of two (2) hours will be made at Ross for lunch at the Scotch Thistle Inn and for a tour of inspection of this attractive Township. Today, Ross is one of the finest and most historic villages in Tasmania, described by many as being "more English than England". The dominant feature is the famous Ross Bridge, built by convict labour and opened in 1836. The very beautiful stone carvings on this road Bridge are the work of Mr. Daniel Herbert, a convict who was later pardoned for this superb essay in stone.
Continue onto Hobart and transfer to Motel for dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation.

Equipment T.G.R. Steam Locomotive "H" Class and car stock AAR's, BBL and SSD.

THURSDAY, 3RD OCTOBER

Leisure day in Hobart. (Lunch own arrangements).
Things to see in Hobart : Mt. Wellington historic Battery Point, the Model Tudor Village, Cat and Fiddle Arcade, the Botanical Gardens and St. David's Cathedral.
Hobart : Dinner, Bed and Breakfast.



FRIDAY, 4TH OCTOBER

- 9.00 a.m. Transfer from Motel to Hobart Railway Station.
- 9.30 a.m. Train departs on day return trip to Florentine travelling through the beautiful Derwent Valley.
Lunch at Maydena.
Return to Motel for dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation.
- Equipment T.G.R. Steam Locomotive "H" Class and car stock AAR's BBL and SSD.

SATURDAY, 5TH OCTOBER

- 8.50 a.m. Transfer from Motel to Hobart Railway Station.
- 9.20 a.m. "Tasman Limited" departs for Launceston. Lunch en route. Met by coaches on arrival in Launceston and transferred to Motel for bed and breakfast accommodation.
A Farewell Dinner will be held at one of Launceston's leading hotels.
- Equipment T.G.R. Tasman Limited, "Y" Class diesel electric locomotives and ACS Cars.

SUNDAY, 6TH OCTOBER

- 11.30 a.m. Transfer from Motels to Launceston Airport.
- 12.35 p.m. Ansett Airlines Flight 818 departs Launceston offering connections to home Ports.

FARES PER PERSON (TWIN SHARE)

Melbourne	\$263	Rockhampton	\$411
Sydney	\$314	Mackay	\$428
Brisbane	\$367	Townsville	\$443
Adelaide	\$310	Cairns	\$460
Perth	\$426	Port Moresby	\$508
Canberra	\$308	Darwin	\$523
Coolangatta	\$363	Mount Isa	\$488

CHILD RATES ON APPLICATION

Fares Include :

Economy class air fare to Launceston and return with ANSETT AIRLINES OF AUSTRALIA.

First class accommodation on twin share basis (single room supplement \$40.00 per person).

All meals whilst in Tasmania with the exception of lunch on Thursday, 3rd October.

All rail and coach travel as indicated in itinerary. Personal and luggage transfers between hotels/motels and stations, terminals, etc.

Does Not Include :

Meals and accommodation en route to and from home ports.

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