

**WINELANDER to STANTHORPE & WALLAN-GARRA**

**Saturday & Sunday 18 & 19 February 2012**

**A**RHS Queensland has again offered us a carriage on their Winelander train. Departing BRISBANE at 7am (EST) on Saturday 18 February, travelling through Brisbane's western suburbs to Ipswich and 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 black soil plains of the Lockyer Valley. Onward the train takes us through Forest Hill, Gatton, Grantham and Helidon before we 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 approach the summit, note the panorama that unfolds on the left of the train as we approach the Garden City, Toowoomba. Travelling south, we encounter grain-growing areas.

Wine tasting (whites) and lunch will be served as we proceed through the small towns of Cambooya, Greenmount, Clifton and Nobby before reaching Warwick. Climbing further through another range we reach the Granite Belt country at Dalveen. This area is famous for apples, pears and stone fruit. Several more small towns are passed to reach The Summit, which is the highest point on the railway in Southern Queensland.

You may wish to leave the train at Stanthorpe to join the wineries tour with Dinner at Anna's Restaurant on Saturday Night or continue to the rarely visited by train, state border station at Wallan-Garra. This line is listed for permanent closure in the plans to rationalize QR operations in the very near future. See the station museum and what is left of the extensive change-of-gauge facilities that once existed here. Dinner will be served in the dining car on the return journey to Stanthorpe on Saturday night.

A late start will be made on Sunday morning with more wine tasting (reds) followed by lunch as we have a leisurely return run arriving in the late afternoon at Brisbane.

The train will be made up with air-conditioned carriages from the Sunlander and Westlander trains and hauled by a QR diesel locomotive. This could be the last chance to travel in these carriages due to their imminent withdrawal from service.

The tour cost is all inclusive with meals on board, visits to local wineries on Saturday afternoon, with wine tasting, an evening meal and double/twin share bed & breakfast motel accommodation at Stanthorpe on Saturday night. A limited single supplement is available to early bookers.

You will need to make your own arrangements to get to Brisbane and return and any pre-tour and after tour accommodation.



*Image from the ARHSnsw RRC shows the dual gauge wye at Wallan-garra.*

**BOOKING FORM for 18 & 19 February 2012 Winelander**

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Please reserve for me..... Seats on the Winelander Tour to Stanthorpe including the Winery Tour @ \$495.00 \$ .....  
 Please reserve for me.....Seats on the Winelander Tour to Wallan-Garra @ \$495.00 \$ .....  
 Limited Single Supplement @ \$ 65.00 \$ .....  
 2% Credit Card Payment Surcharge \$ .....  
**TOTAL (GST Incl.) \$ .....**

Name.....  
 Address.....Postcode.....  
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**PREFERRED PAYMENT BY CHEQUE/MONEY ORDER/CASH** for \$.....  
 Or please DEBIT my VISA or MASTERCARD (add 2% surcharge to payment)  
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Tickets and Itinerary confirmation will be posted to your address 10 days before departure.

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 Refunds: up to 30 days prior-100 %; less than 30 days to 7 days-90 %; less than 7 days-NO REFUND

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