



**RAILWAY  
ADVENTURES**



# **THE LONG WEEKEND CENTRAL WEST LOOP**

**BY PRIVATE TRAIN**

**2 - 3 OCTOBER 2022**

**GULGONG TO RYLSTONE VIA DUBBO, ORANGE, BATHURST AND WALLERAWANG**



## INTRODUCTION

Here is a rare opportunity to travel right around the Central West by rail on existing lines starting in Gulgong and finishing in Rylstone. The 'missing link', the section of the old Mudgee line still closed, back to Gulgong via Mudgee, we will do by coach, thus completing the full loop of the Central West. It's a journey full of scenery and variety including a restaurant dinner, quality motel accommodation, a pub lunch, historic village visits and of course the ride in your 1920's vintage heritage rail motor. Explore your own backyard on our special Central West Loop by private Heritage Train.

## OUR PRIVATELY CHARTERED TRAIN THE CPH RAILMOTOR

The CPH (or 42 foot) railmotors were introduced by the New South Wales Government Railways in 1923 to provide feeder service on country branch lines.

Often referred to as "Tin Hares", having evolved at the same time as the mechanical lures used in greyhound racing in Australia, the first vehicle was placed in service on 17 December 1923 and based at Culcairn, in southern New South Wales.

They were lightweight vehicles and considerable care was taken in the original selection of materials used in their construction. A total of 37 vehicles were built and they operated many branch line services throughout the state, from Kyogle in the north to the Riverina in the south, as well as extensively through the central-western regions, until their widespread withdrawal in November 1983 and replacement by road transport.

### Sunday • 2 October 2022

Our specially chartered 'CPH' vintage Rail Motor train departs Gulgong on its full-day tour run around the Central West. Heading Northwest on the old branch line to Gwabegar we pass through, Birriwa and Dunedoo before reaching the junction of the cross-country line at Merrygoen. From here we swing west through Ballimore and Dubbo where you can stretch your legs before we roll on down the Great Western line to Stuart Town to enjoy a hearty lunch at the Iron Bark Inn right beside the station.

The next stop is just past Orange at the little heritage village of Millthorpe, where you can explore the wonderful museum, shops, galleries and cafes before we continue onto Bathurst and our final destination of the day, Wallerawang. Here we settle into our hotel and enjoy dinner together in the dining room.

*Overnight: Black Gold Motel, Wallerawang (Lunch and Dinner included)*

### Monday • 3 October 2022

After breakfast we depart from Wallerawang station has us travelling back down the line to the junction of the Mudgee (Gwabegar) branch line for the scenic run up through the Capertee Valley, past the old cement town of Kandos and onto the historic town of Rylstone on the banks of the Cudgegong River. It's here that your journey will come to an end and you will be offered transfers to Mudgee or Gulgong.

*(Breakfast included)*

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive private charter of the vintage 'tin hare' CPH Railmotor
- Enjoy a hearty lunch at the local pub in Stuart Town, the classic Ironbark Inn
- Explore the heritage village of Millthorpe and its museum, shops and galleries
- Enjoy a group dinner and drinks in the hotels dining room in Wallerawang
- A rare scenic rail trip down the spectacular Capertee Valley



## PRICE

Per person twin share ..... \$485  
Single room use ..... \$85

## HOW TO BOOK

Download a booking form from our website and follow the easy steps to getting on board. If you'd prefer a form be sent to you or make a booking over the phone please call 1300 800 977. Complete the form and submit it, along with full payment to secure your place on the tour.

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