

## WHAT IS PUFFING BILLY?

Puffing Billy Railway was one of four low-cost 762mm (2'6") gauge lines constructed in Victoria in the early 1900s to open up remote areas. The present line between Belgrave and Gembrook travels through the forests, fern gullies and farmlands of the magnificent Dandenong Ranges. This is the major part of the line which opened on 18 December 1900 and operated over 29km (18.2 miles) between Upper Ferntree Gully and Gembrook until 1953. In 1953, a landslide blocked the track and, because of operating losses, the line was closed.

Public interest resulted in the formation of the Puffing Billy Preservation Society (PBPS). The PBPS' volunteers by-passed the landslide and reopened the line to Menzies Creek in 1962 with the blessings of the Victorian Railways and the assistance of the Citizens' Military Forces. Further restoration resulted in Puffing Billy returning to Emerald in 1965, Lakeside in 1975 and Gembrook in 1998.

Today, this not-for-profit Railway operates daily thanks to the tireless efforts of more than 900 dedicated volunteers.



## EVENTS & DINING

### STEAM & CUISINE TRAINS

Travel first class whilst tantalising your tastebuds in our heritage dining carriages. Our Steam & Cuisine trains depart from Belgrave and travel to Lakeside Station located in Emerald Lake Park. You can choose between our 'Luncheon Train' or the 'After Dark'.

The Steam & Cuisine Luncheon departs Belgrave Station at 12.30pm daily (excluding Victorian public holidays) and returns at 3.30pm. You can select from a three-course meal or graze over a Natter Platter.

The Steam & Cuisine After Dark departs Belgrave Station on selected evenings at 7.30pm and returns at 10.30pm. The ambience created by the historic steam train at night and our roving musician ensures you'll have a memorable evening.

### MURDER ON THE PUFFING BILLY EXPRESS

Get into the theme of the evening and dress to impress in your 1920s best! Join us for a night of intrigue and suspense onboard Murder on the Puffing Billy Express. Your evening begins from the moment you step on the platform where you are immediately entangled in this captivating mystery. Train departs Belgrave Station on selected evenings at 7pm or 7.30pm.

Alternatively, bring the kids to Gembrook Station for **DAY OUT WITH THOMAS** shows in October, November, February & March, and to **SANTA SPECIALS** in December.

**THE 38TH GREAT TRAIN RACE** will be held on Sunday 5th May 2018. A special timetable applies.

*Advanced bookings are essential for all events.*

## BOOK YOUR JOURNEY

[WWW.PUFFINGBILLY.COM.AU](http://WWW.PUFFINGBILLY.COM.AU)



## ENQUIRIES

For 24-hour recorded Timetable and Fare information phone (03) 9757 0700.

For general enquiries and bookings, please contact our Belgrave office from

Monday to Friday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm  
and Saturdays 9.30 am – 12.00 pm

Phone: (03) 9757 0700  
Email: [info@pbr.org.au](mailto:info@pbr.org.au)

Puffing Billy Railway  
1 Old Monbulk Road  
(PO Box 451)  
Belgrave Vic 3160 Australia



### GET SOCIAL #PUFFINGBILLY



## TIMETABLES

OCTOBER 2018 – APRIL 2019



*Australia's Favourite Steam Train*

Runs every day except Christmas Day!

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# HOW TO GET TO PUFFING BILLY?

## BY ELECTRIC TRAIN (METRO):

- Travel to Belgrave and follow the blue line to Puffing Billy Station—For Metro timetables phone 1800 800 007 or visit [www.ptv.vic.gov.au](http://www.ptv.vic.gov.au)

## BY CAR: Refer to Puffing Billy's website for directions and car parking.

- Belgrave Station—1 Old Monbulk Road, Belgrave. Located approximately one hour east of Melbourne. (No parking available via Old Monbulk Road).
- Menzies Creek Station—School Road, Menzies Creek.
- Emerald Town Station—Puffing Billy Place, Emerald.
- Lakeside Station—Emerald Lake Road, Emerald Lake Park, Emerald.
- Gembrook Station—Main Road, Gembrook.

## JOURNEY TO GEMBROOK –

### An Altogether Different Puffing Billy Experience!

Take the opportunity to escape the crowds and enjoy an outing on the Lakeside to Gembrook section of Puffing Billy.

With many passengers boarding at Belgrave and ending their journey at Lakeside station, why not join the train here and travel to Gembrook?

Experience the thrill of travelling over timber trestle bridges, including the tallest bridge on the entire line, journey through Wright Forest, before enjoying views of rolling hills and the rich open farmlands of Gembrook.

Gembrook is a picturesque country town, with quaint cafes and restaurants in the main street. A park with playground and picnic facilities is located next to the railway station.

Lakeside Station is located within the grounds of Emerald Lake Park, where there are plenty of activities to enjoy either before or after your Puffing Billy journey to Gembrook.

For those passengers who wish to spend additional time in Gembrook, regular public transport operates between Belgrave, Emerald and Gembrook. The bus stop is located out the front of the IGA Supermarket (a one-minute walk from Gembrook Station) with buses operating each day at regular intervals.

To obtain bus times, visit the Public Transport Victoria website at [www.ptv.vic.gov.au](http://www.ptv.vic.gov.au) and refer to Bus Route 695.

Return tickets can be pre-purchased online at [puffingbilly.com.au](http://puffingbilly.com.au). Single Journey tickets can only be purchased on the day of travel from one of our Station Booking Offices.

# TIMETABLES 1 OCTOBER 2018 – 30 APRIL 2019

Select the date for travel, then refer to the time table below in the same colour as in the date square.

OCTOBER 2018							NOVEMBER 2018							DECEMBER 2018							JANUARY 2019							FEBRUARY 2019							MARCH 2019							APRIL 2019													
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## FROM BELGRAVE

Belgrave dep	10.30	11.10	12.30*	2.30
Menzies Crk arr	10.53	11.33	12.59	2.53
Menzies Crk dep	11.05	11.38	1.05	3.00
Emerald dep	11.20	11.53	1.20	3.15
Lakeside arr	11.30 <sup>c</sup>	12.08	1.40	3.30
Lakeside dep	....	12.20	....	....
Cockatoo dep	....	12.35	....	....
Gembrook arr	....	1.00	....	....

## FROM GEMBROOK

Gembrook dep	....	....	2.45	....
Cockatoo dep	....	....	3.05	....
Lakeside arr	....	....	3.20	....
Lakeside dep	12.30	2.25*	3.40	4.15
Emerald dep	12.45	2.40	3.55	4.25
Menzies Crk arr	12.57	2.57	4.07	4.37
Menzies Crk dep	1.00	3.00	4.08	4.38
Belgrave arr	1.30	3.30	4.32	5.08

This time table supersedes any previous versions. ■ Closed Christmas day.

Belgrave dep	10.30	11.10	12.30*	1.15	2.30
Menzies Crk arr	10.53	11.33	12.59	1.47	2.53
Menzies Crk dep	11.05	11.38	1.05	1.55	3.00
Emerald dep	11.20	11.53	1.15	2.10	3.15
Lakeside arr	11.30 <sup>c</sup>	12.08	1.30	2.20	3.30
Lakeside dep	....	12.20	....	....	....
Cockatoo dep	....	12.35	....	....	....
Gembrook arr	....	1.00	....	....	....

Belgrave dep	9.50	10.30	11.30	12.30	1.55	....	3.40
Menzies Crk arr	10.13	10.53	12.03	1.08	2.20	....	4.12
Menzies Crk dep	10.15	11.00	12.10	1.10	2.28	....	4.24
Emerald dep	10.29	11.15	12.25	1.26	2.55	....	4.40
Lakeside arr	10.45	11.28 <sup>c</sup>	12.40	1.41	3.10 <sup>c</sup>	....	4.52
Lakeside dep	11.45	....	....	....	....	3.20	....
Cockatoo dep	12.00	....	....	....	....	3.35	....
Gembrook arr	12.25	....	....	....	....	4.00	....

## FROM BELGRAVE

Belgrave dep	10.30	11.10	12.30*	1.15	2.30
Menzies Crk arr	10.53	11.33	12.59	1.47	2.53
Menzies Crk dep	11.05	11.38	1.05	1.55	3.00
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Lakeside arr	11.30 <sup>c</sup>	12.08	1.40	2.20	3.30
Lakeside dep	....	12.20	....	....	....
Cockatoo dep	....	12.35	....	....	....
Gembrook arr	....	1.00	....	....	....

## FROM GEMBROOK

Gembrook dep	....	....	1.40	....	....	5.10
Cockatoo dep	....	....	2.00	....	....	5.30
Lakeside arr	....	....	2.15 <sup>b</sup>	....	....	5.45
Lakeside dep	11.40	1.55	....	2.35	3.50	5.50
Emerald dep	11.55	2.10	....	4.05	5.35	6.05
Menzies Crk arr	12.09	2.22	....	3.14	4.17	5.47
Menzies Crk dep	12.13	2.30	....	3.28	4.25	5.50
Belgrave arr	12.38	2.55	....	3.48	4.50	6.16

<sup>b</sup> Passengers travelling to Belgrave change trains <sup>c</sup> Passengers travelling to Gembrook to change trains \* Includes Steam & Cuisine Dining Carriage

## DAYS OF TOTAL FIRE BAN

On days of 'Total Fire Ban' in the Central zone, steam locomotives will not run. Diesel locomotives will operate trains to the times below.

### FROM BELGRAVE

Belgrave dep:	10.30	12.30*	2.30
Menzies Crk arr:	10.53	12.59	2.53
Menzies Crk dep:	11.05	1.05	3.00
Emerald dep:	11.20	1.20	3.15
Lakeside arr:	11.30	1.40	3.30

### TO BELGRAVE

Lakeside dep:	12.30	2.25*	4.15
Emerald dep:	12.45	2.40	4.25
Menzies Crk arr:	12.57	2.57	4.37
Menzies Crk dep:	1.00	3.00	4.38
Belgrave arr:	1.30	3.30	5.08

## CONDITIONS:

- Concession fares are available to Australian bearers of Health Care, Student, Seniors, Companion or Pensioner cards. (Excludes evening dining and events). Your signature may be required on day of travel for verification purposes.
- Children under 16 years of age must be supervised by an adult.
- Discounts are available for pre-booked group travel (20 or more) on a return journey, except on Sundays, public holidays and school holidays.
- All trains are steam-hauled unless a diesel locomotive is required in exceptional circumstances.
- Time tables, locomotives and events are subject to alteration or cancellation without notice.
- First Class Travel return journeys are on designated trains only.

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

- People with disabilities**—can be accommodated on most Excursion Trains, including a limited number in wheelchairs. Please phone to check availability. Easy access to toilets are at Belgrave, Lakeside (Emerald Lake Park), and Gembrook.
- Refreshments and souvenirs**—are available at most stations.
- Prams**—only folding or narrow type prams can be accommodated through the narrow carriage doors.
- Assistance Dogs certified by a registered authority**—are the only dogs allowed on the train or under any roofed areas.
- Toilets**—are located at each main station. Parenting rooms are located at Belgrave, Lakeside & Gembrook.
- Photographs and videos**—for personal use are permitted. Wedding photography and any use, re-use or reproduction for commercial purposes is prohibited without prior written consent.

## SAFETY NOTICE:

- Do not hang legs outside of carriage.
- Do not stand, walk or sit on the railway track.
- Do not leave the platform or step down on the track.
- Do not touch or climb onto the locomotive, as parts of it are hot.
- Stand behind the safety line marked on all platforms.
- Do not open carriage doors on the non-platform side of the train.
- Do not open carriage doors whilst the train is moving.
- Smoking is not permitted on the train, platforms or under any roofed areas.
- Alcohol is not permitted on trains (except as provided on dining cars).