



Yx 141 steams again after 56 years



Yx 141 in Pichi Richi Pass – Geoff Moore

Fifty-six years ago South Australian Railways gifted the City of Port Lincoln a heritage veteran of SAR's narrow gauge network: A tiny 'Yx' class steam engine, built in Gawler in the previous century to an English design, toiled in South Australia's various narrow gauge railways for almost 60 years.

SAR's immense foresight enabled a pivotal item of the State's railway history to avoid the scrapyard, so that future children could understand just what rural rail travel was like in times gone by.

In 1963, Yx141 was given to the City of Port Lincoln and placed in a park where it delighted thousands of kids for the next 20 years. But the ravages of time were taking their toll on old Yx141 and so the City of Port Lincoln and the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society arranged an exchange.

Eventually the Pichi Richi Railway acquired Yx 141, while the City obtained a diesel loco replacement, more fitting of modern times to thrill present day young minds.

Now, 36 years after that swap - and following an extensive restoration and meticulous overhaul - Yx141 is finally ready to take its place alongside Pichi Richi Railway's other working steam and diesel locomotives.

On Sunday June 2, 2019, Pichi Richi Railway will run three trains to celebrate this landmark event.

The first train will travel through the famous Pichi Richi Pass as far as Woolshed Flat and return, while the other two services will run from Quorn to the Summit and return.

The details are:

Date **Sunday June 2, 2019**

Services **AM- Ex Quorn 10:30 hours arrive back 13:00 hrs very limited seating available.**
Bookings are now available.

PM- Ex Quorn, two shuttle trains will run from Quorn to the Summit and return, at a special fare.

How do I book? **Tickets for the 10:30 train will be available through our web based booking system or calling 1800 777 245. Tickets for the shuttles will be available on the day.**

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