



Welcome to Lake Macquarie Live Steam Locomotive Society – the home of miniature railways in the Hunter since 1953.

The Society operates a miniature railway theme park that provides train rides and picnic facilities for community and private running days. We are a volunteer-run, non-profit organisation.

We frequently host private group bookings for organisations, such as charity groups, playgroups, kindergartens, preschools, primary schools, churches, community fundraising parties and corporate or club-type Christmas parties.

The trains are owned by the members or the Club.

In addition, the LMLSLS fosters miniature engineering, particularly for trains and road vehicles such as traction engines, by providing technical advice for newcomers and workshop facilities for members. We are also a registered Men's Shed.

Full membership of the Society is available to those over 18 years, and junior membership is open for those over 12 years, subject to working with children checks and a minimum level of attendance. Email lakemacquarielivesteam@gmail.com for more info.

Community Days

We are open to the community on the last Sunday of the month, weather permitting, except for December.

- Trains run from 12:30pm until around 3:30pm.
- The Park is open from 9:30am.
- We charge \$3.00 per train ride, with children under 2 years old being free.
- To ride on the trains, you must wear fully enclosed footwear, no sandals, no thongs, and no crocs, but joggers are great.

- For ADHD, elderly or faculty-impaired riders, especially concerning attention or balance, please discuss with a member or station staff, and we will endeavour to provide hearing protection, helpers or a special train to allow safe participation.

Safety matters

We request that you abide by the few simple rules below to make the live steam and miniature railway experience enjoyable for everyone:

- Fully enclosed footwear must be worn to ride. No sandals, no thongs, no crocs. Joggers are great.
- Steam trains emit smoke, steam, oil, and sparks - please remember this when choosing your attire for the day.
- During a total fire ban, we do not operate steam locomotives. However, non-steam locos still run as usual.
- In adverse weather, such as a thunderstorm, train operations will be suspended. If this event is a private booking, we will offer a pro-rata refund or rescheduling of the event as in agreement with the Event Organiser and the Club secretary.
- Parents and adults must provide supervision to any children who accompany them to the Park.

Train rides

Board trains at the two stations marked on the reverse side – the map of the Park.

Also shown on the map are the 3 routes available for moving between the stations. We recommend that patrons with prams or heavy items use access via the roadway (leftmost route).

Tickets

Tickets are available for purchase on the day at the Club grounds. There are no gift vouchers or on-line ticket sales.

Refunds are not available to those who breach entry or ride conditions.

Boarding our trains

Miniature trains require special boarding procedures to avoid the risk of a fall and certain restrictions during the ride to ensure a safe ride:

1. Step over the carriage with both feet ending on the ground: do not stand on the running boards.
2. Sit down.
3. Place feet on footboards, and sit up straight.
4. Keep hands in, do not lean out.
5. Keep your feet on the footboards at all times.
6. No photography or video from the train.
7. No smoking or vaping on the train.
8. Preschool children (3-5 years) must be accompanied by someone over 14.
9. Toddlers (up to 3) must be accompanied by an adult (over 18) and capable of sitting self-supported in front of the adult.
10. Babies in arms or in baby carriers/slings cannot be carried on trains.

Refreshments

Refreshments, tea, coffee, ices and snacks can be obtained from the Kiosk adjacent to Clarence Station.

First aid

St John's Ambulance operates from the marquee just north of Nooroo Signal Box. First aid is also available from the Kiosk. Otherwise, please discuss needs with Station Attendants or Track Stewards (wearing light blue over vests/club badges).

Contact us?

Don't hesitate to get in touch with us directly by discussing your needs with our Station Attendants & Track Stewards (blue overcoats/badges) or via email to lakemacquarielivesteam@gmail.com or from our website <https://www.lakemacquarielivesteam.org.au>

LMLSLS Miniature Railway Park – Community Day facilities

