

# ALL ABOARD!

ELEVATING  
YOUR BUSINESS  
EVENTS WITH

# PUFFING BILLY RAILWAY



# WELCOME

Welcome to Puffing Billy Railway, where business events become extraordinary experiences. Nestled in the heart of the Dandenong Ranges, the Lakeside Visitor Centre offers a unique blend of heritage charm and modern functionality.

Our function spaces provide a picturesque backdrop, ensuring a seamless fusion of professionalism and enchantment. Whether you choose to host your group on board our iconic heritage open-side carriages or within our versatile indoor venues, Puffing Billy sets the stage for creativity and innovation.

Elevate your event with our diverse dining options, curated to delight every palate. From intimate corporate meetings to conferences, our venue accommodates every occasion.

With the unparalleled charm of a bygone era and a commitment to personalised service, Puffing Billy Railway ensures your event is not just an occasion but an extraordinary journey.



# EXCLUSIVE SETTINGS FOR EVERY OCCASION

## MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

### CAPACITY

<b>BANQUET</b>	1-100
<b>THEATRE</b>	1-200
<b>COCKTAIL</b>	1-200

Experience versatility and picturesque charm at the Lakeside Visitor Centre's Multipurpose Room, nestled in Emerald Lake Park. This space offers an immersive experience tailored to your needs with amenities that include an inbuilt bar, projector, roof speakers, lectern, and microphones. From boardroom meetings to banquets, the Multipurpose Room adapts seamlessly to your vision.

We offer standard room hire that includes the convenience of a drip coffee and tea station to essential tools like whiteboards, flip charts, and writing materials.

Enjoy the beauty of Emerald Lake Park with expansive floor-to-ceiling windows that invite the abundant natural light into the space. Customise your ambience with adjustable blinds, providing privacy and comfort to suit your preference.

The room also overlooks the Lakeside Hall museum, adding a historical touch to your event, or can be divided into separate spaces with the ease of an operable wall to accommodate both intimate gatherings and larger events.



### THE RAILWAY CAFE

#### CAPACITY

<b>BANQUET</b>	1-100
<b>THEATRE</b>	1-200
<b>COCKTAIL</b>	1-200

Whether you're seeking a leisurely meal or planning a special event, the Railway Cafe provides the perfect ambience. With seating for up to 150 guests, it's an ideal space for casual networking events or as an extension for larger-scale gatherings in conjunction with the Multipurpose Room.



### THE ALFRESCO DECK

#### CAPACITY

<b>BANQUET</b>	1-150
<b>THEATRE</b>	NA
<b>COCKTAIL</b>	1-200

Puffing Billy Railway's Alfresco Deck offers stunning outdoor space for private bookings, overlooking Emerald Lake Park. Ideal for casual networking, tastings, or long lunches.



### THE LAKESIDE HALL

#### CAPACITY

<b>BANQUET</b>	NA
<b>THEATRE</b>	NA
<b>COCKTAIL</b>	1-140

This space offers a captivating backdrop for private bookings, brimming with artifacts from the railway's rich history. Ideal for cocktail hour and networking evenings, this venue infuses events with a unique steam-powered charm, promising an unforgettable experience steeped in heritage.



### DINING IN HERITAGE FIRST CLASS CARRIAGES

#### CAPACITY

<b>MAXIMUM</b>	80 seated
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Step into a world of elegance and nostalgia aboard Puffing Billy Railway's first-class heritage dining carriages. Available for private charter, these beautifully restored carriages accommodate groups of up to 80, offering a unique blend of vintage charm and gourmet dining amidst the breathtaking scenery of the Dandenong Ranges.



### THE NOBELIUS PACKING SHED

#### CAPACITY

<b>MAXIMUM</b>	80 seated
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Puffing Billy Railway's Nobelius Packing Shed offers a rustic yet charming venue for events. Nestled amidst lush greenery, this historic heritage listed space exudes old-world charm with its timber beams and vintage ambience. What sets it apart is its rich history as a former plant nursery, adding a unique touch to any occasion.



# CULINARY DELIGHTS ALONG THE RAILS

## CORPORATE FUNCTION PACKAGES

### MORNING & AFTERNOON TEA

#### OPTION 1

- Freshly made lemonade cream scones served with Yarra Valley jam and chantilly cream (2pp) (V).

#### OPTION 2

Choose three from the list below:

- Mixed seasonal fruit platters (200g pp) (V, GF)
- Freshly made lemonade cream scones served with Yarra Valley jam and chantilly cream (2pp) (V).
- Mixed mini croissant and danish varieties (1pp) (V).

### BREAKFAST

#### OPTION 1

##### LAKESIDE BREAKFAST BUFFET

A hot buffet breakfast of toasted sourdough, scrambled or fried eggs, chipolata sausages, roasted mushrooms, grilled tomatoes and hash-browns.

#### LEGEND

GF – Gluten Free  
DF – Dairy Free

V – Vegetarian  
VG – Vegan





## LUNCH - PLATTERS

### OPTION 1

*\*minimum 20pax*

#### COLD BUFFET

Chefs selection of baguettes and sandwiches filled with seasonal produce and served with your choice of two salads.

Choose two salads from the list below:

#### PUMPKIN COUS COUS SALAD

With fresh rocket, snow pea sprouts, Spanish onion and pepitas and honey mustard dressing.

#### CHEF'S GARDEN CRUNCH SALAD

Premium salad mix with cabbage, carrot, onion, heirloom cherry tomatoes and fennel, with balsamic dressing.

#### GERMAN POTATO SALAD

Chat potatoes with seeded mustard, cornichons, diced onion, parsley and aioli.

#### GRAINS AND NUTS

Mixed quinoa with broccoli, rocket, currants and toasted pine nuts. Dressed with lemon and EVOO.

#### TERIYAKI HOKKIEN SALAD

Thick noodles tossed in teriyaki sauce, with capsicum, broccoli, onion, spinach and black sesame seeds.

#### CAESAR SALAD

Baby gem cos lettuce with bacon, parmesan, croutons, boiled eggs and Caesar dressing.

### OPTION 2

*\*minimum 40pax*

Choose two hot dishes, two salads and two sides from the list below:

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#### HOT OPTIONS

- Pumpkin and sage rissoni with spinach in a parmesan cream sauce.
- Tomato sugo penne with basil, pine nuts and ricotta.
- Salt and pepper calamari, with rocket and aioli sauce.
- Chicken cacciatore – Maryland cooked with olives, onion, capsicum and tomato with steamed rice.
- Lemon and dill baked salmon pieces on a bed of spinach.
- Truffle fried polenta crisps with thyme and garlic and sauteed mushroom medley.

#### SIDES

- Green beans, snow peas and toasted almonds.
- Rosemary roasted chat potatoes.
- Honey roasted Dutch carrots.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Menu selection and final numbers to be confirmed 7 days prior to the date of the event.

Dietary requirements to be advised 48 hours prior to the date of the event.

#### CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellation 48 hours prior to booking will receive a full refund, 24 hours prior to booking will receive 50% refund. Less than 24 hours prior – no refund will be given (business days only).

*\*Gluten Free, Vegetarian and Vegan options available.*

*\*\*Ranges Coffee drip coffee and tea station for the duration of the function for each package.*



## CANAPE MENU

### CANAPES FOR 1.5 HOURS

*Roving throughout the room*

Belgrave Banger sliders  
(locally sourced beef burgers)

Smoked trout croutons  
(Buxton trout)

Fish and chip baskets

Chicken sliders

Sushi bites

Rice paper roll bites

Petit Fours



## 2-COURSE FUNCTION MENU

### ENTRÉE & MAIN

#### OPTION 1

##### ENTREE

Select 2 from the below for alternative drop

##### CHORIZO FLATBREAD

Hot chorizo on house-made flatbreads with hummus, rosemary, and rocket.

##### LEEK AND PARMESAN CROQUETTES (V)

with black garlic aioli and dressed watercress.

##### BETROOT CURED SALMON (DF, GFO)

with pita crisps, fennel, and heirloom tomatoes.

##### MAIN

Select 2 from the below for alternative drop

##### SALTBUSH LAMB (GF, DF)

Slived lamb rump roasted with native saltbush and thyme, with rosemary roasted chat potatoes, broccolini and gravy.

##### CHICKEN BREAST (GF, DF)

Free range roasted chicken breast, with Victorian asparagus, roasted chat potatoes topped with a seeded mustard cream sauce.

##### MUSHROOM RISOTTO (V, VG, DF)

Sautéed mushroom medley with garlic, truffle oil and spinach.

### MAIN & DESSERT

#### OPTION 2

##### MAIN

Select 2 from the below for alternative drop

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##### DESSERT

Select 2 from the below for alternative drop

##### CLASSIC STICKY DATE

Fluffy steamed date pudding served with butterscotch sauce, vanilla bean ice cream and summer berries.

##### SUMMER BERRIES (V)

Vanilla macerated summer berries topped with pistachio dust and coconut ice cream.

##### WHITE CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

with salted caramel sauce, biscotti, and fresh raspberries.

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*\*\*Vegetarian options provided on request.*

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Above menus are based on a minimum of 20 people.

Smaller groups can be catered for on request.

Final menu selection and final numbers to be confirmed 72 hours prior to arrival.

Dietary requirements to be advised 72 hours prior to arrival.

### CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellation 48 hours prior to booking will receive a full refund, 24 hours prior to booking will receive 50% refund.

Less than 24 hours prior – no refund will be given.

# FOSTER COLLABORATION, ONBOARD AND BEYOND.

## TEAM BUILDING AND UNIQUE EXPERIENCES



### MURDER ON BOARD THE PUFFING BILLY EXPRESS

#### CAPACITY

**MAXIMUM** 80

This experience offers a thrilling team-building activity that promises to keep guests on the edge of their seats. Immerse yourself in an interactive fictional murder investigation that challenges guests to uncover clues, solve puzzles, and crack the mystery of “who dun it?”. Privately charter this event for your team, including a scenic train journey, a delicious three-course meal, and live theatrical entertainment throughout.



### PAINT & SIP

#### CAPACITY

**MAXIMUM** 25

Experience the ultimate artistic adventure with Puffing Billy Railway's Paint & Sip, perfect for business events. Embark on a scenic steam train ride from Belgrave to Lakeside, enjoying breathtaking views of the Dandenong Ranges. Indulge in a guided painting session with complimentary sparkling wine and a delectable grazing table spread.



### CUSTOM OPTIONS

#### CAPACITY

**ON REQUEST**

Puffing Billy Railway offers customisable options for business events, tailored to your needs. From curated activities to diverse menu selections, we cater to every taste. Choose from escorted railway tours, unique photo opportunities, or Amazing Race-style team-building events, ensuring a memorable and immersive experience for all attendees.



### COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

#### LAKESIDE PADDLEBOATS

**ON REQUEST**

Lakeside Paddleboats, nestled in the picturesque Emerald Lake Park, offer rides on the serene waters of Emerald Lake. The lovingly restored vintage paddleboats cater to 1-2 riders per boat, with various ride times available.



#### COGS BIKE HIRE

**ON REQUEST**

Explore the Dandenong Ranges with ease! Partnering with COG BIKES Australia, Puffing Billy Railway offers bike rentals at Lakeside Station. Choose from a variety of bikes and ride along the Eastern Dandenong Ranges Trail. Combine your bike rental with a steam train journey or simply enjoy off-road cycling adventures.

# ON TRACK JOURNEY OPTIONS

## EXCURSION TRAIN

Stand out by hosting events in our iconic open-side carriages, allowing groups to enjoy the scenic beauty of the Dandenong Ranges while fostering creativity and innovation.

## PRIVATE CARRIAGE HIRE

Revel in the privacy and comfort of your own exclusive carriage as you enjoy a heritage railway experience. Available for up to 28 people on scheduled services; it promises to be an unforgettable experience.

## CHARTER TRAIN SERVICE

*\*minimum 3 months notice for enquiries*

Elevate your business event with Puffing Billy Railway's exclusive train charter service. Privately charter a train for groups over 250, ideal for large incentive bookings. Enjoy the unique thrill of sitting on the sills as one group, with complimentary custom headboard and branding opportunities for a truly memorable experience.





### **GET IN TOUCH WITH US TODAY**


to customise your business event, whether it's onboard the legendary Puffing Billy Railways or at our delightful off-track venues. Allow us to assist you in creating an unparalleled experience that ensures success and leaves a lasting impact on your attendees.


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*Disclaimer: All offerings and capacities are subject to availability and may vary based on specific event requirements. Please enquire for detailed pricing and customisation options.*