



## Exploring Coromandel Valley Bus Tour Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2013, 9:30am – 4:00pm

There are many fascinating stories to be told about Coromandel Valley.

One way to discover them is this Bus Tour with a guide who who is knowledgeable of the history of the many sites that you will see. Hear the stories, ask your questions and open a treasure trove of information that will capture your imagination.

The tour will travel a circuit from Coromandel Railway Station along the western side of the Valley to Black Road, then progressively north calling at picturesque locations and stopping for stories and sightseeing along the way.

There will be opportunities for short walks for those who would like to stretch their legs and rejoin the tour at a later point.

### The tour:

- Start from the Coromandel Railway Station. No trains will be running.
- Maps and a list of points of interest will be supplied and there will be onboard commentary.
- Travel south along Coromandel Parade, Horner's Bridge and Murray's Hill Road to Black Road, turn east to the junction with Main Road.
- Travel north along Main Road stopping at the War Memorial and Weymouth Oval to enjoy the scenery and learn some history.
- Continue north on Main Road to the (former) Coromandel Valley Institute, now an art and craft gallery. (Keen walkers may like to detour from here along the Sturt Linear Park to rejoin the bus at the Orchard Café where drinks, icecreams and sweets will be available at special tour prices.)
- The next stop will be Winn's Bakehouse Museum and tour participants have the choice of travelling there on foot (approx 20min walk) along Sturt River Linear Park Trail or by bus.
- View Winn's Bakehouse Museum display and hear the stories of its history and the local area. Lunch will be provided by the National Trust on the lawns beside the Sturt River. Toilet facilities (with disability access) are available here.
- After lunch, travel to Frank Smith Park and historic Coromandel Valley Primary School, passing the Magarey family's century-old Nunkri Orchard on the way.
- Call at Blackwood Forest Recreation Park – site of the former Government Experimental Orchard.
- Explore historic Gamble Cottage and Garden, learning about the work of The Friends of the Gamble Garden and the Coromandel Valley and Districts Branch of the National Trust (SA).
- Return to Coromandel Railway station at 4:00pm.

### Arrangements:

- Meet bus at Coromandel Railway Station car park, Brighton Pde Blackwood from 9.30am for 10am departure.
- Personal mobility will be an advantage to be able to join in some walking. Any special needs should be advised when booking.
- The tour duration is about 6.5 hours.
- Bookings essential. Tickets include entry to Winn's Bakehouse Museum and Gamble Cottage.
- Cost is \$25 per person including lunch. Special dietary requirements to be advised when booking.

*As a safety precaution, communication will be maintained and support called if anyone has difficulty.*

### Booking:

By email to [ntcoro2@bigpond.com](mailto:ntcoro2@bigpond.com) or phone 8270 5686 or 8270 4400.