



MARYBOROUGH CITY WHISTLE STOP INC. (MCWS)

The Maryborough City Whistle Stop (MCWS) is a group of volunteers who have a passion to keep the rail history of Maryborough alive.

The MCWS operates the Mary Ann steam train each Thursday, the last Sunday of each month and at special events (such as Mary Poppins festival, Relish festival etc.). In addition, a number of private hires occur each year (such as weddings, family reunions, corporate functions, etc.).

Operations usually occur along the Wharf Branch railway through Queens Park and the Portside Precinct, and alongside Kent Street towards Tiger Street.

On regular operating days, scheduled operating hours for the public are generally between 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM. The timeframe for staff is 7:00 AM to approximately 2:00 PM to allow preparation of the train beforehand and stabling at the end of the day. A roster system is in place for those who are not available for the full period.

MCWS also operates the Maryborough Railway Museum located in the Railway complex in Lennox Street, opposite St Paul's Anglican Church. This Museum has a massive collection of rail memorabilia from Maryborough's past railway history.

The Museum is generally open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM.

The MCWS is looking for volunteers to assist in the operation of the Mary Ann steam train and/or the Maryborough Railway Museum.

No prior railway experience is necessary. (Only a very small number of current volunteers actually have railway experience!!) And both males and females are welcome to be part of the operations.

All training required is undertaken by qualified MCWS staff.

Volunteer positions available in MCWS are ...

Museum Assistants

Station Attendants

Passenger Attendants (on passenger carriages)

Drivers Assistants (on Mary Ann locomotive)

Drivers (on Mary Ann locomotive)

There is a progressive path for volunteers who would like to be involved in the Mary Ann steam train operations. A new volunteer starts as a "Helper" (whilst undertaking the induction process) and then becomes a Station Attendant. There is progression to Passenger Attendant, Drivers Assistant and Driver as the volunteer progresses through training requirements.

Are you interested in 'getting on board' with us??

Please complete the attached "Expressions of Interest" form and hand to any member of MCWS on operating days, deliver to the Railway Museum on Thursday mornings, email to mborowhistlestop@bigpond.com or post to MCWS, P O Box 850 Maryborough Qld 4650. An MCWS member will contact you soon after receiving this form.

Need more information??

Please do not hesitate to contact the MCWS Office on 4121 0444 (Tuesday or Thursday mornings) or MCWS Operations Manager (Eric Perkins) on 0427 216 483.

We are looking forward to having you on board to help keep Maryborough's rail history alive!!



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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

I am interested in becoming involved as a volunteer in MCWS.

NAME	
POSTAL ADDRESS	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
HOME PHONE No.	
MOBILE PHONE No.	

There is a legislative requirement that all volunteers in MCWS involved in the operation of the Mary Ann steam train or Maryborough Railway Museum must comply with the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000 and be "Blue Card" holders before being permitted to volunteer.

Q. Do you currently hold a "Blue Card" as a requirement for other volunteer work you perform? YES or NO (please circle)

(If 'YES', MCWS will request details from you in due course. If 'NO', MCWS will make arrangements with you to apply for the card.)

Which positions are you interested in? (please tick)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Museum Assistant
<input type="checkbox"/>	** Station Attendant
<input type="checkbox"/>	** Passenger Attendant (Mary Ann Passenger carriages)
<input type="checkbox"/>	** Drivers Assistant (Mary Ann locomotive)
<input type="checkbox"/>	** Driver (Mary Ann locomotive)

(** Please note that there is a progression process starting from the position of Station Attendant, through the other positions, to the position of Driver.)

Drivers and Drivers Assistants for the Mary Ann locomotive will be required to pass a Medical Examination under the National Standard for Health Assessment of Rail Safety Workers. This process will be explained to you upon request for information.

SIGNATURE

DATE

New volunteers will need to apply for membership of Maryborough City Whistle Stop Inc. The annual fee is \$5.00 and a membership application will be forwarded to you.

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