

INFORMATION FOR PLANNING A GROUP EXCURSION TO WALHALLA

The following information is provided to assist those planning an excursion to Walhalla. Where you need additional information please contact the relevant groups listed at the end of this sheet.

1. We would encourage you to consider a trip on the Tourist Railway, a visit to the Long Tunnel Extended Gold Mine, a Ghost tour and visit to the Museum and Old Post Office as well as walks in the town. There is no one-stop booking agency for tours to Walhalla. It is therefore advised that where you plan a trip which includes a trip on the Railway, you first book the railway trip by ringing 5165 6280 and then contact the Mine on 5165 6259 and advise the guides of the rail times and they will plan Mine tour times around the rail bookings. Where you need additional information please email info@walhallaboard.org.au or ring the Mine on 5165 6269. If that number is unattended you can call the Mine Manager on 0412 285913. If planning a Mine tour look for [staff planning project sheet](#) on the Board website above.
2. Drinking water is not available in Walhalla other than purchased bottled water.
3. Communications – As yet, there is no mobile phone coverage in Walhalla. There is an operating public telephone in the Main Street. In the event of an emergency, call 000. Emergency “000” calls can often be made from mobile phones even though they show “no signal”. Any business in the town would assist if you have an emergency and need to use a land line.

There is no formal assembly point in the event of a bush fire.

In the event that a helicopter is called in for an emergency, it will land on the helipad in the centre of town. When it is landing keep well back from the helipad due to the strength of the downdraft.

4. First Aid – the Tourist Mine and the Railway have first aid kits. The Mine also has a defibrillator which is kept in a locked cabinet outside the office. It is accessible by key which is kept in a coded key safe next to the defibrillator cabinet. The code for the key safe is “000”. From April to September, the defibrillator is kept in the Mine Manager’s office and is only accessible when staff are at the Mine. The reason for this is that the unit is adversely affected by sub-zero temperatures. Another defibrillator is kept in an unlocked cabinet under CCTV surveillance, and connected to the town fire alarm, between the Post Office Corner Store and Walhalla Coffee - in the Main Street. The CFA also has one.
5. Bus drivers should be aware there is a bus turning circle at the northernmost end of the town, where the sealed road ends, just beyond the entrance to the Chinese Gardens camp ground. If taking a Mine tour, it is also possible to turn around buses up to 40 feet long in the area near the Long Tunnel Extended Mine office– at the top of the steep hill. Bus drivers may also join the Mine

tour free of charge and can enjoy tea or coffee at the Mine office, also free of charge.

6. Risk Management – on Tourist Mine tours all personnel going underground will be provided with safety helmets which are compliant with AS/NZS 1801. These must be worn at all times when underground.
7. Tour groups in the Long Tunnel Extended Tourist Mine are no larger than 30 with a preference for running two smaller groups than one large group. Tours last for 45 – 50 minutes.
8. Train trips take 20 minutes one way and 60 minutes return. Up to XXXX people can be booked onto the train on any one trip.
9. Food outlets – if bringing a large group to the town and you wish to buy a meal, it would help to book in advance. The General store (5165 6227) and the Wally Pub (5165 6226) can cater for larger groups.
10. Walhalla as a tourist town has lots of volunteers who help each other in maintaining its beautiful gardens and its pristine presentation for the pleasure of all who visit. While we love our visitors, please be careful not to damage grass verges, and please use the bins provided for recycled materials and rubbish. We love our town and Stringers Creek which runs through it and if you keep the noise down you'll get the benefit of the peace and harmony it can bring to everyone.
11. Further information is provided on the following websites –

Goldfields Tourist Railway - www.walhallarail.com.au or ring 51656280 or email office@walhallarail.com.au

Walhalla Heritage & Development League for museum and Ghost Tours - www.walhalla.org.au or ring 5165 6250 or email info@walhalla.org.au

www.walhallaboard.org.au – for information on the Long Tunnel Extended Tourist Mine, Old Walhalla Post Office and Mechanics Institute. Email info@walhallaboard.org.au or ring the Tourist Mine on 5165 6269 to book Mine tours. If that number is unattended you can call the Mine Manager on 0412 285 913. Advise the guides if you are taking a rail tour and they will plan Mine tour times around the rail bookings

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Any suggested improvements welcomed.

