

Train Enthusiast's Video Diary

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Video Diary For 1994 (Date Order)



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1994-05-13

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tEKxwQ0apdY>

SteamRanger - "Steam into Victoria"

13/05/1994 - Day 1 of 4 (Adelaide to Nhill)

SteamRanger Tours (South Australia), in conjunction with SteamRail (Victoria) ran a four day, broad-gauge, steam train excursion from Adelaide Terminal (Keswick, South Australia) to Bacchus Marsh and Maryborough (Victoria).

SteamRanger used steam locomotive 621 and SteamRail used steam locomotive R761.

For SteamRanger, this was a last opportunity to run their broad-gauge, steam trains on the main line from Adelaide to Melbourne, because the line was being prepared for conversion to standard-gauge.

The SteamRanger train being hauled by steam locomotive 621 was met near the Victorian border at Wolseley by the SteamRail train being hauled by steam locomotive R761.

From Wolseley to Bacchus Marsh, the two trains were joined and hauled double-headed by 621 and R761.

On the first day, the excursion ran from Adelaide (South Australia) to Nhill (Victoria).



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1994-05-14

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARuvH_DBtsk

SteamRanger - "Steam into Victoria"

14/05/1994 - Day 2 of 4 (Nhill to Ballarat)

SteamRanger Tours (South Australia), in conjunction with SteamRail (Victoria) ran a four day, broad-gauge, steam train excursion from Adelaide Terminal (Keswick, South Australia) to Bacchus Marsh and Maryborough (Victoria).

SteamRanger used steam locomotive 621 and SteamRail used steam locomotive R761.

For SteamRanger, this was a last opportunity to run their broad-gauge, steam trains on the main line from Adelaide to Melbourne, because the line was being prepared for conversion to standard-gauge.

From Wolseley (South Australia) to Dimboola (Victoria), the two trains were joined and hauled double-headed by 621 and R761, with R761 running tender first. At Dimboola, R761 was turned on the turn-table and then double-headed funnel first along with 621.

On the second day, the excursion ran from Nhill (Victoria) to Ballarat (Victoria).

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Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1994-05-15

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uCAEuljGQCI>

SteamRanger - "Steam into Victoria"

15/05/1994 - Day 3 of 4 (Ballarat to Ararat via Bacchus Marsh, Ballarat, Maryborough and Avoca.)

SteamRanger Tours (South Australia), in conjunction with SteamRail (Victoria) ran a four day, broad-gauge, steam train excursion from Adelaide Terminal (Keswick, South Australia) to Bacchus Marsh and Maryborough (Victoria).

SteamRanger used steam locomotive 621 and SteamRail used steam locomotive R761.

For SteamRanger, this was a last opportunity to run their broad-gauge, steam trains on the main line from Adelaide to Melbourne, because the line was being prepared for conversion to standard-gauge.

From Ballarat (Victoria) to Bacchus Marsh (Victoria), the SteamRail (Victorian) and SteamRanger (South Australian) trains remained joined and were hauled double-headed by 621 and R761, with R761 leading. At Bacchus Marsh, R761 hauled the SteamRanger consist back to Ballarat then to Ararat via Maryborough and Avoca. 621 hauled the SteamRail consist to Ararat assisted by SteamRail's steam locomotive, K183. (The latter consist is not featured on this video clip.)

After coaling, watering, lubrication, etcetera, R761 then headed for Melbourne with the SteamRail consist and passengers. 621, its SteamRanger consist and passengers, remained overnight at Ararat.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1994-05-16

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6Tfz4O1xDg>

SteamRanger - "Steam into Victoria"

16/05/1994 - Day 4 of 4 (Ararat to Adelaide)

SteamRanger Tours (South Australia), in conjunction with SteamRail (Victoria) ran a four day, broad-gauge, steam train excursion from Adelaide Terminal (Keswick, South Australia) to Bacchus Marsh and Maryborough (Victoria).

SteamRanger used steam locomotive 621 and SteamRail used steam locomotive R761.

For SteamRanger, this was a last opportunity to run their broad-gauge, steam trains on the main line from Adelaide to Melbourne, because the line was being prepared for conversion to standard-gauge.

Monday 16th May 1994 (day 4 of 4) was a full day's journey for the SteamRanger tour as it returned home from Ararat (Victoria) to Adelaide Terminal (Keswick, South Australia).



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1994-08-28

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AIJCVP5aF_w

On 28/08/1994, SteamRanger provided enthusiasts and others with a train excursion from Keswick (South Australia) to Karoonda (South Australia) and return. SteamRanger steam locomotive 621 hauled the train from Keswick through the Adelaide hills to Taillem Bend (South Australia). However, the loco turning triangle at Karoonda was deemed by Australian National (AN) Railways to be unserviceable for loco 621 to turn on it. In addition, AN would not permit loco 621 to haul the returning train from Karoonda to Keswick running tender first. To assist, AN provided 830 Class Diesel Locomotive 844-J to haul the train from Taillem Bend to Karoonda and return. Meanwhile, Loco 621 was turned on the turntable at Taillem Bend to enable it to haul the train from Taillem Bend back to Keswick.

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Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1994-10-29

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wEh83EBFiZw>

29/10/1994, day 1 of the weekend "Overlander" joint venture between SteamRail (Victoria) and SteamRanger (South Australia).

With the imminent conversion of the broad-gauge, main line between Melbourne (Victoria) and Adelaide (South Australia) to standard-gauge, 1994 became a year of last opportunities to share broad-gauge steam train activities between the two states along the main line.

With this in mind, on Friday 28/10/1994 SteamRail's steam locomotive R761 arrived in Adelaide with a consist of wooden bodied ex-Overland sleeper cars to participate in joint broad-gauge steam train activities.

On 29/10/1994, SteamRail's loco R761 and SteamRanger's loco 520, each hauled a tourist train in parallel with each other from Adelaide Railway Station to Belair Railway Station and return.

This video clip commences at the Adelaide Railway Station and captured snippets of the parallel run taken on the train hauled by loco R751, and concludes at Belair Railway Station.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1994-10-30

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8DmgbZH5QA>

30/10/1994, day 2 of the weekend "Overlander" joint venture between SteamRail (Victoria) and SteamRanger (South Australia).

With the imminent conversion of the broad-gauge, main line between Melbourne (Victoria) and Adelaide (South Australia) to standard-gauge, 1994 became a year of last opportunities to share broad-gauge steam train activities between the two states along the main line.

With this in mind, on Friday 28/10/1994 SteamRail's steam locomotive R761 arrived in Adelaide with a consist of wooden bodied ex-Overland sleeper cars to participate in local parallel running in the Adelaide Hills (Saturday 29/10/1994 - Adelaide Terminal to Belair and return - see video "Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1994-10-29" by Adnoorak) and to emulate the "Overlander" service between the two state capitals.

This video captured snippets of the tour from Adelaide Terminal to Taillem Bend (effectively the first leg of R761's return "Overlander" journey to Melbourne).

SteamRail's loco R761 hauled SteamRanger's ex-SAR steel cars through the hills to Taillem Bend, and SteamRanger's loco 520 assisted by AN's diesel loco 845 hauled the 282 tonne SteamRail's ex-VR "Overlander" sleeper cars.

At Taillem Bend the trains parted ways, loco R761 continued on to Melbourne with its "Overlander" sleeper car consist, and loco 520 returned to Adelaide with SteamRanger's steel cars.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1994-11-12

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X_12x860TB0

On 12/11/1994, we joined fellow train enthusiasts and tourists on SteamRanger's "Steam Mystery Trip".

On this occasion passengers were split into two groups.

Group 1 travelled from Adelaide Terminal (Keswick) on a train hauled by 830 class, broad-gauge, diesel locomotive 845 via Gawler, Roseworthy and Hamley Bridge, terminating at Riverton where passengers detrained and were bussed to Nuriootpa.

Group 2 was waiting at Nuriootpa, having travelled from Adelaide Terminal on a TransAdelaide "Red Hen" train to Dry Creek where they transferred to a train hauled by SteamRangers steam locomotive 621 for the trip to Nuriootpa.

The two groups then returned to Adelaide on the opposite train sets.

This video clip captured snippets of the journey made by Group 1.

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Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1994-11-27

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K_auJhm4AXE

South Australian Steam Trains

On 27/11/1994, SteamRanger Tours (South Australia) ran its last "Southern Encounter" from Adelaide Terminal (Keswick) to Victor Harbor and return.

On this occasion ex-SAR (South Australian Railways), broad-gauge, steam locomotives 520 and 621 were used to haul separate trains into the Adelaide hills, initially in parallel with each other, then joined at Mt Barker Railway Station to double-head the combined trains.

This extended video clip was taken on the train hauled by locomotive 621 and concludes at Strathalbyn Railway Station.



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rbzJAut3oUk>

South Australian broad-gauge steam trains.

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