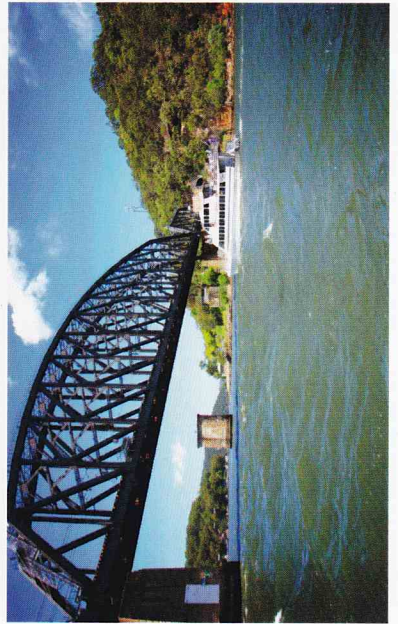


Surrounded by national parks and nature reserves, the lower Hawkesbury River offers spectacularly unspoilt scenery considering its proximity to Sydney. There is still no road access to any of the settlements perched on the banks of the river, hence the need for The Riverboat Postman and the daily mail service. This is an area steeped in history, and from the earliest days of colonial settlement the river became the lifeline between the fertile farmlands of Windsor and Richmond and the struggling settlement on the banks of Sydney Harbour. These are the traditional lands of the Dharug and Guringai people, whose name for the river is 'Deerubbun'.

Then there is the wreck of HMAS Parramatta, Australia's first warship; the building of the rail bridge providing the final link between the states and paving the way for federation in 1901; the oyster farms and the 200 million year old sandstone formations.

"The Hawkesbury has neither castles nor islands, nor has it bright clear water like the Rhine. But the headlands are higher and the bluffs are bolder, and the turns and manoeuvres of the course which the waters have made for themselves are grander and to me more enchanting than those of either the European or American [Mississippi] river."

**Anthony Trollope, 1873**



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## BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

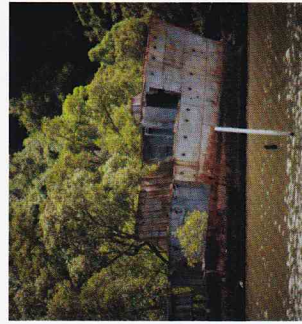
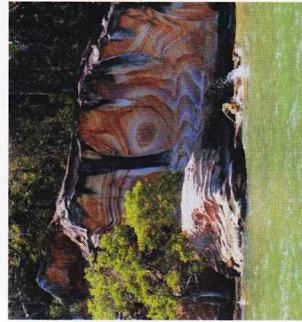
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# The RIVERBOAT POSTMAN

BROOKLYN, NSW, AUSTRALIA



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## THE HISTORIC RIVERBOAT POSTMAN - 130+ YEARS OF STORIES

Join us for a lighthearted look at the magnificent Hawkesbury River and its more isolated residents as we deliver, on behalf of Australia Post, the mail and other daily essentials (the odd bottle of whiskey...) during this three-and-a-bit hour cruise.

Enjoy entertaining and informative commentary from our local skippers, and great service from our fabulous crew. Our coffee is real, our tea is hot, and our famous ANZAC biscuits are home-made daily to Grandma's recipe!

The delivery route covers about 40km of the lower Hawkesbury River. We travel as far upriver as Marlow Creek, just short of Spencer where the road returns to the river bank. Our stops include Dangar Island, Kangaroo Point, Milson Island and Bar Point on the way up, and Fishermans Point and Milsons Passage on the way back. Maps are available on board. This section of the Hawkesbury marks the dividing line between Sydney and the beautiful Central Coast.

This is the last remaining mail boat in operation in Australia, and the journey offers a true "step back in time" experience with its old-school snail-mail delivery service to the locals (and their dogs) who come to meet us on the wharves.

## THE DETAILS

**Operates:** Every weekday, Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays)

**Departs:** 10am

**Returns:** about 1.10pm

**Includes** ~ morning tea served on departure, and delicious Ploughman's style lunch of ham, cheese, salad leaves, carrot, cucumber, tomato, pickled onions, various chutneys and condiments, and a freshly baked Turkish bread roll. Gluten free options are available - please advise at time of booking.

Full historic commentary is provided throughout. Be assured that at least 95% of what you hear is true...

## BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

No minimum numbers are required and groups of any size are always welcome.

**Book as far ahead as possible as we are often full.**

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## HOW TO FIND US - BY RAIL OR ROAD

The Riverboat Postman office is difficult to miss - you'll find us right beside the Hawkesbury River Train Station on Dangar Road in Brooklyn. It is a direct train line from both Sydney Central and Newcastle, so the train is definitely the easiest way to get here. The new lift has just been installed, so there's even disabled access off the platform! Advise when booking if you are coming with a wheelchair, as we are unable to manage some of the electric ones.

Connecting trains to **Hawkesbury River Station** leave **Central** at **8.45am, Newcastle** (Wickham) at **7.55am, Hornsby** at **9.24am,** and **Gosford** at **9.02am.** Return trains leave Hawkesbury River at 1.27pm towards Sydney and 1.47pm toward Newcastle. Always double check these times when booking in case of changes, and for interstate Seniors don't forget to organise your Opal cards before you get to New South Wales.

If you are driving, Brooklyn has an exit off the M1 Sydney-Newcastle freeway, and limited (but enough) parking by the train station and wharf. There is specific bus parking next to our office. Let us know in advance if you are towing a caravan as we are located in a cul-de-sac and turning can be tricky. Aim to be in Brooklyn by about 9.30am.

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL!**



## GIFT VOUCHER CODES:

If you'd like to share your day with other friends or family, call us to make the booking for all of you and we'll arrange for them to pay separately. This way you'll be grouped together in the event we run two boats.