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Hotham Valley Railway powered by Premier Coal

The iconic Hotham Valley Railway continues to puff from Dwellingup into the Darling Ranges thanks to a donation by Premier Coal to power the service.

The Hotham Valley Railway is a tourist and heritage railway in the Peel region of Western Australia. It has been taking locals and tourists back in time for over 40 years, offering a thrilling ride climbing Western Australia's steepest and most spectacular section of railway.

Ian Willis, Hotham Valley Railway General Manager was thrilled to have Premier Coal onboard.

“Every week, we have many people experience the freedom of rail travel in the style of years gone by, soaking up hundreds of years of history on board our vintage dining train or enjoying the sights and sounds of steam power in the Darling Ranges.

“We are a volunteer run organisation, therefore we are thankful to Premier Coal for their kind donation to power our steam ranger train service,” said Ian.

The steam ranger services are steam hauled and operate during the cooler and wetter months of the year, generally from May to October.

Premier Coal Operations Manager Jim Falconer recognised the railway's proud legacy.

“The Hotham Valley Railway offers rail travelers an amazing historical experience of steam power while enjoying the scenic splendour of Western Australia's Darling Escarpment.

“With a significant presence in the Collie area, we aim to make a positive difference in the community, therefore powering the steam ranger train service was a natural fit.

“We look forward to working with the Hotham Valley Railway and being part of their proud history,” said Jim.

The donation was part of the Premier Coal Community Support Program, which aims to make a positive difference in the local community and the lives of the people who work and live in the areas it operates.

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