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RAIL ENTHUSIASTS MEMORABILIA FEATURES IN NATIONAL EXHIBITION

Bassendean rail historian Philippa Rogers has lent pieces of her own private rail collection to a national exhibition heading to Perth.

The exhibition entitled *Great Railway Journeys of Australia* will be in Western Australia for a limited time and can only be viewed at Revolutions Whiteman Park.

Philippa said that the exhibition was bringing memorabilia from some of Australia's most iconic railway journeys to Perth.

"Most Western Australian's are aware of the iconic railways of Australia even if they haven't travelled on them. This exhibition is a great way to see a historic and modern collection of objects, photographs, posters, art and documents from across Australia," Ms Rogers said.

"Artefacts of mine that are on loan for the exhibition include a commemorative stamp and rare opening ceremony booklet from the Trans Australia Railway dating back to 1917.

"I am proud that my personal collection could be of use in such an exciting exhibition."

Great Railways Journeys of Australia is the first exhibition developed by The Workshops Rail Museum, Queensland to be shown around Australia.

Director of The Workshops Rail Museum, Queensland Museum Mr Andrew Moritz said that the exhibition was a great learning experience for people of all ages.

"The exhibition is presented in two parts – 'Connecting the Cities and States' and 'Great Passenger Journeys of Australia' – both significant components of the Australia's rail history," Mr Moritz.

"While the first section explores the development of the burgeoning railway industry in Australia, the second section delves into the spectacular results of the back breaking work of our pioneering forefathers.

"The exhibition also details and presents the stories of the world famous passenger journeys which Australia is proud to call its own, from the old and new Ghan's to the Trans Australia Railway and the Indian Pacific."

Whiteman Park Manager Steve Lowe said that the exhibition was a great fit for Whiteman Park's Transport Heritage Centre.

“The aim of Revolutions is to ensure that Australia’s rich transport heritage is preserved and accessible to the community,” Mr Lowe said.

“Rail transport has played an integral part in shaping Australia and we know that visitors to Whiteman Park will enjoy the *Great Railway Journeys of Australia* experience.”

Great Railway Journeys of Australia is a free exhibition and will run at Revolutions Whiteman Park from Monday 2 March to Sunday 10 May.

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