

The Lost Tramway Expedition

Year 2 & 3 History

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Introduction

It's amazing the things you find hidden in the landscape. Students set out on this Expedition to find evidence of the hundred-year-old tramway. Did it really exist? How do we know? Where would the tramway have gone? Why was it built? How do we know this is the tramway in the photos? What technology would it have used? Has the technology changed since then? How would it have impacted the lives of pioneers on Buderim and the Sunshine Coast? Should we preserve it? What might that mean?

Schools can set off on the Expedition any time of their choosing, though we do suggest groups no more than a class at a time, staggering classes by ½ hour. Students work in small groups to seek out evidence. It is essential each group is supported by a teacher or guardian.

A visit to the KRAUSS locomotive can also be included by arrangement.

This document describes the Program and the Curricular Connections and provides links to activity instructions and resources.

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Planning the Expedition

Resources:

- Buderim-Palmwoods Tramway 1915 – 1935 PowerPoint
- Buderim Tramway FAQ document
- Year 2/3 Student Track Resources – Spotto: ‘Spotto Workbook’ (One to be printed for each team and taken on Expedition)
- Clipboard and pen for each team

Class Activities:

1. As a class, students explore the story of the Buderim-Palmwoods Heritage Tramway through a series of historic images in the PowerPoint file: Buderim Palmwoods Tramway 1915 – 1935. Through images, it simply tells the story of why the tramway was built, what it was used for and what happened to the tramway. Why was it lost? The Buderim Tramway FAQ document may be handy for addressing specific questions about the tramway.
2. Students form into their expedition teams they will work in for the expedition and analysis. Groups of 4-6 are suggested.
3. As a class and in teams, discuss what type of things they might find now, 100 years later. The tracks, bridges and stations have all gone. What could possibly be left now? Perhaps only the forest remains?
4. Print a Tramway “Spotto” document for each team. Set them up with a pen and clipboard. You are ready to go.

Bus Arrangements:

You may need to book a number of buses for the Expeditions.

The expedition is designed for students to be dropped off at the Track starting point at the corner of Mons Road and Telco Road and walk through to Liana Place. Buses can pick up the students at the corner of Liana Place and Sawreys Road.

While one group of student is doing the walk (allow an hour), another group of students can be visiting the KRAUSS locomotive. Visiting the KRAUSS needs to be arranged with the Buderim-Palmwoods Heritage Tramway Inc. Contact BPHTI at tram@buderim.qld.au or PO box 144, Buderim 4556.

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On the day of the expedition

Resources:

- Year 2/3 Student Track Resources 'Spotto Workbook'. (One to be printed for each team and taken on Expeditions).
- Tape measures or rulers.

Make sure students know their teams.

Each team needs their "Spotto" workbook, a clipboard and a pen.

Students need hat, sunscreen, water-bottle, first aid kit and any other personal/safety requirements.

Teachers can take some tape measures or ruler so the students can measure the gap between the sleepers

Post Expedition Activities

Resources:

- Tramway Expedition Images
- Post Expeditions Activities Kit
- Buderim Tramways FAQ

There is a number of Post-Expeditions Activities you might like to use. You'll find them in the [Post Expeditions Activities Kit](#) – a separate document. Have a browse – Some activities that might be fun for Year twos are listed below.

The Buderim Tramway FAQs document may be handy for addressing specific questions about the tramway.

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Tramway Expedition Images (PowerPoint)

Images from the track - an excellent starting point after the expedition.

Buderim Tramway FAQs

Answers frequently asked questions about the tramway, as well as trains and trams in general.

Map activity

Create a map of your favourite places for your family and friends to follow.

Lost Tramway Trivia Quiz

Fun to do in teams or as a class. The answer to the mystery word is BADDRAM.

Did You Find the Lost Tramway?

Students work in teams to check off, and verify evidence they found for the lost tramway.

Gap between the Sleepers

Compare the measurements students took of the gap between the sleepers. Can you work out what the most likely measurement is? Either use the sheet or do it on the board.

Model Track Puzzle – Part 1

A maths problem about numbers of sleepers for the teams to work out.

Model Track Puzzle – Part 2 - Advanced

A maths problem about numbers of sleepers for the teams to work out.

Track Wye-Turn Puzzle – can the teams turn the train around?

Tramway Plants Word Search

A simple word search.

Tramway Timeline Puzzle

Each team can work on a section of this four-part timeline, to work out the sequence of events from prior to settlement, to constructing the tramway, to today.

Mapping the Walk

An activity to create a map for the Tram-track walk.